



# Touring Pigs Eye Lake Regional Park:



A trek from north to south



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# Welcome to Pig's Eye Lake Regional Park?

NO TRESPASS SIGNS by  
MINNESOTA STATE AND  
CANADIAN PACIFIC  
RAILROAD

Nothing to indicate the park  
entrance.

©



## North end – storage

Looking across what appears to be a turn-around area that currently has a large pile of wood chips.

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## Same North Lot

An occupied eagles; nest is in the wood beyond the pile of wood chips.

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# Eagle Watching Us

Sitting in the tree just left of center.

©



## Eagle Approach

One of the two eagles is approaching in the center of the photo. Another eagle was in the nest at the time of the photo.

Then both took flight ... ..

©



# Coming in for a Landing

The Approach ©



After Landing ©





## Still on Approach

The eagle is in flight – visible  
in the circle at one o'clock

©



## One Member of the Aerial Team

The pair of eagles put on a show for us. I wasn't able to get both in a single frame – too busy watching!

©



## Lining Up the Nest

Property boundary markers line up right near the occupied nest.

This photo is taken looking south from the north-most markers.

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# The Nest in the Northern Woods

Still looking south ...

©



## Eastern Boundary Marker – North Parcel

Went south past the nest  
and now looking north  
from the corner marker.

©



Heading South

Discarded or  
Stored?

©



Just north of the wood recycling ...

©



# More storage?

©





The wood recycling operation looking south after leaving the woods.

©



©



Same photo – close-up for size perspective only.

©



Uncertain why this small area is fenced  
with barbed wire ...

©



# Headed Back to the Road

From this point we  
are looking north  
again.

©



# Welcome to the Entrance to the Southern Section

This is on Sunday, gate  
access is locked.

©



# A Different Angle

Pigs Eye Wood Recycling structure

©



Walking in ... ..

©





# Through a Gate



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## Southern Most Use

Last bit before entering the prairie and wetlands.

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# Looking West to Water District and Viewing Battle Creek Geese

©



# Bridge Over Battle Creek

Sturdy concrete bridge  
crossing over the creek.

©



# Northeast View & Southwest View of Battle Creek near the Bridge

©



## Just northeast of the Bridge

Throughout the park, we found a lot of these yellow metal posts which have lids that are locked. Some are painted black but most are this bright yellow.

©





## Another Occupied Eagle Nest

East of the wood recycling

©



# White Head

Big white head peeking  
out of the nest.

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Zoomed in ...

A close up view via  
camera!

©



# West of Battle Creek

Heading south on the west  
side of Battle Creek

©



©



# Another Locked Yellow Pole and Possibly a Vent Pipe between Bollards

©



# Battle Creek

Still heading south and  
nearing Pigs Eye Lake.

©





©





©



## Iced Over Pond

Yep, it is still March (2021)

I wonder how deep that pond must be to still have ice? We threw a big stick onto it but it didn't even crack. Marshy areas are fully thawed.

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Almost There ...

Pigs Eye Lake is just  
beyond the reeds!

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Pigs Eye Lake –  
Saint Paul's Largest  
Lake

©



## Another Pond

Geese hanging out ...

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## Back On the Road

Almost back to the wood recycling center.

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# Overlooking South Entrance



©

... and

The wood recycling center

©



Across the street from the  
wood recycling center

©



# Back to the Cars



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