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MINNESOTA'S FAVORITE PLACE – GET OUTDOORS!

The Paul M. Thiede Fire Tower Park, located at 5230 County Road 11 in the City of Pequot Lakes is open for the season! Park visitors can now climb this over 100-foot-tall tower that was built in 1935. The park also has numerous picnic shelters, a vaulted toilet, and 3 miles of walking trails with many interpretive signs along the way. Other County parks include Big Island on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes, Milford Mine Memorial Park just a few miles north of Crosby, and South Long Lake Community Park located at the south end of South Long Lake. Also, coming in 2024, the Little Emily Lake Park located on Little Emily Lake in Emily!

Crow Wing County has many great opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the outdoors including over 300 acres of parks, 32 miles of non-motorized trails, 215 miles of motorized multiple use trails, 15 miles of single track off-highway motorcycle trails, and over 100,000 acres of public land.

In addition to parks, the 1,000 plus miles of trail opportunities are diverse and cater to all including non-motorized uses such as hiking, horse riding, and mountain biking, as well as motorized uses such as ATV riding, off-highway motorcycle riding, and snowmobiling. The trails are monitored and maintained by both County Land Services staff and trail user groups.

Maps of all County trails are available in the Land Services building. A full list of all Crow Wing County parks, trails, and recreational opportunities can be viewed on the county website at <http://crowwing.us/289/Recreation>. Scan the QR code to be directed to Crow Wing County's Recreational Trail website.

CWC Recreational Trails Website



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