

Welcome to Richter's Woods County Park

Imagine traveling through a tunnel made of branches hanging from trees centuries older than the state of Minnesota. This is a portal into another time when forest was all a traveler would see with a few farms scattered here and there.

This 80 acres of forest and ponds with gently rolling terrain is a snapshot of an area once known as the Big Woods. The big woods once covered all of Le Sueur County, except for small tracts of marsh. The woods would yield plenty of lumber to build homes, berries, mushrooms, and a bean or fruit that, when roasted could be made into a brew for their substitute coffee. Maple trees gave sap to be made into syrup, sugar and candy. Rabbits or squirrel with a little wild onion became a feast. Food was scarce and considered a blessing.

In the blink of an eye 150 years or so the landscape has changed from all forest to a very small stands of timber. Richter's Woods is the largest of it's kind left in the state of Minnesota. We can preserve the plant and animal communities that live here by taking control of the destiny of this great place.

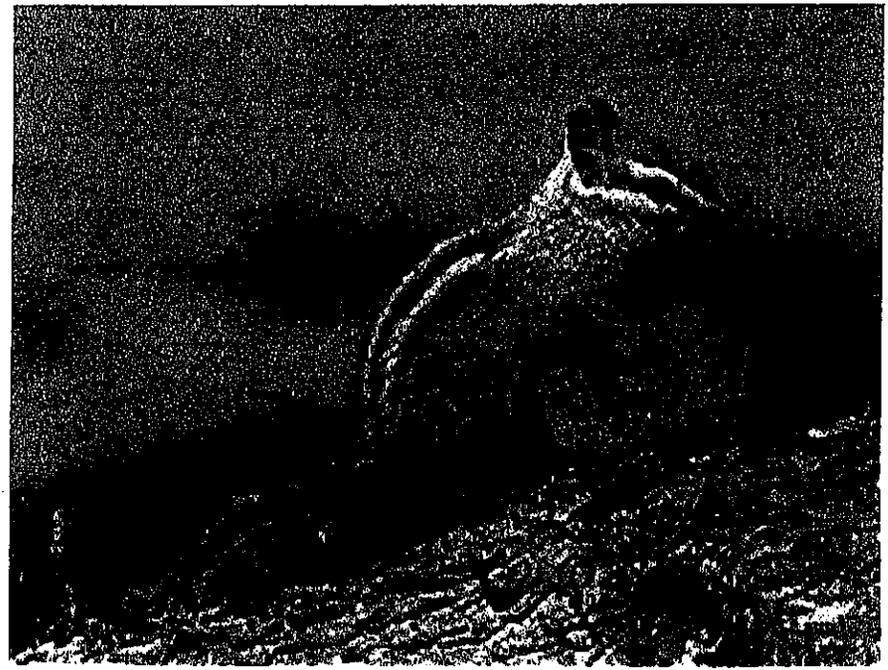
Hope you enjoy the magic of the woods

Please do not litter.
Pick it up, Don't pass it up!

To learn more about Richter Woods
Call 507-364-5000

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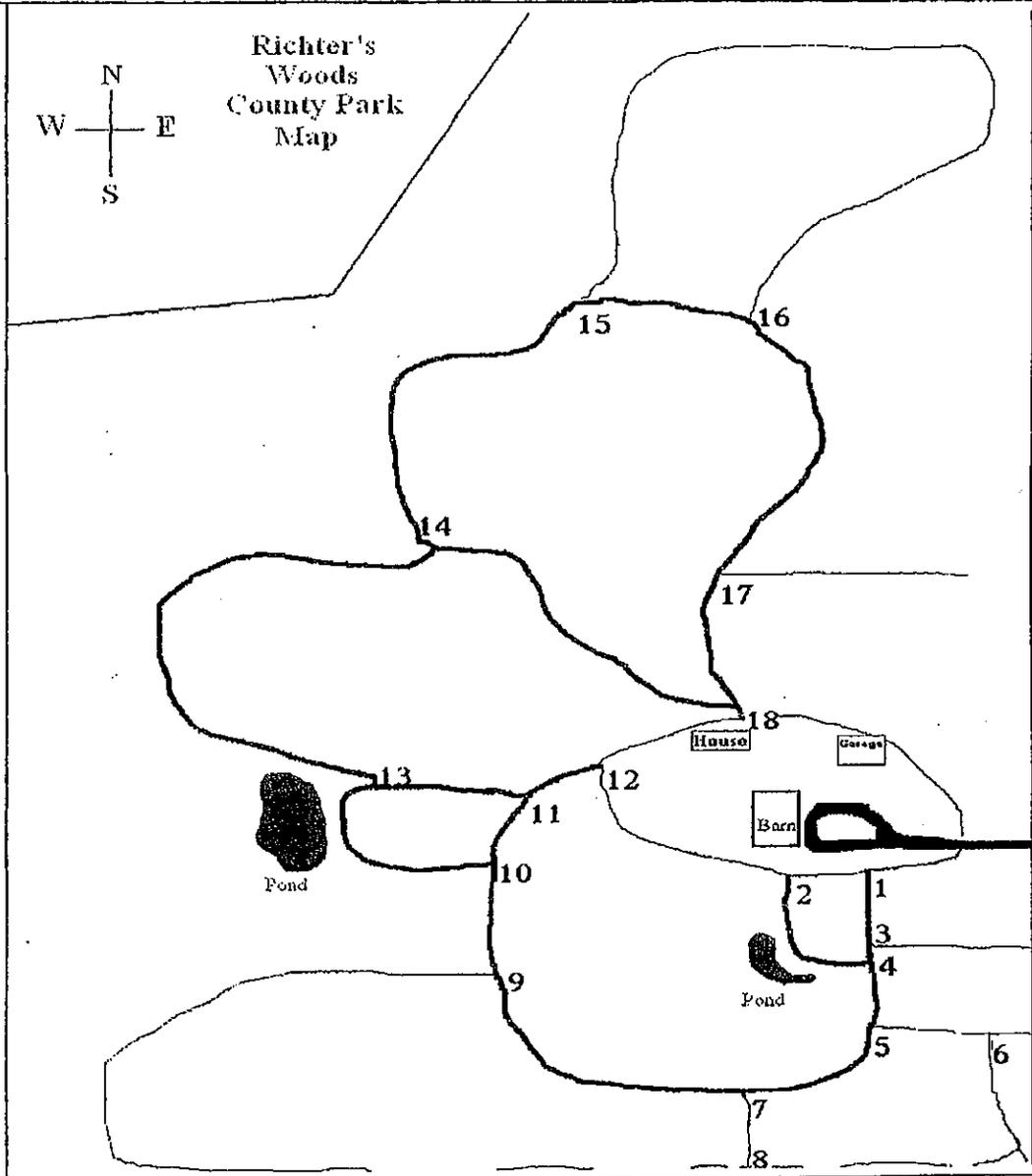


Le Sueur County Park

Self Guided Tour

Guided tours available by appointment.

1. Trillium Trail Entrance
2. Wood Duck Pond Trail, Look for Wood Ducks and nest Boxes for Wood Ducks in the Pond.
3. Watch for Pileated Woodpeckers. You will see the large holes in some trees made by Pileated Woodpeckers. You may also see Redheaded, Downy, Hairy and Redbellied Woodpeckers
4. Jack in the Pulpits and Trilliums and many wild flowers can be found along the trail.
5. Wild raspberries, Gooseberries and many mushrooms can be found along the trail.
6. Watch for White-tailed Deer, Raccoon, Squirrels, Chipmunks, if you do not see the animals look for the tracks. Try to identify the different tracks.
7. Wild Ferns: As you walk along the trail you will see many different types of vegetation.
8. South Park Boundary
9. Jail made from Basswood trees
10. Giant Elm Tree
11. Look for Jacobs Ladder
12. West pond trail
13. Watch for Bald Eagles, Northern Goshawks, Red Tailed hawks and Osprey.
14. Keep an eye out for Great Horned Owls, Screech and Grey Owls. Notice the large hackberry trees.
15. You will see smaller trees in this area now. The older trees were used for making wooden barrels.
16. Here you will see the remains of an old Maple Sugar Shack
17. Mature Maple Trees
18. Maple tree trail: Watch for Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, Goldfinch, Hummingbirds, Purple Finch, Woodpeckers and many more wild birds.



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Caution: For Your safety and to prevent disturbing wildlife habitat,
Please stay on the mowed trail at all times. Thank You!