Beau ty at Brunet Island

State park offers activities year round on land and water

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If nature-lovers are looking for the opportunity to enjoy active activities on routes, like on trails through full�, or use wildlife in its natural habitat, Brunet Island State Park is in the place to step to by in Cornell, Wis. onam. On the Chippewa and Pike rivers, the state park is defined by “2,000 acres of scenic beauty and recreational opportunities,” according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

These acres are the home to a great deal of wildlife, including foxes, porcupines, eagles, foxes, muskrats, and more, the DNR lists. Walking or driving through the park also provides views to a spot — who — enjoy watching on foot or by boat, including bald eagles, osprey and peregrine falcons and hawks.

The lands also the place goes to get a good workout nature, as the opportunities available include, but are far from limited to, kayaking, bicycling, canoeing and winter activities. “Quiet lagoons and channels formed during the most recent Age to are excellent for canoes and wildlife watching,” the DNR shared.

Camping and fish kill are available as well. “These are a multitude of hiking opportunities, including a natural trail that is filled with educational information, trails that are for a view of the river, and trails that are through the park’s immense grove — including a red pine plantation, according to the DNR.”

The park also has a biking and hiking trail linking up to the Old Abe State Trail, which runs from Crossroads to Cornell to Chippewa Falls. “While most of the trails are on the island, visitors can also hike on the mainland section of the state park.”

Some other activities to fill time and to enjoy beauty in the park include bird-watching, fishing, hunting, boating and camping. “There are also a beach and playground. Camping especially is a treat in the park, the DNR shared, as more than half of the campers have direct water access.

Area residents and visitors have been enjoying the park for many decades, as the island portion of the park was donated to the state in 1975 by the Northern States Power Company, according to the DNR.

The log shelter visitors can now enjoy was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1938, according to the DNR. The structure was updated in 2015. The park got its name in 1846, after it was dedicated in honor of area historic figure Jean Brunet, who was born in France in 1791, before moving his way to Ashland in 1816.

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