

Friends of Dodge County Parks

Friends of Dodge County Parks is a volunteer organization that relies on memberships, donations, and events to raise money for the County Parks. The Board of Directors meet monthly to conduct the business of the organization. Meetings are typically held the first Thursday of each month at the Dodge County Administrative building in Juneau, Wisconsin. Meetings are open to members of the organization and the general public. The Annual Meeting is held the first Thursday in May for election of the Board Directors. The Board then elects the officers of the corporation.

Mission Statement

The Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life in Dodge County by increasing opportunities for active and passive recreation and by preserving, protecting, restoring, and promoting natural resources, parks, trails, and recreation areas owned and/or maintained by Dodge County.



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Bequeath to Dodge County Parks

Help support Dodge County Parks and Trails for future generations. Leave a legacy gift behind by including the **Friends of Dodge County Parks Endowment Fund** in your will. As with any legal matter, always consult a lawyer and accountant to make the best choices for your estate. Contact the Dodge County Parks Office for more information.



FODCPI Membership Form

- Senior Citizen or Child (\$10)**
- Individual/School/Classroom (\$20)**
- Family (\$25)**
- Club, Agency, Organization or Not-for-Profit (\$50)**
- Municipality (\$75)**
- Corporation or Business (\$100)**

Membership Total \$ _____

General Donation \$ _____

Designate Purpose or Park:

Endowment Fund \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City _____

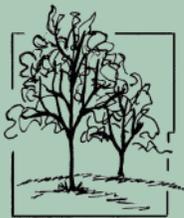
Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Make Checks to: FODCPI
Friends of Dodge County Parks Inc.
P. O. Box 72, Juneau, WI 53039





Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc. History

The Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc. originally incorporated in 1987 as Friends of the Recreational Trail, Inc. The group was formed specifically to raise funds and support the development of the Wild Goose State Trail in Dodge County.

The group was charged with raising 100% of the trail development costs through donations and grants.

After successfully accomplishing this task, the group expanded its scope to encompass fundraising and support for all the Dodge County Parks in 2001.

In an effort to provide a means of perpetual park funding, an Endowment Fund was created in 2010 through the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin.

Half of the original fund was made possible through the estate of Frank Dumann, owner of The Bike Shop in Mayville in the 1990s, who supported biking and the Wild Goose Trail.

Annually up to 5% of the fund value maybe available for projects as directed by the Board of Directors.

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OPEN - Glacial River Trail This 3.5 mile trail is a paved path along HWY 26, running from HWY CJ near Clyman, south to 2nd Street near Watertown. This connects the Wild Goose Trail and the City of Watertown via road routes. Its is part of the multi-county Glacial River Trail that runs south through Jefferson County and into Rock County. This hiking and biking only trail is now open for use.

About Our Parks

Dodge County operates five parks and two recreational trails, providing a perfect year-round escape to the scenic rural countryside to relax or take part in one of the many recreational activities available. The County Parks are located at various vantage points around the County providing scenery and views uniquely Dodge County



Astico Park ~ Located 3 miles east of Columbus, this 100-acre park is on the Crawfish River and features campsites, hiking trails, canoe/kayak rentals, fishing access, picnic shelters, and more. Potential projects include trail expansions/improvements, playground upgrades, improved accessibility, and a naturalist program area.

Derge Park ~ Located northwest of Beaver Dam, this 13-acre park provides access to the 6,600 acre Beaver Dam Lake and features campsites, a boat launch, fishing access, and picnic shelters. Potential projects include improved fishing access, parking expansion, and improved landscaping.

Harnischfeger Park ~ Located along the Rock River is 8 miles east of Watertown. This park contains a variety of terrain, vegetation, and facilities for multiple recreation opportunities and hosts the annual Winterfest and Fallfest. The park features a clubhouse for group picnics and activities, hiking trails with boardwalks, campsites, canoe/kayak rentals, fishing access, mini-golf and disc golf courses and more. Current and potential projects include mini-golf rehab and expansion, clubhouse improvements, north barn and old homestead preservation, trail improvements, a wedding gazebo, basketball court reconstruction, and more.

Ledge Park ~ Located near the Horicon Marsh, this 83-park lies along the Niagara Escarpment and provides a breathtaking overlook of the Horicon Marsh. The park features campsites, hiking trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and scenic overlooks. Potential projects include trail and accessibility improvements, more parking, and an observation tower.

Nitschke Mounds Park ~ Located 4 miles north of Juneau and adjacent to the Wild Goose Trail, this 54-acre park features 39 pre-historic animal effigy, conical, and linear mounds with an interpretive trail through the park. Potential projects include trail and interpretive signage improvements, Master Plan development, and a possible mound reconstruction.

Wild Goose State Trail ~ This trail links the city of Juneau to the city of Fond du Lac. It is a 34-mile limestone trail on an abandoned railroad grade. Potential projects include parking lot improvements and invasive species vegetation control.

Proposed: Gold Star Memorial Trail ~ The newest proposed East-West trail system will link Mayville, Horicon, and Beaver Dam to the Wild Goose State Trail. Funding Campaigns are underway to build this trail.