

No Charge to Enter NRD Parks this Weekend

This may be a good weekend to plan a family trip to a park in southeast Nebraska. The Nemaha Natural Resources District has set this Saturday and Sunday as Free Park Permit Weekend at three recreation areas the district operates.

A vehicle permit is normally required to enter Kirkman's Cove near Humboldt, Iron Horse Trail Lake near DuBois, and Wirth Brothers Lake near Tecumseh, but visitors will have a chance to try out the parks at no cost for two days and decide whether they wish to purchase a permit for future visits.

Annual permits cost \$12, or temporary two-day permits are available for \$5. The temporary permits are available from iron collection boxes near the main entrances at each park. Annual permits can be purchased at the NRD office east of Tecumseh; through the mail by calling 402-335-3325 and requesting an application or printing one from the NRD's website; or through the same temporary permit envelopes available at the parks. Mark the appropriate section and insert \$12 in the envelope, and a permit will be mailed to you within two weeks.

Proceeds from the sale of the permits helps defray the costs of maintaining and improving the recreation areas. The permits are good for admission at the Nemaha NRD parks only, and are not the same as Nebraska Game and Parks Commission park entry permits.

The Nemaha NRD also operates Prairie Owl, a small recreation site south of Dunbar, but entry to that park does not require a permit.

Saturday is also Free Fishing and Park Entry Day at several state parks and recreation areas. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission says no fishing or park entry permits will be required on that day.

Sites participating are Alexandria State Recreation Area, Fort Robinson State Park, Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area, Louisville State Recreation Area and Mahoney State Park, as well as Platte River and Ponca State Parks and Two Rivers and Victoria Springs State Recreation Areas.