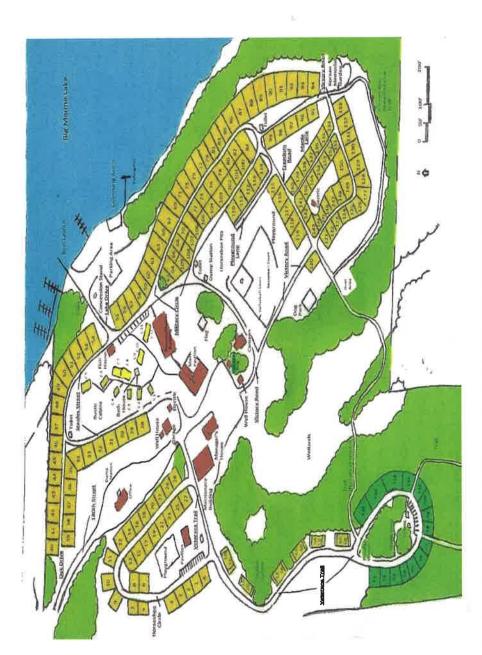


# Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake

## In Washington County, Minnesota

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From Stillwater: Follow MN 95 north to MN 96. Turn left onto MN 96 and travel 2.8 miles to Cty Rd 15 (Manning Ave.) furn right onto Cty Rd 15, then travel north 8.6 miles. Turn right into Veterans Campground entrance. From the North: Travel south on I-35 to MN 97 (Exit #129). Travel east onto MN 97 (Scandia Trail North) for 8 miles. Turn right onto Cty Rd 15 (Manning Ave.), and go south for 3.2 miles. Turn left into Veterans Campground entrance.

East 4.9 miles to Cty Rd 15 (Manning Ave.). Turn left onto Cty Rd 15 and travel north ½ mile. Turn right into Veterans Campground entrance Rd) for 2.2 miles to US Hwy 61. Turn left onto Hwy 61 and travel north for 2.8 miles to Cy Rd 4 (170th St.). Turn right on Cty Rd 4, then go From the Twin Cities: Travel North on I-35 to Cty Rd 14 (Exit #123). Travel east on Cty Rd 14 (which turns into Cty Rd 8 and Frenchman

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## A Yellow Ribbon Campground

Serving Veterans and their families

- Active
- Reserves
- Retired
- Disabled
- Veterans
- **Families** Guests

## **Summer Camping**

April 15 - October 14

### Winter Camping

October 15 - April 14



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Holes for Heroes which drew 50 attendees



Minnesota Softball Military Association made a donation of 5,000.00 towards our new campaign for a new truck and plow and a salter we were able to put a flat bed on our old truck also. See pictures at the end.



Most of our events were cancelled due to co-vid Overall though we had managed to serve 1489 Veterans during our Ice fishing season. During the months of March and April we had 1826





We had 346 attendees for this event for the long weekend. Our total for the month of May visitors was 1175

### June

St. Paul Firefighters local 21 50 attendees

133rd Force support Squadron Ft. Snelling picnic 25 attendees

Last Man Standing Club (Vietnam Veterans) picnic 33 attendees

Flag retirement was another huge event this year also there was almost 12,600 Flags to retire. Attendees that attended was 350





4th and 5th District American Legion held their annual picnic they had 25 attendees

Camp Gratitude held their annual event I think their count was around 75 attendees

Live music from Down the Road Band 100 attendees attended. June visitors total was 2163

July Live music from Inside straight drew 100 attendees







Live music from Whiteside Walls drew 250 attendees





Combat Vet's motorcycle association had their picnic with about 50 attendees

MN National Guard had their picnic with about about 50 families joining in this special day

The Arcades returned with live music with 200 attendees







All the adults costume contest



All kids costume contest



Veterans Campground orders their new Ford pick up truck

### September

We kicked the long Labor day weekend off with our famous casino night we had 225 attendees

Bean bag tournament before the big night at the casino





And the winners are



Loose Affiliates band performed that weekend also we had 150 attendees

Campers picnic followed by the Arcades band to end the event season of 2021 we had 250 attendees for the grand finale

Front entrance wall construction starts

old pick-up. A HUGE Thank you for every organization that help us reach our goal YOU ARE THE BEST.









Then it was our final stop of rewarding all of our clubs for their support 2021 was Hugo American Legion



It's time to add up all of our visitors now:
We welcomed new Veterans as follows:
WWII Veterans= 1
Korean Veterans= 12
Vietnam Veterans= 108
Gulf war Veterans= 72
Iraqi/ Afghanistan Veterans= 100
Other Veterans= 23

Total of new Veterans for 2021= 316

We have a total of over 40,000 Veterans registered here in our campground.

Now for the total of visitors we had in 2021 is a new record of 41,313. WOW what a year we had.

Policy 2012-001, changes to One Veteran - one cabin rental

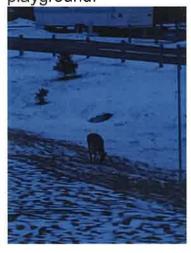
One guest of a Veteran sponsored of course one cabin. Veterans are only allowed to reserve any cabin for 0ne week only, along with their guests cabin.

This will take effect in the season of 2023 as we have to notify everyone in 2022 to the upcoming changes.

We are sorry for this change but our hands are tied by all of our organizations that support this campground. D.A.V, VFW, and the American Legions are all receiving complaints that their Veterans are unable to come and enjoy the campground as we have too many of the Veterans guests tying up everything in the campground.

We having been working on this issue for a very long time now and this is the best solution we can come up with. So again sorry for the inconvenience but we had to change with the times especially now. Like I said earlier in the newsletter we had over 41,000 guests this year.

The only activity at the camp is watching the deer at the playground.



Too close this end of season report we have 10 inches of ice as of 12-29-2021 Now our next group of winter campers come in now for ice fishing call if you are interested as we are filling up quick in our cabins. Next month I will put the winter event schedule out.