

Sauk County, Wisconsin  
**Parks Department Annual Report**

**2015 Mission:** It is the mission of the Sauk County Parks Department to acquire, develop, preserve, protect and maintain our parks and facilities for all citizens and to provide outdoor recreational opportunities that contribute to the well-being of individuals and families.

**Departmental Program Summary:** Parks Department programs include managing the state funded snowmobile trail system. Maintaining all facilities and buildings is an important part of the parks department. These facilities include approximately 2000 acres of park, streams, lake and forest lands and waters, campgrounds and boat landings. We implement the entrance fee and citation programs for our department as well as the Townships of LaValle and Woodland. Our department participates in the state fish and game program. The Sauk County Parks Department is tasked with management and maintenance of six dams in Sauk County.

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OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2015?
	Yes or No (If no, please provide comment)
Assure safety of county owned dams	Yes. The completion to the Hemlock Dam rehabilitation is not completed at this point.

**Changes / Accomplishments:**

- New roofs were installed on most all of the buildings throughout the park system (approx. 25).
- We rerouted the horse trail at White Mound Park.
- All the posts surrounding the parking lots at White Mound were removed.
- A new campsite was created at the site of the old house site.
- A timber sale was conducted at the county forest with a total revenue at about \$150,039.
- Hemlock Park was opened to limited hunting.
- A recreational bridge lane was added to a new bridge on South Gasser Road. This lane was funded by a DNR grant.

- The spillway at the Redstone Dam had rocks loosening and falling into the stream below. We continued to monitor the situation and scheduled more testing.
- A new Sauk County Parks Director and Assistant Director were hired.

**Statistical Summary:**

**OUTPUT MEASURES**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2013 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2014 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2015 ACTUAL</b>
Camping Revenue	41,831	39,865	44,517
Entrance Fee Revenue	63,222	61,335	64,970