



DID YOU KNOW:

The Lake Metigoshe area was home to several Native American tribes, including the Blackfoot and Hidatsa, and later the Assiniboine and Chippewa. The lake takes its name from the Chippewa phrase, “metigoche washegum,” or “clear lake surrounded by oak trees.”

The history of Lake Metigoshe State Park can be found in the Great Depression of the 1930s, and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s “New Deal” programs. The transient camps at Lake Metigoshe and one south of Bismarck were the two largest camps in North Dakota.

The original site of the transient camp is now occupied by the park’s group complex, which includes two large dormitories, shower house, park offices, and kitchen/dining hall. The kitchen/dining hall is the only transient camp building remaining at the park today.

The 25th North Dakota Legislative Assembly formally established the park itself and approved by Governor William Langer on February 17, 1937. Roadwork, landscaping and additional improvements to the transient camp buildings were undertaken through a WPA project in 1938.

Rental Equipment Available:

- 2 single & 35 snowshoes
- 4 double kayaks \$15/day
- \$8/hour \$50/day
- 34 cross-country skis
- 10 canoes \$15/day
- \$8/hour \$50/day

*Life jackets and paddles included in fee