

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
Madison 1, Wisconsin

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION AGENDA

Date August 12, 1964

TO THE DIRECTOR: L. P. Voigt

FROM: D. J. Mackie

SUBJECT: Establishment of Europe Bay State Park

1. To be presented at September Commission meeting.
(month)

2. To be presented by: D. J. Mackie

3. Appearances requested by the public:

Name

Representing whom?

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4. Reference materials to be used:

5. Summary:

To establish the Europe Bay Area as Europe Bay State Park with the following boundaries:

Beginning at the center of Section 20, T32N, R29E; thence west on the 1/4 section line to the center of Section 19 T32N, R29E; thence south on the 1/4 section line to the shore of Lake Michigan; thence southeasterly and northerly along the shore of Lake Michigan to the northern boundary of Section 16, T32N, R29E; thence west along the section line to the center of Section 17, T32N, R29E; thence south to the place of beginning.

6. Recommendation:

That the Europe Bay State Park be established and its boundaries designated.

Attach.
APPROVED:

Signed:

Assistant Director

Date

Director

Date

Supt., Parks and Recreation

cc: C. T. Smith - Campbellport
Lowell Hansen - Fish Creek
D. J. Mackie

Madison 1.

September 1, 1964

TO: L. P. Voigt
FROM: D. J. Mackie
SUBJECT: Establishment of the Europe Bay State Park

On June 18, 1964, the Door County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution, a copy of which is attached, approving the proposal to establish a state park in northern Door County - Europe Bay State Park. This resolution is the culmination of considerable discussion and negotiation with the various county committees and town boards influenced by this area in that any new properties within Door County must be approved by the Door County Board.

The Europe Bay area has been under consideration a number of times in the past but has been brought into closer focus in recent years by the Great Lakes Shoreline Study of the National Park Service in 1957 and 1958 and the more recent CRAP program. The area was highly recommended by the National Park Service and the Conservation Department liaison and was one of the highest priority areas submitted under the CRAP program. In a joint study of the area by the State Planning Board and the Conservation Department in 1946, this area was described as "without the slightest doubt the most outstanding state park possibility along the Lake Michigan shore," and this basic thought continues today.

We are recommending that a 2,177-acre state park be established at this site to preserve an area of unusual beauty on the shores of Lake Michigan. With the available shoreline of our Great Lakes disappearing very rapidly, this 6.5 mile section of diverse frontage is very essential to our overall program. The following are some of the features of the area:

1. Extensive shoreline on Lake Michigan with sand beaches, gravel beaches and rock formations which will have recreational, interpretive and aesthetic values.
2. A high percentage of the area is well wooded with several tracts of especially nice timber. This coupled with a wide variety of vegetative material will provide excellent opportunities for general hiking and the naturalist program.
3. This section of the county is rich in Indian, French and early Wisconsin history. One of the first settlements of the region was on the Lake Michigan shores within the boundary.

- 4. The area is readily accessible by state and county highways and is a potential base for boaters to make the trip out to Rock Island State Park.
- 5. The development of the area will be kept quite simple and primitive to best protect and portray the natural features and semi-wilderness character of the area. It is anticipated that the development will include a 75-unit camp area, approximately 10 acres of picnic area with parking stalls for 150 cars, a swimming beach, service area and office, boat access, 6-8 miles of hiking trails, and an interpretive program. There would be about 3 miles of access and interior roads to the major developments; however, they would not continue through the entire park.
- 6. The area is within a half-day's drive of about 3,000,000 residents of the state and by 1980 it is estimated that there will be approximately 4,300,000 residents within this range. There will be considerable additional influence from the Chicago metropolitan area which is just beyond the normal half-day travel limit. Europe Bay is 79 miles from Green Bay, 110 miles from the major Fox River Valley cities, 160 miles from Milwaukee and 265 miles from Chicago, Illinois. It is estimated that the potential annual use of the area would be 150,000 visitors and 12,000 camper days. This area will be an added attraction in Door County and will be used by many people staying at hotels and resorts in addition to those who come to the region primarily to stay at the park.
- 7. It is estimated that the acquisition of this area will cost about \$1,088,500. The development plans have not been completed but it is estimated that development costs would be about \$250,000 plus \$135,000 for roads which would come under the Park and Forest Road Fund. Annual operating and maintenance costs initially will be about \$20,000 with an ultimate cost of about \$40,000 when the property is fully developed.

In view of the high priority and exceptional potential of the Europe Bay area, it is highly recommended that this area be approved.

D. J. Mackie

RECOMMENDED:

_____ John A. Beale	_____ Date
APPROVED:	

_____ L. P. Voigt	_____ Date
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Proposed Boundary
Europe Bay State Park

It is recommended that the Europe Bay Area be established as Europe Bay State Park with the following boundaries:

All state-owned park lands that are now or may hereafter come under the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Conservation Commission, located within the following area:

Beginning at the center of Section 20, T32N, R29E; thence west on the 1/4 section line to the center of Section 19 T32N, R29E; thence south on the 1/4 section line to the shore of Lake Michigan; thence southeasterly and northerly along the shore of Lake Michigan to the northern boundary of Section 16, T32N, R29E; thence west along the section line to the center of Section 17, T32N, R29E; thence south to the place of beginning.

More specifically described as all the land in the following description:

Section 16	T32N	R29E
E 1/2 Section 17	"	"
SE 1/4 Section 19	"	"
E 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 20	"	"
Section 21	"	"
Section 28	"	"
Section 29	"	"
Section 30	"	"
Section 32	"	"
Section 33	"	"

All lying in the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin

RESOLUTION NO. 24-64

RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN, THAT:

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand for public recreational areas in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Europe Bay Area of Door County possesses unusual scenic values and would be a worthy addition to the State Park System of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the value of this area for recreational use has been recognized by both State and Federal agencies for many years, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Department desires to establish a state park on the following described area: All of Section 16; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17; the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20; all of Section 21; all of Section 28; all of Section 29; all of Section 30; all of Section 32; and all of Section 33; in Township 32 North, Range 29 East, of Door County, Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes 15.60 (5b), Chapter 427, Laws of Wisconsin 1961, state: "In a county containing 4,500 acres or more of state park lands on January 1, 1961, no lands or interest therein for new state parks shall be acquired by the state unless the county board of such county first approves the proposed state park."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of Door County, Wisconsin, assembled in session this 18th day of June, 1964, that we do approve the establishment of the proposed state park on the above described lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cagnon

Bernard Hagedorn

CERTIFICATION

I, Norman Stogmann, duly elected and qualified County Clerk of the County of Door, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution introduced at a Regular Meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Door County, Wisconsin held this 18 day of June 1964, adopted by a Unanimous vote and recorded in the minutes of said meeting.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of Door County, Wisconsin, this 18 day of June 1964.

Signed: /s/ Norman Stogmann
Norman Stogmann
County Clerk, Door County

CHRONOLOGY

This is a list of the important events in the history of Newport State Park. It should be kept up to date.

- 1946 - State Planning Board and Wisconsin Conservation Department recommended the area.
- 1958 - National Park Service & Wisconsin Conservation Department recommended the area.
- Sept. 24, 1964 - Park established as Europe Bay State Park.
- Aug. 1970 - Name changed to Newport State Park.
- 1970 - Day use area and entrance road were constructed.
- Summer 1973 - Campsites completed.
- May 14, 1973 - Master Plan Review meeting held at Peninsula State Park.