

196 ACRES

LOCATED IN BAY COUNTY, FRONTING ON SAGINAW BAY ABOUT 3 MILES WEST OF THE MOUTH OF THE SAGINAW RIVER. IT IS ON STATE HIGHWAY 247, 5 MILES NORTH OF BAY CITY, 18 MILES FROM SAGINAW AND 49 MILES FROM FLINT.

FROM A SANDY BEACH EXTENDING 4,100 FT. ALONG THE BAY THE PARK LAND RISES ON GENTLE SLOPES TO A SERIES OF SANDY RIDGES, REPRESENTING ANCIENT SHORE LINES IN VARIOUS STAGES OF LAKE LEVELS. THERE IS ALSO A LAGOON OF ABOUT TEN ACRES.

TREE GROWTH ON RIDGES IS PREDOMINANTLY OAK, WITH A MIXTURE OF MAPLE AND WILD CHERRY WITH COLONIES OF PEPPERIDGE IN PLACES BETWEEN THE RIDGES. ELM, WILLOW, COTTONWOOD AND SYCAMORE GROW ON LOW GROUND NEAR THE WATER. PLANTINGS OF PINE SUPPLEMENT THE NATURAL GROWTH.

THE PARK OFFERS FREEDOM TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF NATURE AND THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE GREAT LAKES. A BLEND OF PLEASANT WOODLAND SHADE AND OPEN SUNNY PLACES OFFER HEALTHFUL REST AND ACTIVE RECREATION. EXCELLENT CONDITIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR BATHING, PICNICKING AND PLAY; FOR CAMPING, GROUP GATHERINGS, BOATING, FISHING, NATURE STUDY AND EARLY MORNING BIRD-WALKS.

A FEATURE OF THE PARK IS ITS SAND BEACH WITH WARMER WATER THAN MOST GREAT LAKES BEACHES. GRADUALLY INCREASING DEPTH OF WATER AND LIFE-GUARD SERVICE INSURE SAFE SWIMMING CONDITIONS. A SANDY STRAND INVITES SUN-BATHING.

AROUND THE LAGOON AND SCATTERED THROUGH THE PARK ARE MANY PICNIC SITES EQUIPPED WITH OUTDOOR STOVES AND PICNIC TABLES. MODERN TOILET FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED AT CONVENIENT LOCATIONS.

IN A WOODED SECTION AT THE SOUTH END OF THE PARK IS A WELL SHADED CAMP-GROUND FOR TENT AND TRAILER CAMPING. RUNNING WATER, CONVENIENT SANITARY TOILETS AND ELECTRIC SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE.

SAGINAW BAY IS A FAMOUS FISHING SITE FOR PERCH, BASS, NORTHERN PIKE AND OTHER KINDS OF FISH. BOATS ARE NEEDED TO REACH THE FISHING SPOTS AND MAY BE OBTAINED AT VARIOUS LIVERIES ON THE BAY AND ON THE NEARBY KAWKAWLIN RIVER.

THE LAGOON WITHIN THE PARK IS A POPULAR FISHING PLACE. GOOD CATCHES ARE OFTEN MADE FROM THE BANK.



THE PARK IS RICH IN THINGS OF NATURE. MYRIADS OF WATERFOWL STOP AT SAGINAW BAY ON THEIR MIGRATORY FLIGHTS ALONG THE EAST MICHIGAN FLYWAY. WILD DUCKS OF MANY SPECIES, BRANT AND SNOW SWAN, AND GEESE, IN SPRING AND FALL, DROP IN ON WATERS IN AND NEAR THE PARK. SOME KINDS OF DUCKS, SUCH AS MALLARDS, NEST IN NEARBY PLACES.

SHORE BIRDS SEARCH FOR FOOD ALONG THE SHORE LINE WHILE LONG LEGGED HERON WORK THE SHALLOW MARSHES. MANY KINDS OF SONG BIRDS MAKE THE PARK THEIR SUMMER HOME. THOSE ATTUNED TO WOODLAND SOUNDS AND INTERESTED IN THE THINGS OF NATURE FIND EARLY MORNING EXCURSIONS THROUGH THE PARK THRILLING AND INSPIRING.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE TO: PARK MANAGER, BAY CITY STATE PARK, BAY CITY, MICHIGAN.

FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS WRITE TO: DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, STEVENS T. MASON BLDG., LANSING 26, MICH.



BAY CITY/COUNTY - PARKS AND RECREATION
(BAY CITY STATE PARK)

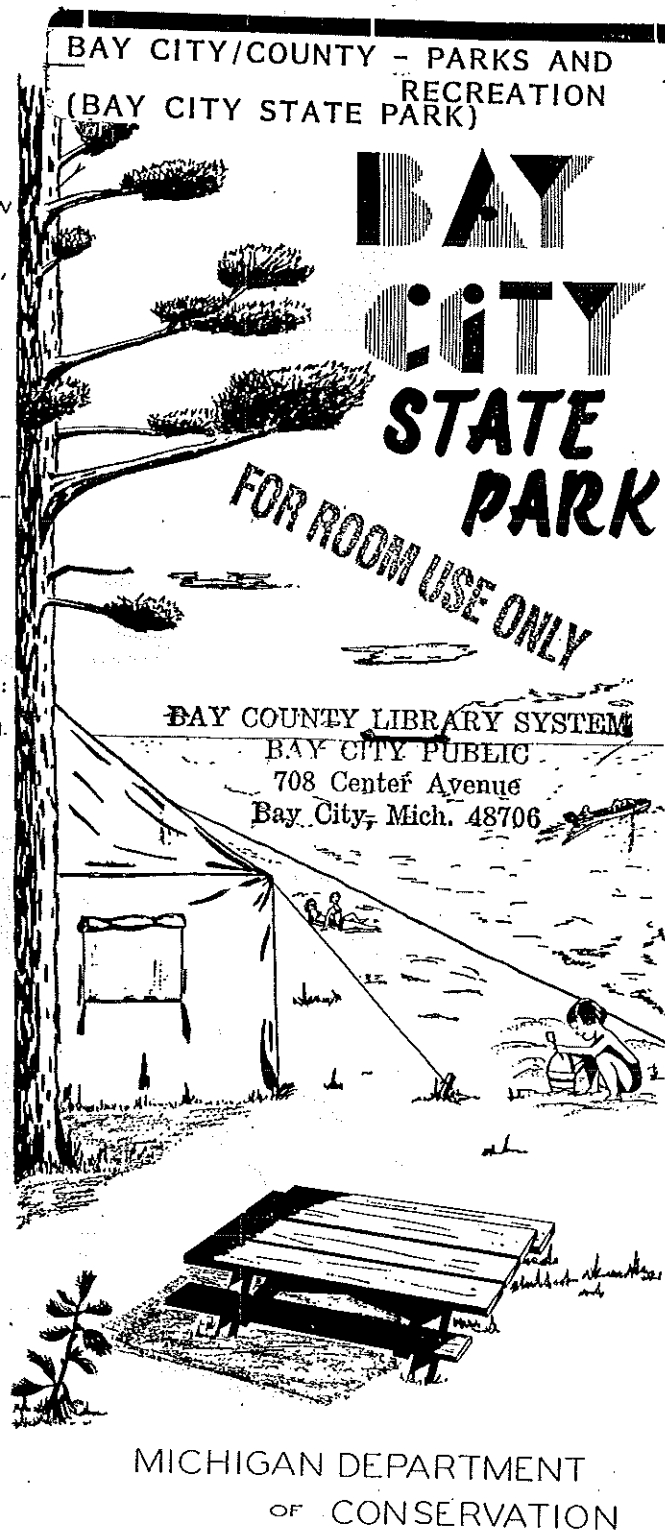
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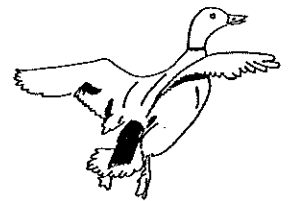
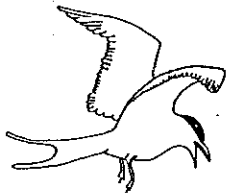
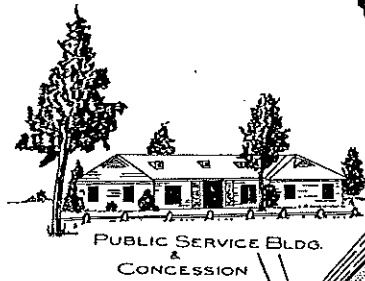
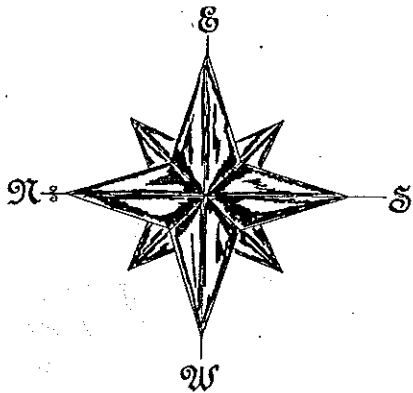
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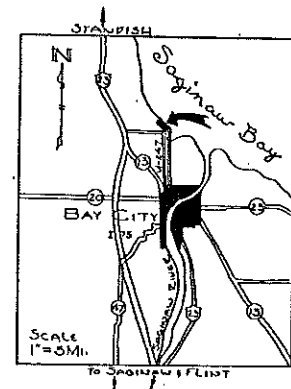
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