

Question: Do you have a breakdown of land owned and leased at Little Missouri State Park? Do we have a breakdown of park acreage for each state park?

Little Missouri State Park:

Property	Ownership	Status	Acreage (+/-)
Little Missouri State Park 5,413 Acres <i>(does not include ~1080 acres of ACOE take lands available for public access)</i>	NDPRD	Owned	1080 Acres
	Appledorn	Trail Easement	2108 Acres
	Benz	Trail Easement	1174 Acres
	MHA Nation (Fettig)	Trail Easement	1051 Acres

The trail easements are short-term easements, with many of them expiring in 2021 or 2022. NDPRD maintains the trails on private lands covered by the easements. Private landowners have limited liability related to the public use of property. Refer to NDCC §53-08 for additional information.

Additional State Parks Acreage:

Property	Acreage (+/-)
Beaver Lake State Park	273
Cross Ranch State Park	569
Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park	837
Fort Ransom State Park	934
Fort Stevenson State Park	587
Grahams Island State Park	959
Icelandic State Park	930
Lake Metigoshe State Park	1509
Lake Sakakawea State Park	740
Lewis and Clark State Park	525
Little Missouri State Park	5413
Sully Creek State Park	63
Turtle River State Park	775

Question: What is the total amount the department has for deferred maintenance?

The agency evaluated deferred maintenance in four categories: buildings, paved and gravel roads and shorelines. Opinions of probable cost were prepared based upon past pricing and anticipated future unit costs that included items such as professional engineering/design fees, contractor's mobilization and general condition costs and contingency funds. NDPRD performs a biennium inspection of each building utilizing internal staff. Maintenance needs are placed in the agency's work-order management system. The following list is partially derived from these inspections.

Buildings	~\$6.4 million	Interior and exterior painting, replacement of shingles, replacement of windows, masonry repairs, replace floor
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		coverings, playground repairs, moisture penetrations, siding repair and replacement, specialty building construction (i.e. earth lodges)
Shorelines	~\$10.7 million	Riprap or bioengineering stabilization of riverbanks, fluctuating lake levels and water access
Paved Roadways	~\$52.3 million	Asphalt crack sealing, overlays and full-depth roadway reconstruction (many of the asphalt roads were never properly constructed as asphalt roads, just millings over gravel)
Gravel Roads	~\$4.2 million	Blading and reshaping of gravel roads to promote drainage and surface stability.

This does not include trails.

Question: Are they using snowmobile trails now with off-road vehicles? Can they do

Off-highway vehicles are authorized to transit highway rights-of-way or ditches if not in violation of any local ordinances in accordance with N.D.C.C.§39-29-09. The ability to operate in a highway right-of-way is not limited by seasons or dates within our century code provisions. If a highway right-of-way is also signed as a snowmobile trail, it is still considered a highway right-of-way first which would allow for the transition of an OHV on the marked trail.

However, an OHV cannot continue riding along a snowmobile trail that enters, crosses or otherwise transits private lands. We enter leases with private land owners to transit their land to supplement our snowmobile trails. Incumbent to our lease is the statement "STATE shall have the right to allow the public to operate snowmobiles on the Trail". If an OHV crosses, traverses, or other wise users private lands designated as a state snowmobile trail, they would be violating trespassing statutes.

Question: How many parks do you have that are on well water?

- Lake Metigoshe State Park is on well water. They have a total of seven wells and test water quality routinely. At this time the rural water company does not have any plans to expand their service and provide rural water to Lake Metigoshe State Park.
- Little Missouri State Park has one potable well as a public water source. There are private wells on land the agency utilizes through an easement along the trails for livestock and horse consumption.

Question: What is the departments role with the Maah Daah Hey Trail?

Maah Daah Hey Trail

The Maah Daah Hey Trail (MDHT) is a co-operative partnership between the USDA Forest Service Dakota Prairie Grasslands, Theodore Roosevelt National Park and North Dakota Parks and Recreation. There are additional non-profit organizations that provide services on the MDHT, including trail and trailhead maintenance. NDPRD maintains the trail that traverses through Sully Creek State Park and retains a couple of trail leases on state school trust lands.

NDPRD administers FHWA's Recreational Trails Grant Program (RTP) which serves as a funding source for multiple organizations that work on the MDHT. In Federal Fiscal Year 2020, the RTP funded two grants over \$100 thousand to the USDA Forest Service and the Maah Daah Hey Trails Association for trail improvement. In the latest grant application cycle, three projects were ranked for receiving approximately \$134 thousand in grant funds that directly benefit the Maah Daah Hey Trail. The trail typically receives RTP grant funds in almost every grant cycle in the last five years.