

Welcome to Alexander Ramsey Park

Ramsey Park has five picnic areas which have been carved out of the park's natural woodlands. Three shelters can be reserved. Shelter reservations are available at redwoodareacommunitycenter.com. Without reservations shelters are on a first-come first-serve basis.



LOWER SHELTER AREA: The park's original and largest passive recreation area features the 1930's W.P.A. Vintage Lower Shelter with its massive timber and granite construction. Nearby activities include a playground structure, ball field, Ramsey Park Zoo and campground/restroom facilities.



RAMSEY FALLS AREA: One of the Park's most popular attractions is the Ramsey Falls' observation area, which utilizes rather unique bridges and pathways to access many varied scenic vistas of Ramsey Falls and Ramsey Creek. The Falls area also provides ample picnic space with an open shelter, modern restroom building, playground, and access to some of the parks' most scenic hiking trails.



Beautiful Alexander Ramsey Park, which has been termed "The Little Yellowstone of Minnesota", spans 217 acres as the largest municipal park in Minnesota. The vast features of the park have something for everyone.

RAMSEY PARK CAMPGROUND: Campground reservations are available at redwoodareacommunitycenter.com

The city campground has 31 individual sites with 50 amp. electrical hookups. There are restroom facilities with modern services and showers. Near the restroom facility is city water and a sanitary disposal station. The campground is within walking distance of the zoo, golf course, swayback bridge, playground equipment, and lower shelter.



ZEB GRAY OVERLOOK AREA: This portion of the park features the unique Zeb Gray Shelter with scenic overlook of the Redwood River and the park's hogback peninsula. This area also offers a playground structure and access to the waterfall which bears the city's name. The Falls is spanned by a pedestrian bridge providing a striking view of the Redwood River gorge.

RAMSEY PARK ZOO: A favorite among visitors of all ages. The small zoo features permanent populations of buffalo, elk, deer, prairie dogs, along with numerous species of upland game and waterfowl.



RAMSEY PARK TRAIL SYSTEM: You can access the system from the Trailhead Overlook behind the ELCA (Hwy. 19 & 17) or at any of the numerous signed trailheads within the park. Miles of paved trails and numerous footbridges allow hikers a change to crisscross Ramsey Creek and the Redwood River, exploring the beautiful relief sculptured by decades of water erosion on the park's wooded environs.



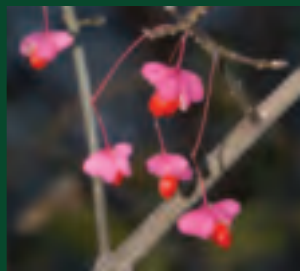
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Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Information and Park Map



Alexander Ramsey Park Facts

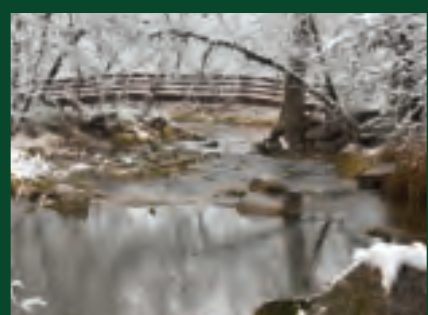
- Named after Alexander Ramsey, the first territorial Governor when the territory was established in 1849, a Mayor of St. Paul, the second Governor of Minnesota from 1860-1863, a U.S. Senator and Secretary of War in President Hayes cabinet.
- Was a state park from 1911-1957.
- In 1957 the State of Minnesota sold the park to the City of Redwood Falls for \$1.00.
- In 1957 the State charged a 25¢ entry fee, once the City gained ownership, park usage was free.
- The DNR annually stock a minimum of 400 German Brown Trout into Ramsey Creek.
- The Lower Shelter, restroom building and the Swayback Bridge were built in 1938 by the W.P.A. using local granite.
- The park consists of 217 acres, miles of hiking trails and bridges.
- A special piece of music was written by George Bittrich for Ramsey Park in 1919, "The Ramsey Park March".
- Morel mushroom picking is a popular activity in the park.
- The present golf course and part of Ramsey Park was owned by Dr. J.G. Riheldaffer, the Presbyterian minister, and was known as Riheldaffer's pasture.



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FRIENDS OF THE PARK: Organized to preserve and protect Ramsey Park so generations to come can discover the welcoming beauty. They work to gather funds through private donations, annual memberships, and fundraising events. Friends of the Park is an independent organization that operates exclusively for recreational purposes under the umbrella of Redwood Area Communities Foundation, Inc. with 501(c)(3) status. This organization and its funds raised and collected are not subject to control by the City of Redwood Falls, but is an independent, decision making body. The Board's mission is to have a source of funds through tax deductible private donations, grants and fundraisers that can be used to maintain and improve Alexander Ramsey Park. In every way, parks are linked to our past, bridge to our future and just one of the many features that makes Redwood Falls "The Scenic City". Donations can be mailed to: Minnwest Bank, P.O. Box 439, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.



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Campground



Ramsey Park



LEGEND

Paved Walking/Hiking Trails

1. Dirlam Trail - 0.83 miles
2. Sanders Trail - 0.64 miles
3. Beecher Trail - 1.14 miles
4. Tyson Trail - 0.17 miles
5. McPhail Trail - 0.30 miles
6. Museum Trail - 0.27 miles

Other Landmarks and Attractions

7. Dale Seime Memorial Marker
8. Lower Shelter
9. Marker on Decomposed Granite Cliffs
10. Girl Scout Island
11. Picnic Shelter
12. Handicap Accessible Fishing Ramps
13. Ramsey Falls
14. Observation Deck
15. Redwood County Museum
16. Suspension Bridge
17. Falls Shelter
18. Picnic Area and Playground
19. Scenic Overlook
20. Zeb Gray Shelter
21. Redwood Falls Bridge/Scenic Overlook
22. Burmeister Overlook

Pedestrian Bridges



Parking Area



Accessible Parking



Alexander Ramsey Park and Campground

Redwood Falls, MN 56283 Latitude: 44.55 Longitude: -95.12

Camping Reservations are Available

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