

# R-005

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## THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KETTLE MORaine PARK (NORTHERN)

Mauthe Lake area was developed in 1939. Sometime in the early thirties the lakes name was changed from Moon Lake to Mauthe Lake, because of a great conservation life of Mr. Mauthe, who was from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Mauthe Lake - Rest Rooms in 1940

Dam Built in 1945

Ranger Station, Garage and Home in. 1939-1941

Greenbush Loop Trails- developed

Toboggan slides in 1940

Elevation tower in 1941

Ski area in 1947

The hiking trail Buildings - developed:

No.1 Rest building in 1958

No. 2 - 1960

No. 3 - 1967

No. 4 - 1973

No. 5 - 1967

No. 6 - 1973

The tree planting started in the ranger headquarters driveway in 1941 1942. The Waysides were developed in 1963 on the county Line Road. The first Long Lake picnic area was developed including large swimming beach between 1956 & 1963.

The Long Lake Bathhouse was built in 1959. The large beach on Long Lake was developed in 1971, including bathhouse and restrooms. The Greenbush camp site was built in 1965- 1966. The Bridle path was developed in 1966. The Youth Camp was built in 1973. The Snowmobile trails and parking sites were developed between 1970 and 1975. The forest tree planting was established around Greenbush area in 1938 to 1940. The foot path and foot bridge was built over the south river outlet of Mauthe Lake between 1938 and 1940.

Off road picnic areas- developed:

3 miles south on Kettle Moraine Drive from New Fane in 1956

Mud Lake off county truck SS in 1941 to 1943

3 areas on county Trunk G, north from SS toward Dundee from 1955 to 1956

The Zellner trail and parking area was developed in 1960 and 1961 Butler Lake parking site in 1955 Dundee Mt. wayside and parking area in 1939

Parnell tower and wayside and parking area off County Trunk V in 1939

Park boat landings developed at:

Mauthie Lake - Northeast landing -1953 and 1954

Southeast landing - 1953 and 1954

Lake Seven;

southeast landing - 1953 and 1954

Crooked Lake;

southwest landing - 1953 and 1954

Butler Lake;

north landing - 1953 and 1954

Long Lake;

west landing — 1949

Geological markers - developed;

Dundee Mt. - 1959-1960

Parnell Esker - 1959-1960

Greenbush Kettle Marker - 1959-1960

Tamerick Nature trail area - 1959-1960

Ray Zillmer nature trail area - 1959-1960

Haskell Noyes nature trail area off Triple G- 1956

The Kettle Moraine Park, Milwaukee River bottoms consisting of over two hundred acres between the Mauthie Lake dam site and the Kettle Moraine Youth Camp. The Spruce Lake cranberry bog area off of Vista Drive is another Historical area of the Northern Kettle Moraine Forest. In 1975, the Y.M.C.A. established a camp off Haushalter Road about a ¼ of a mile east and then a ¼ mile north from New Prospect. The three major beautiful areas of the Northern Kettle Moraine Park are the major housing buildings and storage shed. Early conservation projects of the state legislature.

In 1929 they passed a bill to establish the state Kettle Moraine Park. It was to purchase 1500 acres of land from the farmers of this area. It was passed by the state parks committee by a vote of 17 to 11 on August 15, 1929.

In 1934 the Moon Lake game refuge was purchased which consisted of 1,010 acres. This was the first land purchase of the Northern Kettle Moraine State Park.

#### VILLAGE OF CAMPELLSPORT CONSERVATION PROJECT

In 1935 a W.P.A. project on the Milwaukee River between the Highway 67 bridge and the county highway Y bridge. They dug out pot holes in the river and stoned out its banks. The project furnished work for 12 men during the summer months and cost was \$5, 3000.

#### EARLY CONSERVATION PROJECTS OF THE MILWAUKEE RIVER

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April the Wisconsin Drainage Co. of Elkhorn WI. underwent a state conservation department project dredged the west branch of the Milwaukee River from the Dodge County line southeast to the Elmore bridge a distance of 7 miles. The purpose of this project was to reclaim about 1500 acres of land. Also improving the river bank along 2000 acres of land and creating a larger volume of water in the river for fish and wildlife.

On November 25, 1909, a drainage canal was built north of Campbellsport on the Milwaukee River in the old McCullough swamp by Stockes Bros. of Elkhorn, WI.

The ditching was done with the two handled scraper and with 8 men and 20 horses. The estimated ditch is about one thousand feet long and the width between 10' and 15'. The ditch today is almost all filled up and there is just a shoulder outline of where it was dug out. At that time there was a road going across the marsh and an old bridge is in evidence of where the road went through. In the old 1874 atlas of Fond du Lac county it shows the road going through the marsh.

The location of this road went west across the river by the farm area of Elton Kettler and goes right through the middle of John Bauer's farm and touches the northeast corner of Magdalena Becks farm and connects to the David Gudex Driveway going into the Townline Road.

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In 1929 the state legislature passed a bill to purchase 1500 acres of land for the Kettle Moraine Forest Park. It was passed by the assembly and at a later Senate vote date passed it on August 15th by a vote of 17 to 11.

After 5 years of purchasing of the farm land the Moon Lake refuge was established with this money. This was the first land purchased of the present Kettle Moraine State Park, and it consisted of 1,010 acres. Later the lake name was changed to Mauthe because of a City conservation man from Fond du Lac. This lake borders 4 sections in the township of Auburn, number 11-12-13-14. Its size is 78 acres and its depth 23". The Headquarters entrance is on the County highway road G, west between double SS north and double DD south. It's picnic and boat landings are on the east and south side of the lake west of the highway triple G, and between double S north and single S south. The swimming beach and toilets are on the south east side of the lake.

*Mrs. Kenneth Worthings Historical Report*

William Mauthe was active in developing the Wisconsin State program of land purchase. In 1927 he became the chairman of the state conservation commission of the state of Wisconsin. The lake had been named from set lake by Hiram Buranham in 1835. This area was set aside for recreational land for the public. During that time of year it has developed into a 12 month a year recreational area.

## **Early Conservation Projects of the two Western Boundaries of the Milwaukee River**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1909, the Wisconsin Drainage Company of Elmore WI by the contract and approval of the State Legislature dredged the west branch of the river from the Dodge County line southeast to the Elmore Bridge. The river distance was over 7 miles and in the present time it would be quite a project. The purpose of this project was to reclaim about 1500 acres for farm land and to improve about 200 acres of the river bank. This gave a larger water volume for fish and wild life in the river basin.

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- The Meneshopeen River on Milwaukee River which means the river of clear water which the Indians gave our local river.
- On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1909 a drainage canal was dug in the McClullough Marsh by a State Contractor. The Contractors were Stockers Bros. and William Opitz of Elmore WI.
- Eight men and twenty horses were on the job. At this time there was a road going into the marsh because of the evidence of the bridge in the river.
- Today this ditch is all filled up with top soil and there is only an outline of where the ditch was.
- This road went through Melvin Del Porters farm and the north part of David Gudex farm. The outhouse road which was built south was filled in with gravel and stone and was done sometime in the 1850's for horse and wagon travel. This brought the marsh water level 2 ½ feet above its normal height.
- From here on the road was built across the John Bauer farm and on an angle across the Magdalena Beck farm, to the David Gudex farm driveway and then to County trunk W.
- The starting point of this road is the corner of Triple S and the road running east from the Elton Ketter farm.