

Holly State Recreation Area



The up-north experience, without the drive.

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McGinnis Lake Campground

- 145 Electric Campsites
- 15 Non-Electric
- 2 Mini-Cabins
- The McGinnis Lake Campground is often compared to an up-north campground. Large, premium campsites dominate this unique area offering plenty of elbow room for everyone.



McGinnis Lake Campground

Recreational opportunities in the campground include...

- 2 playground areas
- Basketball court
- Wilderness Trail and 2 Nature Trails
- Horseshoe pits
- Special events including Summerfest, Patriot's Day and Hollyween Harvest Festivals.
- Explorer programs all summer.
- Disc golf practice baskets.

Reservations for McGinnis Lake Campground can be made online at www.midnrreservations.com or at 1-800-447-2757.



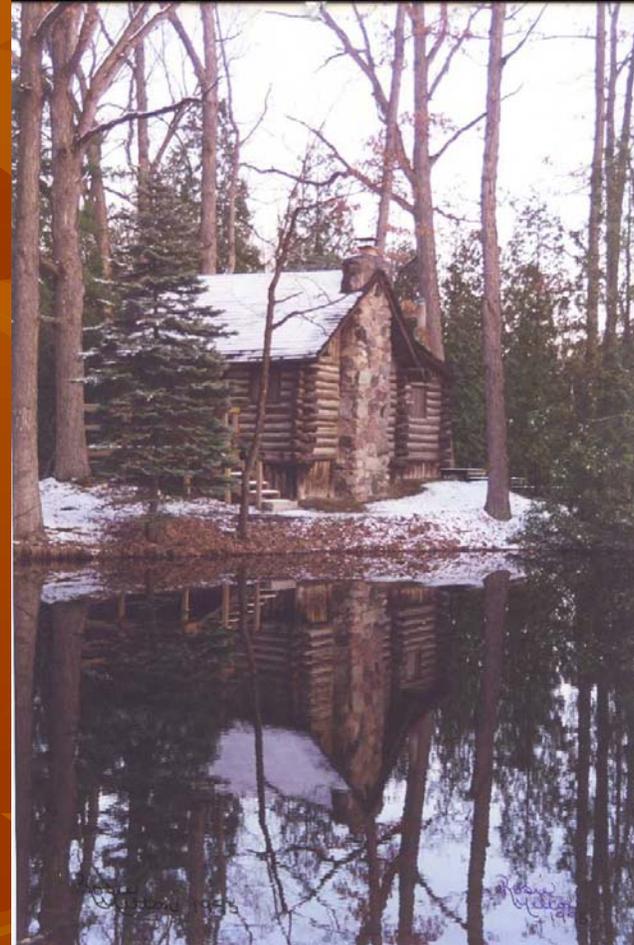
Heron Beach

- With over 800 feet of sandy beach and clear, warm water, Heron Beach is a must visit destination. Voted one of the top 10 beaches in southeastern Michigan by Hour Detroit magazine. The beach offers plenty of picnic tables, grills and a fully supplied snack bar/park store. Canoe, rowboat and paddleboat rentals are also available June through September. Access to the Lakeshore Trail is available on the west side of the beach.



Historic Rolston Cabin

- Built in 1938-1939, this historic log cabin is a unique and very popular overnight experience. The cabin is semi-rustic, featuring electricity, lights, a kitchen with a stove, refrigerator, microwave, table and chairs. The living room features a couch with a pull-out bed, chairs, fireplace/wood burning stove for heat and sleeping loft. Total sleeping capacity is 5 adults. There is a small deck, fire pit, grill and picnic tables outside the cabin and the park supplies the firewood. Reservations can be made online at www.midnrreservations.com or by calling 1-800-447-2757.



Rolston Cabin Photos



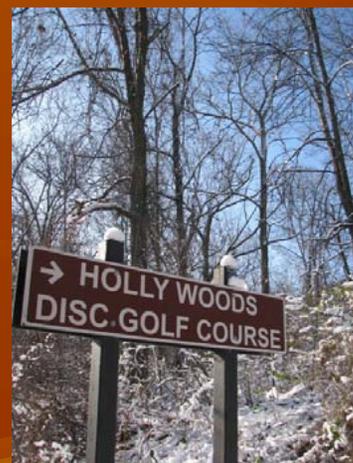
Mini Cabins

- The Elm and Cedar cabins are both available for rent in the McGinnis Lake Campground. These cabins sleep 4 adults and offer electricity, picnic table, fire ring and a grill. Both cabins are very close to the East Campground shower building, basketball court, playgrounds and activity area. Reservations can be made online at www.midnrreservations.com or by calling 1-800-447-2757.



Holly Woods Disc Golf Course

- Rolling woodlands and prairies dominate the landscape of this course. Offering both 9 and 18-hole routes, this course offers a variety of challenges and fun for all skill levels, from beginner to enthusiast. Discs can be borrowed at the park at no additional cost. The Flint Town Flyerz disc golf club sponsor league play nights and a number of tournaments including PDGA sanctioned tournaments. For more information, go to www.flinttownflyerz.org



Holly Woods Disc Golf Course



Holdridge Lakes Mt. Bike Trails

- Designed and maintained by the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, these trails are some of the best in southeastern Michigan. 25 miles of trail is broken into various loops that accommodate all age and skill level of riders, from beginner to expert. For more information about mountain biking, please visit the MMBA website at www.mmba.org



Holdridge Lakes Mt. Bike Trails

- North Loop – 2.25 miles of beginner trail.
- West Loop – 4.75 miles of intermediate trail.
- East Loop (Gruber's Grinder) – 18 miles of advanced trail.
- Tech Loop (option on West Loop) – 1 mile of technical terrain including a 3 foot drop, log climbs, skinnies and jumps.



Wilderness Trail

- Beginning at the Overlook Shelter and circling the McGinnis Lake Campground, the Wilderness Trail is a beautiful hiking and mountain biking trail. This trail features a variety of terrain including rolling woodlands, pine forest, wetlands, ponds and praries. This is an excellent beginner mountain biking trail, an easy to moderate hiking trail and a great trail for cross-country skiing in the winter. Trail length varies from 6 to 8 miles depending on the paths you choose.



Lakeshore Trail

- Following the shorelines of both Valley and Wildwood Lakes, this 2.5 mile trail is open to hiking only. The scenic views available on this trail are breathtaking and wildlife viewing opportunities abound. Shoreline fishing opportunities are available in a number of locations. This trail passes through the Wildwood picnic area and is connected to the Heron Lake Beach, the Overlook Shelter, the Oak Flats Shelter and the Valley Lake Launch Ramp. This trail is popular for snow shoeing in the winter months.



Sunset Ridge Picnic Shelter

- Located next to the Holly Woods disc golf course, this shelter offers a number of recreational opportunities. The shelter features a horseshoe pit, volleyball net, swings, modern restrooms, electricity, water, picnic tables and a large grill. Horseshoes, volleyballs and disc golf discs can be borrowed from the park at no additional cost. This is a large shelter and is the best choice for large gatherings. Shelter reservations can be made at the park or by calling 1-248-634-8811.



Oak Flats Picnic Shelter

- Located in a private woodland setting, the Oak Flats shelter is a popular choice. The shelter features a volleyball net, basketball net, modern restrooms, electricity, water, picnic tables and a large grill. The shelter has access to the beautiful 2.5 mile Lakeshore Trail that circles Valley and Wildwood Lakes. Shelter reservations can be made at the park or by calling 1-248-634-8811



Overlook Picnic Shelter

- This shelter is central to both the Wilderness Trail and the Lakeshore Trail, offering trailheads to each. A very popular shelter with outdoor enthusiasts, the area offers a campfire ring, large grill, picnic tables, water, volleyball net and two trailheads. The Overlook Shelter sits on one of the highest elevation points in the park and provides breathtaking views of the Wildwood Lake area. Shelter reservations can be made at the park or by calling 1-248-634-8811.



Heron Lake

- 132 acre Heron Lake is a quiet electric motors only lake, perfect for fishing, canoeing or kayaking. Heron Lake is a popular fishing lake full of Bluegill, Sunfish, Crappie, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Muskellunge (Muskie) and Northern Pike. Heron Lake has a fishing pier next to the boat ramp/skid pier and is the location of the Fishing in the Parks Program.



Wildwood Lake

- 47 acre Wildwood Lake is a quiet no-wake lake, perfect for fishing, canoeing or kayaking. This lake connects to Valley Lake by a navigable channel and features a primitive beach area, picnic tables and grills at the Wildwood Picnic Area. Wildwood Lake is a popular fishing lake full of Bluegill, Sunfish, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike.



Valley Lake

- 37 acre Valley Lake is a quiet no-wake lake, perfect for fishing, canoeing or kayaking. This lake connects to Wildwood Lake by a navigable channel and features a launch ramp and small picnic area. Valley Lake is a popular fishing lake full of Bluegill, Sunfish, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike. Valley Lake has a fishing pier located next to the launch ramp.



Organizational Campground

- This campground is separate from the McGinnis Lake Campground and offers non-profit organizations such as Scouting Troops and Church Groups a private location to camp and enjoy the outdoors. Access to the Wilderness Trail is available from this campground. Each of the 4 designated camping areas features picnic tables and a fire ring. Water is available by hand pump. Reservations can be made by calling the park at 1-248-634-8811.



Explorer Ranger Nature Programs

- Come join our Explorer Ranger nature program specialists for a variety family oriented activities. Learn about the natural world around you with hands-on activities all over the park. Explorer Programs are designed to be fun and educational for all ages.



Fishing In The Parks Program

- The Fishing in the Parks program is presented every weekend by our Explorer Ranger nature specialist. Fishing poles and tackle are provided, free of charge to the public. This program offers kids an opportunity to learn all about fishing and to try their luck at Heron Lake.



Hunting Opportunities

- All of the nearly 8000 acres of property at Holly State Recreation Area are open to hunting. The park also has a deer check station, located behind the Park Headquarters building on Grange Hall Road. Much of the land in Holly State Recreation Area is set aside for wildlife habitat restoration and these lands are managed by the DNR Wildlife Division.



Wildlife Viewing



Winter Recreation

- Although some gates are closed in the winter, the majority of the park is open year-round. Ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, wildlife viewing and snowmobile riding are all popular winter activities in the Park. Call the park at 1-248-634-8811 for current snow and ice condition information and to purchase your annual permits for Christmas stocking stuffers.



Halloween Harvest Festivals

- Sponsored by the Friends of Holly, these 2 Halloween Weekends at Holly are extremely popular. Trick-or-treating, campsite decoration, a haunted house, costume contests, hay rides and tons of fun and games make this a weekend to remember. For more information, please visit the Friends of Holly online at www.geocities.com/hollyfriends



Special Events

Other special events include...

- Autumn Colors Triathlon/Duathlon
- Gruber's Grinder Mt. Bike Race
- Disc Golf Tournaments
- MMBA Trail Days, Tuesday Night Rides and Wilderness Trail Mt. Bike Race
- Summerfest
- Patriot's Day
- Organized Hiking Events and Mushroom Hunts
- Adventure Races
- Model Airplane Flying Field



Special Events



See you at the park.

