

Trails and Facilities

Trails are open during regular park hours except during times of high water. Most of the hiking trails extend south of US 933 (Lincolnway) and can be accessed from the Rendezvous picnic area.

Picnic sites, shelters and buildings are available for rent year-round. Reservations can be made by phoning the park office during weekday business hours.

Hours

The park is open daily, except for certain holidays. A park entrance fee is in effect on most weekends and holidays. To confirm hours and fees before your visit, phone 574/277-4828 or log onto www.sjcparks.org.

Popular Programs

Disc golf is open year-round. The pro-shop, located at the park's gatehouse, is the place to purchase passes and discs and pick up score cards.

In winter innertubing is available. Baugo Station serves as the focal point for this activity. Private tubing parties are a popular group activity at this park. Snowshoe rentals are available, too!

Interpretive programs for schools include Paddles from the Past, about regional fur trade, include a trip in the 34-foot replica trade canoe; and Pioneer Skills a chance for 4th graders to try spinning and weaving with a visit to an old time school class.

Where is Ferrettie/Baugo Creek County Park?

The main entrance is located on Ash Road, also known as County Line Road. The entrance is just north of the intersection at US 933 (Lincolnway) in Osceola.

Participants of St. Joseph County Parks and Recreation Department programs or activities assume all risk of personal injury, or loss of, or damage to, property.

About Ferrettie/Baugo Creek County Park

The park opened to the public in 1987. Approximately 20 acres of the north portion of the park was recycled from a former landfill. Lake Osceola was created to provide a swimming area and the excavated earth removed was used to create the innertubing hill.

Approximately 20 acres of wetlands are preserved in Baugo Bay. To the south, along Baugo Creek, hikers can enjoy wooded trails which provide habitat for birds and animals. Unique plants, such as Green Dragon and Ohio Buckeye can be found on the south side of the park.

The St. Joseph River served as an early route for fur traders in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is believed that members of the American Fur Company may have passed here to trade with Native Americans. The park department's 34-foot replica voyageur canoe is used to teach school groups about life during the fur trade era.

Several of the park buildings and trails incorporate French words or fur trade terms.



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Trail Map



a voyageur on portage
carrying furs and trade
goods



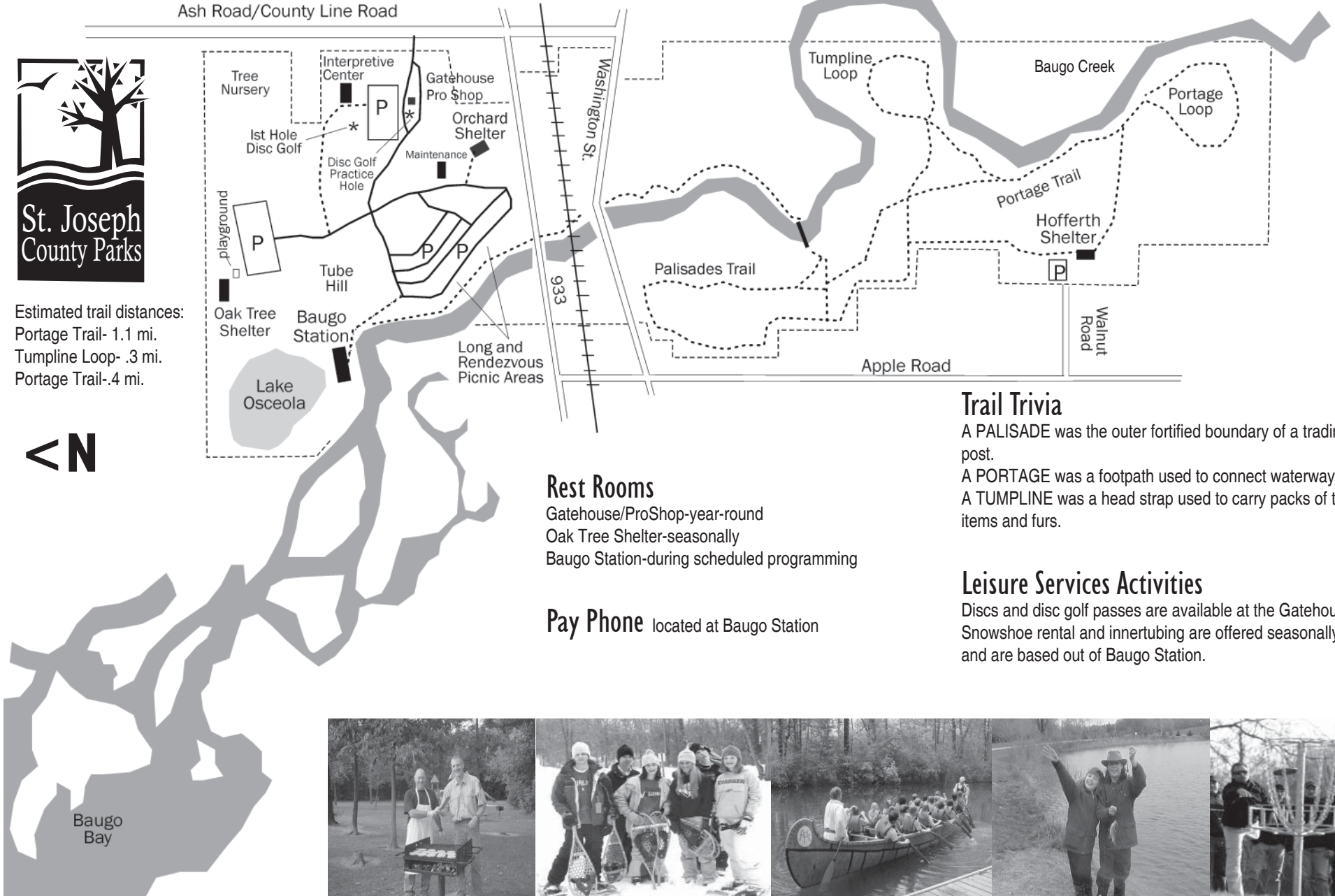
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Henry R. Ferrettie/Baugo Creek County Park

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Estimated trail distances:
 Portage Trail- 1.1 mi.
 Tumpline Loop- .3 mi.
 Portage Trail- 4 mi.



Trail Trivia

A PALISADE was the outer fortified boundary of a trading post.
 A PORTAGE was a footpath used to connect waterways.
 A TUMPLINE was a head strap used to carry packs of trade items and furs.

Rest Rooms

Gatehouse/ProShop-year-round
 Oak Tree Shelter-seasonally
 Baugo Station-during scheduled programming

Pay Phone located at Baugo Station

Leisure Services Activities

Discs and disc golf passes are available at the Gatehouse.
 Snowshoe rental and innertubing are offered seasonally and are based out of Baugo Station.



Baugo Bay