



## PRESS RELEASE

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### LITTLE EMILY PARK GRAND OPENING

Crow Wing County is nearing completion of the Little Emily Lake Park on Little Emily Lake north of The City of Emily. The County will host the grand opening of the Little Emily Park on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 pm. The park is located at 21517 Papoose Road Emily MN. From the City of Emily, proceed north on State Highway 6 for approximately 4 miles. The access road into the park will be on your right (east) just after the Wigwam Motel. Proceed down the access road for an additional 1.5 miles to the parking lot. The public is encouraged to attend.

On February 14, 2023, the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution creating the park. Work quickly progressed at the park due to a mild winter and favorable conditions. The park features a 150' wide swimming beach, a fishing pier, playground, two pavilions, a canoe/kayak launch, numerous interpretive opportunities and 3.25 miles of non-motorized walking trails.

The grand opening will begin at 12pm with a ribbon cutting followed by tours of the park and trails. For more information, please contact Land Services at (218) 824-1010 or at [landservices@crowwing.gov](mailto:landservices@crowwing.gov)

All six County Parks are open to the public from sunrise to sunset and are free to the public:

- Paul M. Thiede Fire Tower Park: 5230 County Road 11, Pequot Lakes MN
- Milford Mine Memorial Park: 26351 Milford Lake Drive, Crosby MN
- South Long Lake Community Park: 13694 County Road 22, Brainerd MN
- Rollie Johnson Natural & Recreational Area: Located on the Upper Whitefish Lake near Crosslake MN
- Rush Lake Island: Located in Rush Lake Near Crosslake MN
- Little Emily Lake Park: 21517 Papoose Road, Emily MN

Crow Wing County Land Services manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the county's management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

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**Our Mission:** Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

**Our Values:** Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.