



Greetings from the Glendalough Park Partners,

We are pleased to share our 100th Edition of Tracks & Trails, the quarterly newsletter of the Glendalough Park Partners. If you are one of our 400+ members, thank you so much. If you are not yet a member, we hope you will enjoy this complimentary mailing and consider joining us to support our wonderful natural resource, Glendalough State Park.

Along with our 100th Edition we have included a copy of the very 1st Edition of Tracks & Trails published in the summer of 1995. You will see the vision of local citizens called for the establishment of Park Partners, which began a legacy of local stewardship that continues today.

We are proud to be one of the largest and most active Park Friends groups in Minnesota. Over the years Glendalough Park Partners has funded many park projects and purchases that were not included in the DNR Parks & Trails budget. A few of these include a picnic shelter, lodge renovations, restrooms, prairie restoration, pedestal grills, a bike fix-it station and the Annie Battle Lake hiking bridge. (A project list is found on the backside of this letter)

In addition, we plan and sponsor larger projects, and are currently working on three major initiatives. Bonding was passed for a new Trail Center and nearly \$1 million has already been set aside for its completion. Our paved biking and hiking trail will be expanded with a new segment to move visitors entirely off the Whitetail Lane roadway for improved safety and natural experiences. Finally, a potential park land expansion is being negotiated and shows great promise.

Glendalough Park Partners is a non-profit organization, so your membership is tax-deductible. Because of this, some members have also designated Glendalough Park Partners as a beneficiary in their wills and family trusts. Their generosity continues the legacy of local support so future generations can continue to enjoy this beautiful park in our own backyard.

Glendalough's popularity has skyrocketed since 2014, with more than 90,000 visitors annually. As we battle the Covid-19 pandemic, the importance of safe outdoor spaces is even more evident. Our April visitor count was 8,662 up from 3,598 a year ago. People from across the region are eager to get outdoors in a safe environment and Glendalough fits the bill.

If you haven't done so already, please consider a Glendalough Park Partners membership. On the back cover of the newsletter you will see how easy and affordable it is. Your support enables us to enhance the Glendalough experience. Future generations will be grateful for your generosity.

Thank you and be safe!  
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## Park Partner Funded Projects

The list below conveys several of the important Glendalough State Park amenities that were made possible with Park Partner donations over the past 25 years. These projects would not have occurred within the limitations of DNR budgets; yet are enjoyed daily by those experiencing Glendalough. Photos of these amenities may be viewed in the gallery on the Park Partners Facebook page.

Historic Lodge Renovation	Canoe Racks
Amphitheater Seating	Park Entrance Sign
Trail Center Renovation	Bike Trail Interpretation
Lodge Furniture	Wildlife Blinds
Modernized Rest Rooms	Bike Fix-It Stations
Lodge Fireplace	Camper Cabin Electricity
Molly Stark Picnic Shelter	Bike Racks
Glendalough Art	Interpretive Equipment
Annie Creek Bridge	Trail Signage
Defibrillators	Interpretive Projects
Hiking Trail Boardwalk	Fishing Equipment
Pedestal Grills	Naturalist Intern
Prairie Flower Transplants	Cross Country Ski Equipment
Canoes	Archery Equipment
Prairie Grassland Restoration	Trail Crossing Flashers

In addition, Park Partner volunteer members have been instrumental in securing several million dollars in Federal Grants and State Bonding for the 12-mile bike and pedestrian trail and the proposed Trail and Visitor Center in process.