BROEMMELSIEK PARK FACILITIES

PICNIC SHELTERS - Several picnic shelters are available for rental and accommodate up to 100 guests. These shelters offer electric service, picnic tables, grills, and nearby playgrounds and restrooms. Fees range from \$35 to \$60, depending on the size of the shelter and date of the rental.

TRAILS - Natural trail within the park is open to hiking, biking, and equestrian use during daylight hours. More than seven miles of stacked loop trail (crossing wooded hillsides, open pasture, and scenic views) is currently open to the public, with more planned. In addition, a one-half mile paved surface trail, that is open to walking and bicycle traffic, surrounds the Wilson Road fishing lake.

FISHING - Several lakes are open to fishing and are stocked with bluegill, bass, and catfish. One of the lakes measures nearly 13 acres and is dedicated to Betty Broemmelsiek - a lifelong conservation proponent and former owner of the property. Fishing within the park is governed by the laws of the state of Missouri.

ASTRONOMY VIEWING AREA With its remote setting and limited light pollution, Broemmelsiek Park offers a wonderful opportunity to view the night skies. Completed in Spring 2008, the site offers concrete viewing stations equipped with electrical service. The site is open all day, year-round, and serves as the prime location for the Department's monthly "Stars of St. Charles County" viewing sessions.

OFF-LEASH DOG AREA - A 2.5-acre fenced area is open for off-leash play. Unique to the site is a water feature, allowing dogs opportunities to swim and play. Guests must adhere to all posted rules when using the facility, and dogs must remain on leash outside the area.

RESERVATIONS - Must be 21 years of age to rent any facility. Payments are accepted via cash, check, MasterCard, or VISA. Reservations are accepted online, by phone, or at the park office.

BROEMMELSIEK PARK

Named for the family of Jack Broemmelsiek, who lived on the site for more than 30 years and dedicated their lives to promoting conservation activitives, Broemmelsiek Park is 494 acres and features many natural recreation amenities. Opened in April 2007, the park offers more than seven miles of multi-use trail (open to



hiking, biking, and equestrian users), picnic shelters, an Off-Leash Dog Area, nature preserves, a five-acre fishing lake, and St. Charles County's first public Astronomy Viewing Area. When completed, additional development will add several more miles of multi-use trail, picnicking locations, and an agricultural heritage center.

The region, boasting fertile pasture and an abundant oak-hickory forest, has a rich agricultural history. Records date settlement of the area to the late 1700s, and several structures built on the site of Broemmelsiek



Park can be dated to the mid 1800s. To highlight this important link to the county's past, an agricultural heritage center will display farming operations from the 1800s to present day. Highlights of this hands-on area will include farm implements, a display of native crops, and a corn maze.

Directions: From Highway 40/61, go south on Highway DD for approximately four miles to Schwede Road. Turn right on Schwede Road to the park entrance (on left). The Off-Leash Dog Area and fishing lake are located at the Wilson Road entrance to the park (near the intersection of Wilson and Schwede roads).

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