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## Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Announces Designated Regionally Significant Parks and Trails for 2016

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The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) today announced the 14 parks and trails in Greater Minnesota that have achieved regional designation for 2016.

The GMRPTC was formed in 2013 by the Minnesota Legislature to develop a statewide system of regionally significant parks and trails outside the seven county metropolitan area.

Successful applicants for regional designation undergo a stringent review process to ensure the application meets the criteria and high standards set by the Commission.

The procedure by which a park or trail is designated includes:

- Application for designation by a city or county in Greater Minnesota
- Review of the application by an independent Evaluation Team
- Review of the application by the Executive Director and a consultant team to further ensure all criteria and standards have been met
- Approval and designation by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

“The Commission is pleased to add these 14 parks and trails into the Greater Minnesota System” stated Mike Hulett, Chair of the Commission. “Our designation process is thorough and very methodical; these facilities meet our criteria to provide a high quality recreational experience of lasting value to all Minnesotans.”

The newly designated parks and trails join 27 previously designated facilities throughout Greater Minnesota.

The 2016 regionally designated parks and trails:

<b>Park/Trail Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Twin Lakes Park	Lyon County
Big Falls Campground and Horse Camp	Big Falls
Garvin Park	Lyon County
Woodland Trails Park	Elk River

Dakota Rail Trail  
Lake County Mountain Bike Trails  
Plum Creek Park  
Moorhead River Corridor  
Red Lake River Corridor  
Munger Trail Spur  
Luverne Loop & Blue Mounds Trail  
Milford Mine Memorial Park  
Cook County Mountain Bike Trail System  
Tioga Recreation Area

McLeod County  
Lake County  
Redwood County  
Moorhead  
Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Board  
Hermantown/Proctor  
Luverne  
Crow Wing County  
Cook County  
Cohasset

For more information on the work of the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission and to view the complete list of designated facilities please visit the Commission website at: [gmrptcommission.org](http://gmrptcommission.org)