

# DANE COUNTY PARKS

## INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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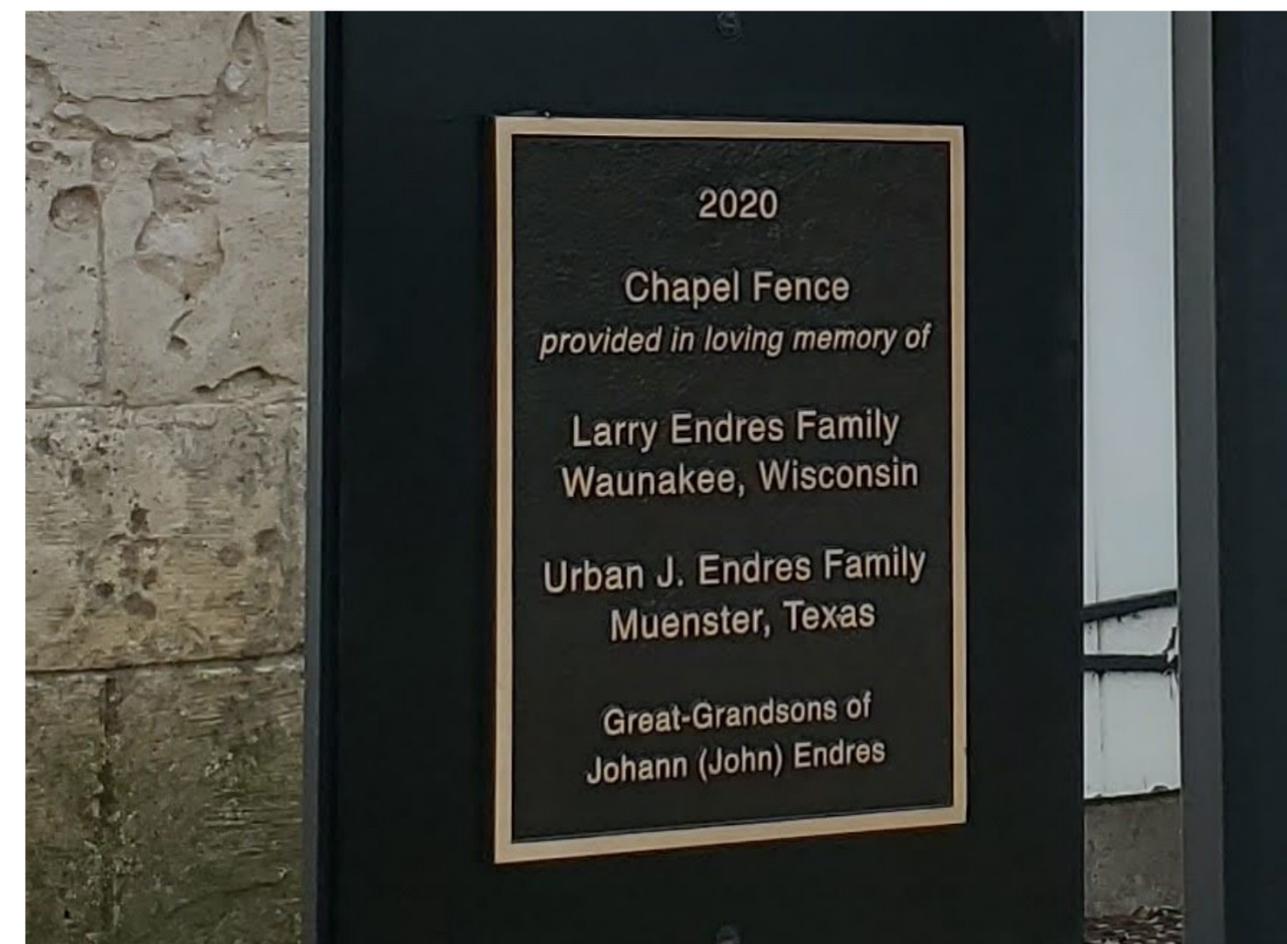


*Indian Lake County Park*  
*Jennifer Zetzman Photography*



# INDIAN LAKE CHAPEL MEMORIAL

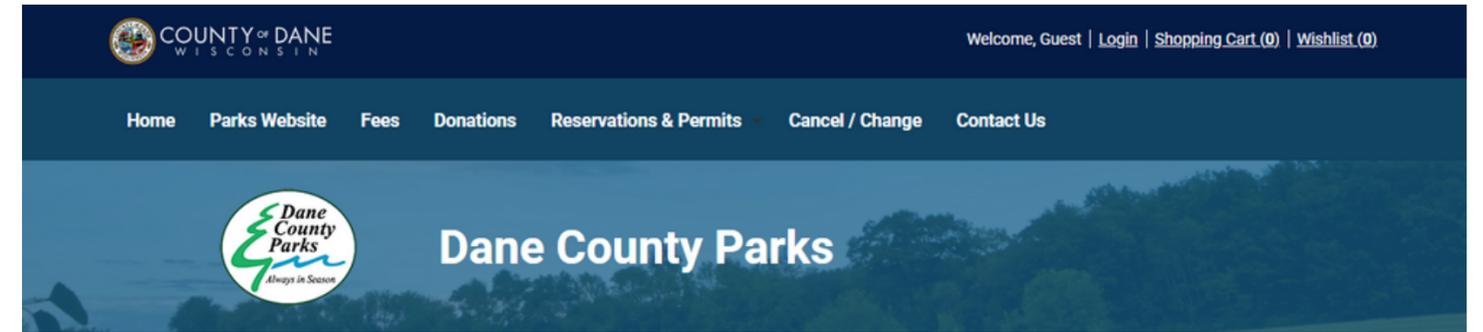
Next time you are at Indian Lake County Park you will notice that the historic chapel has a new fence and memorial plaque. The chapel was built in 1857 by John Endres and is a site of great importance and meaning to his decedents. Recently the Endres Family replaced the aging fence and added a plaque to memorialize Larry Endres and Urban J. Endres (two of John's great grandsons).



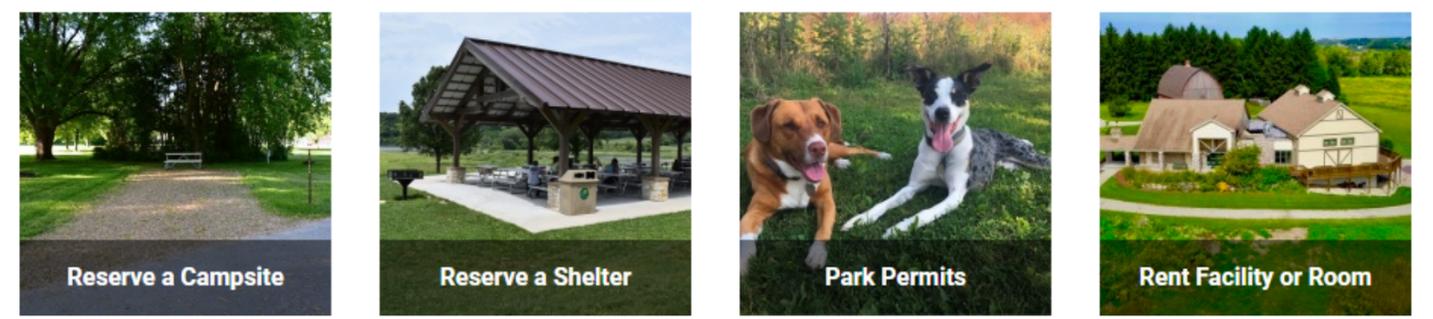
# NEW RESERVATION SYSTEM

Dane County Parks has a new reservation online reservation and permit sales system!

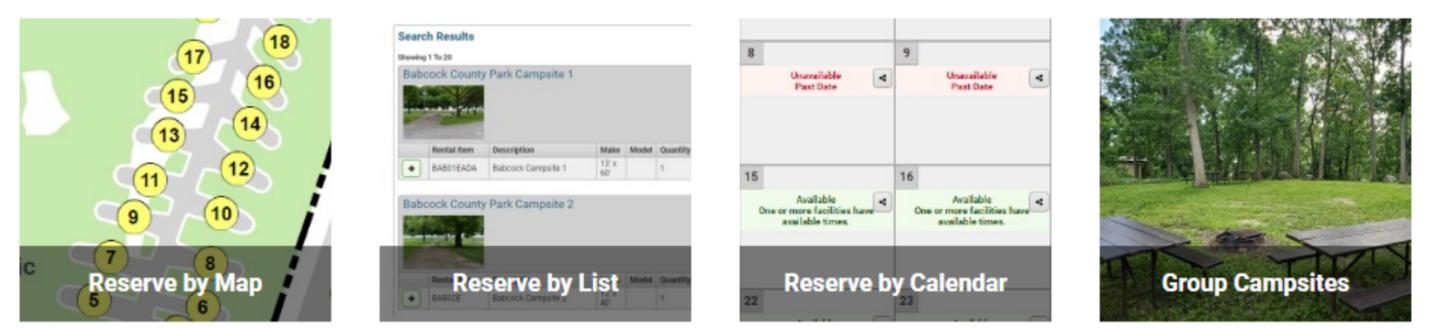
The new site is more mobile friendly and allows users to reserve campsites, group campsites and shelters as well as purchasing park permits.



## Make a Reservation / Purchase a Permit



## Reserve a Campsite



[Learn More](#)

# MORTON FOREST

**Morton Forest has a new trail amenity!** The 114 acre Forest, named after its benefactor Steve Morton, is located about 2.5 miles south of the Village of Mazomanie within the Driftless Area of southwest WI.

Recently, Steve Morton donated additional funding to create an new **accessible overlook platform and bench**, constructed by Glenville Timberwrights, it's located at the west end of the North Rim Trail (see map on our website below). This new overlook provides park visitors with another option to sit and take in the amazing views.

[Learn More](#)



# SAVE THE DATE: WINTER WANDER

Ever wonder how prairie wildlife lives through the winter months? Come out to our Lussier Family Heritage Center this winter for a family friendly **Prairie Winter Wander** event.

Walk the trails with a Heritage Center naturalist while observing unique plant patterns and prairie observations that only a winter day can reveal.

Preregistration is required to keep our group size under 10. Sign up on our website linked below.



[Sign Up](#)



**Nature Notes**

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center  
a Dane County Parks Facility

# FALL TREE PLANTING

Planting a fall tree? Dane County Parks Forester Specialist, Adam Alves, shows you all of the steps to properly plant a containerized tree.

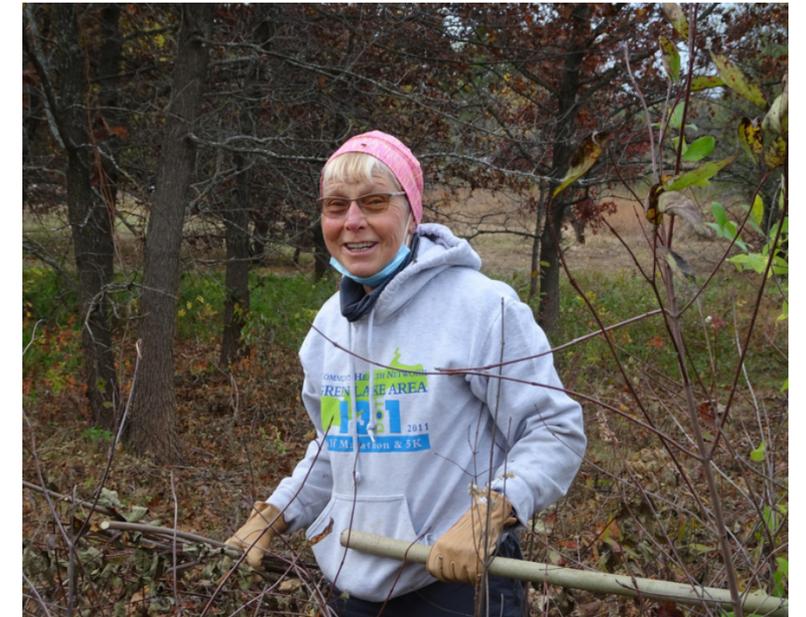


# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

**THANK YOU** to our awesome volunteers and staff for the work they do on a daily basis in our parks! Even with limitations due to COVID, volunteers have been able to get outside in small groups to help with tree planting, invasive species removal, tree planting and other activities.

There are many ways to get involved, from one time events to joining a park friends group. Visit our volunteer page to learn more!

[Learn More](#)



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## **Bert (Ryan) Schwab**, Operations Manager

Bert manages the day to day operations of our park system making sure everything is running smoothly. He oversees park maintenance crews, repairs, installations of new kiosks, benches and other facilities, and coordinates with park rangers. Bert loves being outdoors fishing, hunting or hiking with his kids at Indian Lake or Donald, two of his favorite Dane County Parks. When not at work, he serves as a volunteer fire fighter as he has done for the past 26 years.



## **Jonathan Ernst**

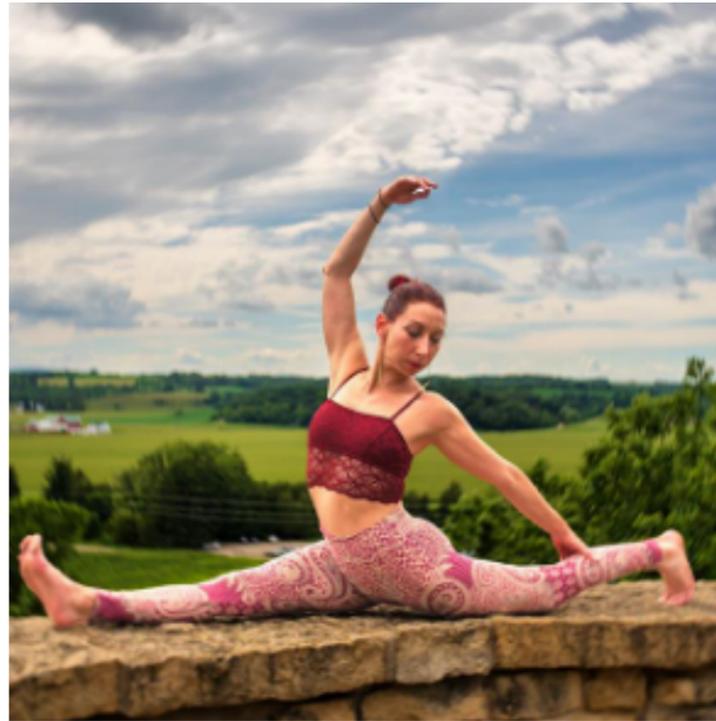
### Park Ranger

Ranger Ernst covers the northwest portion of the county, including Walking Iron, Indian Lake, Festge, and Mendota county parks and others. He is busy on the weekends overseeing monitoring the parks and doing enforcement when needed to make sure the parks are safe for all.

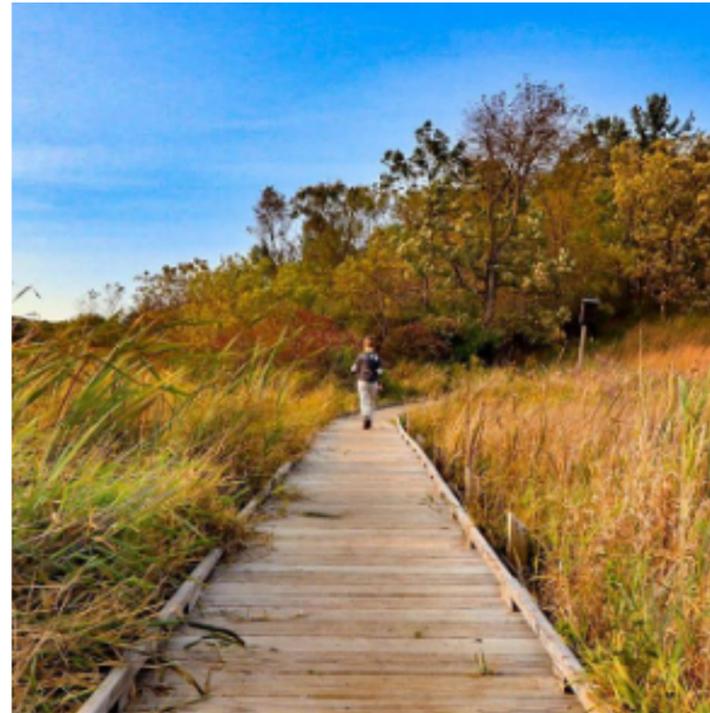
# SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



**Indian Lake County Park**  
*@adventures\_of\_frethel*



**Festge County Park**  
*@treepose\_photography*



**Ice Age Trail - Table Bluff**  
**Segment** *@jmpzpics*



**Pheasant Branch Conservancy**  
*@mattclarksally*

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