

Of course, where there is wildlife, the hunters are soon to follow. You can hunt Canadian geese, mallard ducks, ring-necked pheasants, Hungarian partridge, and white-tailed deer in certain areas of the project. Be sure to check with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for areas open to public hunting.



You're in luck here, too, if you're searching for a peaceful retreat. The Lac qui Parle Project is tucked into western Minnesota's quiet countryside, far away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. The closest major city is Minneapolis, over 120 miles away!

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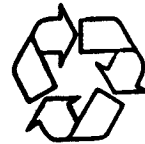
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Water Safety

Your safety is our concern while you visit the Lac qui Parle Project. Be sure to wear your Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device every time you are in or around the water.



**Thank You For Helping us
Keep Your Parks Clean**



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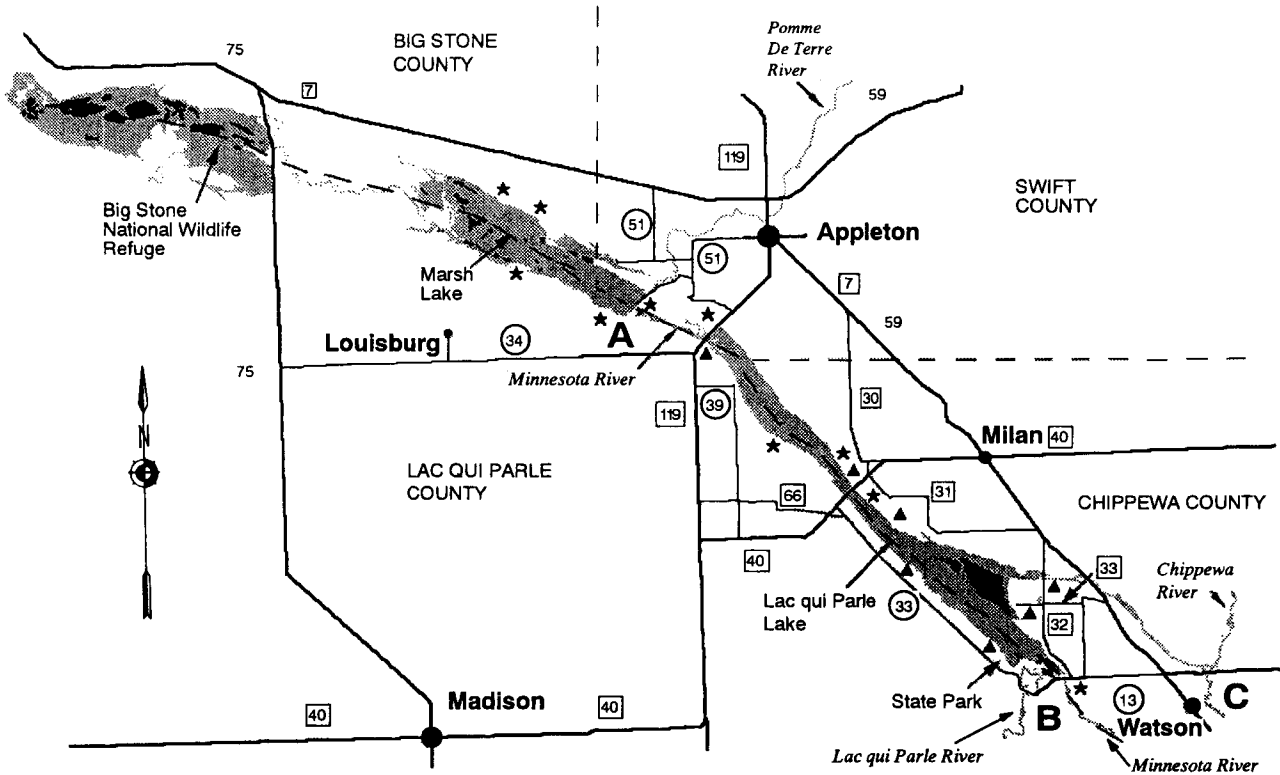


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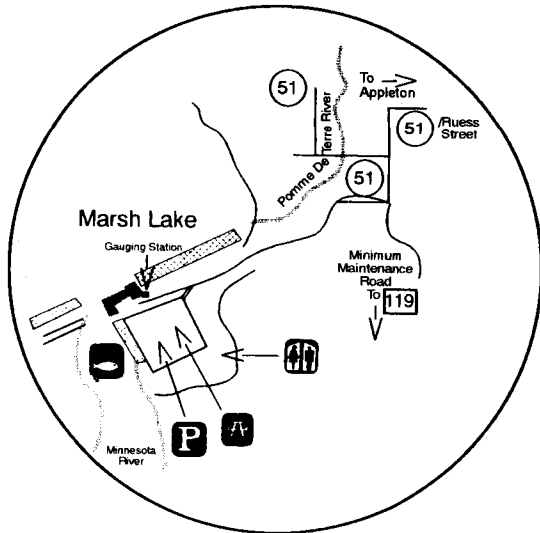
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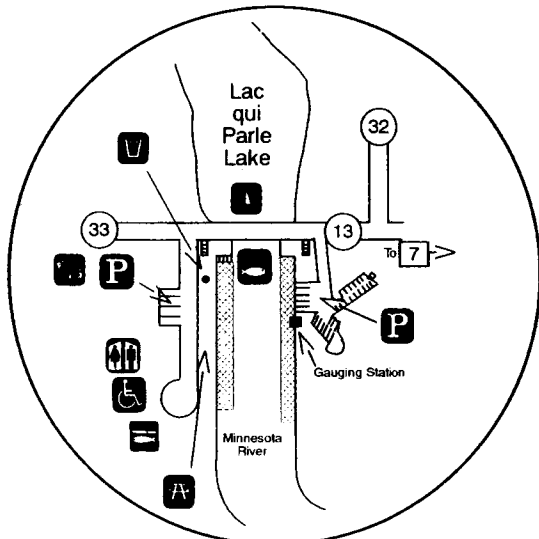
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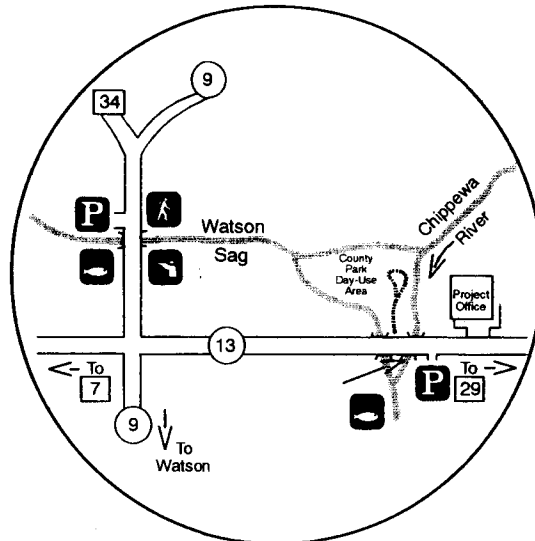
Area A



Area B



Area C



Legend

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| ▲ Boat Landing | 👤 Hiking | 🎣 Tailwater Fishing |
| ★ Canoe Portage | 🏹 Hunting | 🗺️ U.S. Route Marker |
| ● City | P Parking | Day-Use Areas |
| --- County Line | 🎡 Playground | A - Marsh Lake |
| 🏰 Dam | 🌳 Picnic Area | B - Lac qui Parle |
| 🚰 Drinking Water | 🚻 Rest Rooms | C - Watson Sag Weir |
| 🐟 Fish Cleaning | 📏 State Highway | |
| ♿ Handicap Facilities | ○ Secondary Road | |

Lac qui Parle Project

Are you hungry for fresh river walleye? Do you need some peacefulness in your life? If so, then the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Lac qui Parle Project is perfect for you.

The Lac qui Parle Project is known by many as the best walleye fishing place in Western Minnesota. That's because the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources annually stocks Lac qui Parle Lake with walleye. This stocking and a large food base, contributes to the walleye's fast growth. This means lots of "keepers" for the frying pan!

Along with being great for walleye fishing, the project is also good for channel catfish, bluegill, small mouth bass, crappies, and northern pike.

Besides fishing, the project is also a great place for viewing wildlife. You see, the project is located in an area known as the Prairie Pot Hole Region. This area, which consists of a lot of small wetlands, can feed and shelter wildlife all year long. A flock of white pelicans, rare to this part of the country, even uses Marsh Lake as breeding grounds.

Lake Access

A total of 19 boat accesses (including canoe portages) are available to you at the project. The Minnesota River, while being part of the State's Wild and Scenic Rivers System, is also a State Canoe Route.



Project History

Lac qui Parle Lake was originally managed by the State of Minnesota as a waterfowl conservation project.

After repeated severe flooding in the area, Congress authorized the Flood Control Act of 1936, which tasked the Corps of Engineers with controlling future floods.

Upon completion of the three flood control dams in 1950, the Corps was granted full operation authority for the project.

Today, the Lac qui Parle Project is managed for several purposes. These include flood control, water conservation, fish and wildlife management, and recreation.

Project Features

Marsh Lake Dam

Type - Earth fill
Length - 11,800 feet
Height - 19.5 feet

Marsh Lake

5,100 acres
Length - 7 miles
Depth - 5 feet

Lac qui Parle Dam

Type - Earth fill
Length - 4,100 feet
Height - 15.5 feet

Lac qui Parle Lake

6,400 acres
Length - 17 miles
Width - 1/2 to 3/4 miles
Depth - 13 feet

Chippewa Dam

Type - Rolled earth
Length - 1,900 feet

Watson Sag Weir

Type - Rolled earth
Length - 3,500 feet