

NEWPORT STATE PARK

GUIDELINES

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1 INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE OF THE GUIDELINES

These guidelines, together with the General Development Plan, constitute a master plan for Newport State Park, as such they present what is considered to be the best scheme for resource perpetuation, development and use.

These guidelines are a control document, a general plan to guide the preparation of more detailed plans. The guidelines spell out the physical and social factors upon which decisions were based to allow future plans to be put into proper perspective. The guidelines also state why the park exists and what its purpose is and what needs it will fulfill. Additionally, the guidelines outline in general terms what actions must be taken to achieve the purpose and objectives.

B. BACKGROUND

Long before its establishment as a state park, Newport had been recognized as an area of outstanding quality. In a 1946 joint study of the area by the State Planning Board and the Wisconsin Conservation Department, the Newport area was described as being "without the slightest doubt the most outstanding state park possibility along the Lake Michigan shore." The Great Lakes Shoreline study of 1957-58 conducted by the National Park Service and the Wisconsin Conservation Department, also highly recommended the area for state park acquisition. On September 24, 1964, the park was established as Europe Bay State Park. (Original studies had recommended that the park include acreage on Europe Bay and Europe Lake). In August 1970, the name was changed by Natural Resources Board action to the present, Newport State Park.

Development work began in 1970 when the entrance road and day use areas were established. Since its establishment, use at the park has increased to over 50,000 visitors in 1972. Use will undoubtedly increase as the park becomes more well known.

C. THE REGION

Located at the top of the Door County thumb, Newport is located in one of Wisconsin's most scenic and popular areas. Access to the park is via STH 42 and town roads. The park is about 45 miles north of Sturgeon Bay and about 90 miles north of Green Bay. It is within a one-day drive of nearly the entire state as well as Upper Michigan and Northern Illinois, Indiana and Southeastern Minnesota, putting the park within easy reach of several million people.

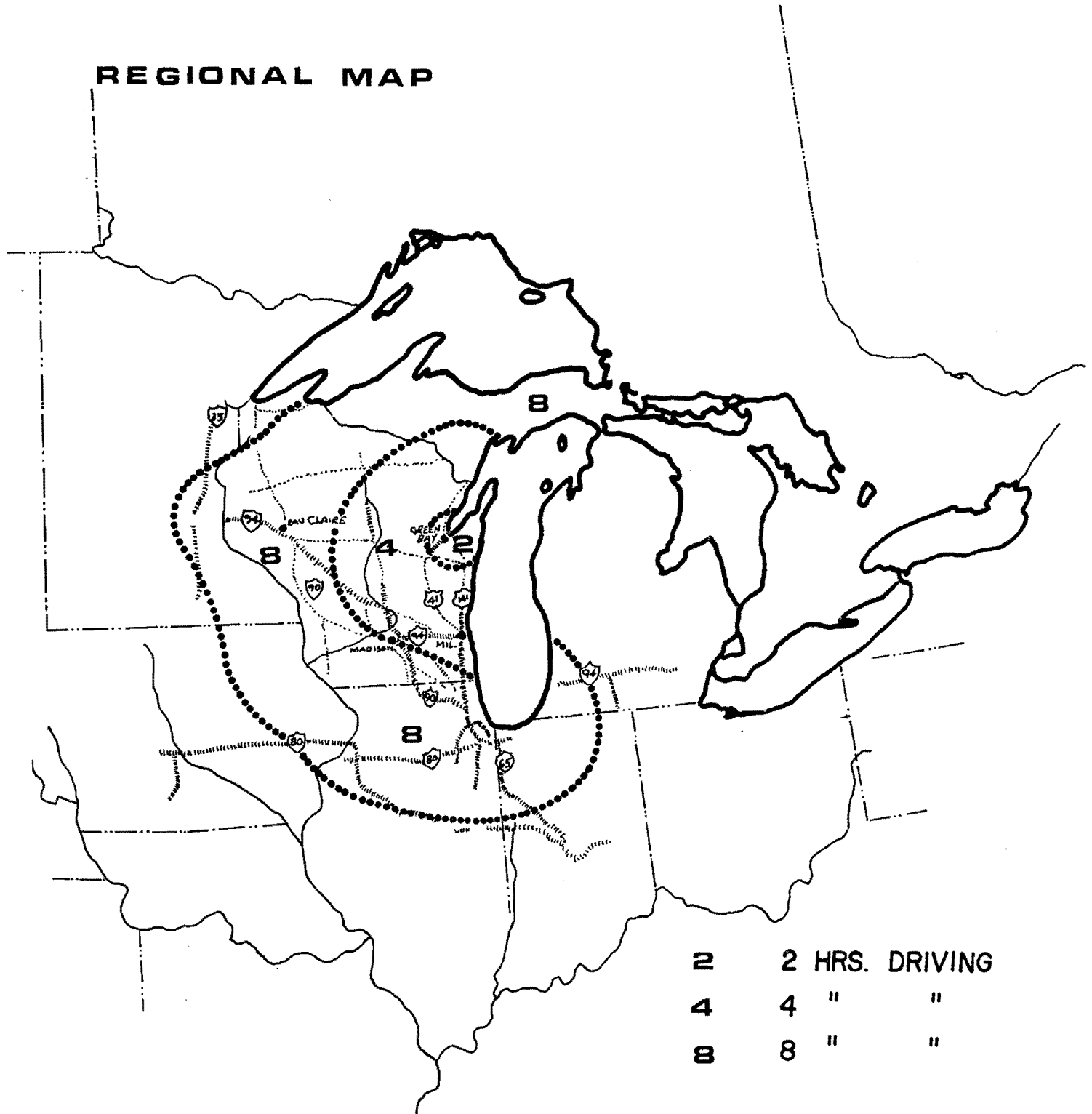
There are five other state parks in Door County - Rock Island, Peninsula, Potawatomi, Whitefish Dunes and Ahnapee Trail. A variety of landscapes and visitor services are available at these parks, each is unique. Besides state parks, there are three public hunting grounds in the county. In addition, there are 13 county parks (total 526 acres) and 26 township and village parks (220 acres) in Door County.¹ The county and village parks provide recreational opportunities for tourists as well as for county residents.

In addition to the state and municipal parks, there are 9 private camp-
grounds in the county, providing a total of 750 camping units.¹

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Door County Outdoor Recreation Plan, 1969.

REGIONAL MAP



2	2 HRS. DRIVING
4	4 " "
8	8 " "

Fig. 1
NEWPORT STATE PARK

2 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of Newport State Park is to preserve and interpret a large area of great natural beauty for this and future generations to enjoy, and to provide recreational opportunities compatible with the preservation of the resource.

B. OBJECTIVES

1. Development will be simple and minimal to best protect and portray the natural features and wild character of the park. Simple day use will be provided but the only camping facilities to be provided are to be primitive, pack-in sites. Conventional camping is out of place at Newport, and is available at other state parks as well as at numerous private facilities.
2. Newport was established as a scenic park. Under the NRB policy of March 24, 1971, scenic parks are those "having unusual charm and beauty, distinctive landscapes, and particular appeal to nature lovers, and of sufficient size to enable use by large numbers of people without destruction of the qualities essential to their purpose." Newport certainly fills these criteria. And further, because of its wild character, it very nearly approximates the conditions required for inclusion under the "Wilderness Area" classification of the proposed DNR Wild Resources Policy. That is, 3,000 acres or more, outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive natural type of recreation, and an area of ecological, geological or other features of scientific, scenic, or historical value.

Therefore, because Newport approximates those criteria, most of the park will be managed as a wilderness area. This means that except for specific emergency conditions:

a. No timber harvesting or other manipulation of vegetation shall be permitted.

b. Only such protective activities as are necessary to protect the values to be preserved shall be permitted.

c. No motors of any type shall be permitted at any time. (Except as required under b.)

d. There shall be no permanent roads or structures.

e. Hunting, fishing and trapping as limited by the Board may be permitted.

f. No utility or other easements, or mineral exploration or extraction shall be permitted.

The area of the park developed for day use will obviously not fall into this wilderness classification, but even there every effort will be made to preserve those values. Also included within the park, is a 140 acre scientific area that will be managed in accord with the guidelines established by the Scientific Areas Preservation Council.

3. Because of the wild character of the park, the naturalist/interpretive program should play an important part in the total scope of the park, and should be central to visitor activities. A seasonal naturalist, perhaps shared with other neighboring state parks, should be available. A nature trail near the day use area should also be established.

4. Year round use should be encouraged. Snowmobiles will not be permitted, but the park provides excellent opportunities for ski-touring and snowshoeing. These activities are in harmony with the wilderness concepts of the park.

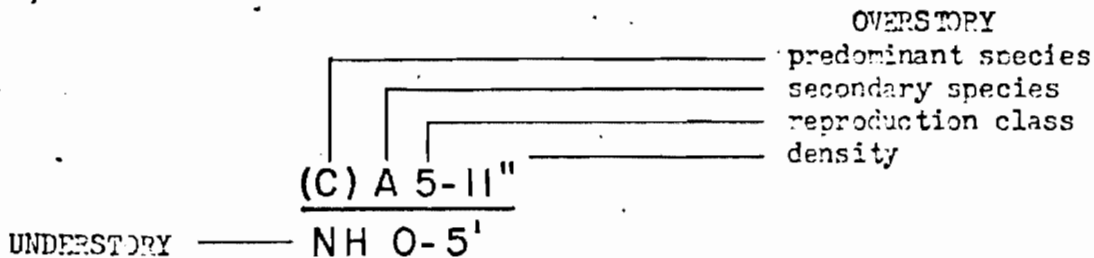
are common for the latitude. Spring and early summer are retarded by the surrounding cool water; summers are mild and pleasant; relatively warm lake water delays the first freeze in fall; winters are cold. The lake influence is also felt in higher average cloudiness and lower percentage of sunshine than at stations away from the lake.

Prevailing winds are from the northwest through the southwest with the exception of early spring when northeast winds dominate.

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Wisconsin Climatological Data - U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

KEY TO VEGETATION MAP



SPECIES PRESENT	REPRODUCTION CLASS	DENSITY
PW White Pine	(Refers to average diameter in inches.)	III Good
PR Red Pine		
FS Fir-Spruce		II Medium
C White Cedar	0-1 Seedling	
HH Hemlock-Hardwoods	0-5 Sapling	I Poor
NH Northern Hardwoods		
SH Swamp Hardwoods	Pole Timber	0 Scattered
A Aspen		
BW White Birch	5-9 Conifer	
G Grass	5-11 Hardwood	
UB Upland Brush		
LB Lowland Brush	Small Saw-Timber	
	5-15 Conifer	
	11-15 Hardwood	
	Large Saw-Timber	
	15+ Conifers and Hardwoods	

KEY:	(1)									
	LIMITATIONS									
SOILS	Tent & Camp Trailer Sites	Picnic & Play Areas	Playground - Ath. Areas	Trails	Highway Location	Low Building Foundation	Sanitary Land Fill	Disposal Field	Sewage Lagoons	
SL: Slight										
M: Moderate										
SV: Severe										
Peat	NO	DATA								
Beach Sand	NO	DATA								
Clyde Loam (3)	SV	SV	SV	SV	SV	M	SV	SV	M	
Coloma Fine Sand (2)	M	M	M	M	M	SL	SV	M	SV	
Miami Gravelly Sand Loam (2)	M	SL	M	M	SL	SL	SL	SL	M	
Miami Fine Sand Loam	M	SL	M	M	SL	SL	SL	SL	M	
Rough Stoney Land	NO	DATA								

(1) From "Soils Interpretations, a Guide to Land Use and Conservation Planning." U.S.D.A.

(2) Used Miami Loam data.

(3) Used Coloma Loamy data.

4 THE PLAN

Any plan represents a cross section through time. It graphically portrays the decisions that were made at one point in time with the information that was available at that time. This plan, like all plans, should not be considered to be inflexible and ironclad. Instead, it must be realized that future unknown or unaccounted for variables may force a change. This is as it should be, and yet, to insure orderly development and consistent management of the park, it is essential that a plan be developed and followed until such time as that plan is proven to be unsatisfactory. The following are the major elements of the Newport Plan.

A. DAY USE AREA

The Day Use area is nearly completed. There are two parking lots - one 60-car and one 40-car. Satisfactory pit toilets are required, and a picnic shelter would be desirable. Changing stalls and a well/pump have already been installed. In general, this area will be maintained as a "rustic" picnic area. There should be no areas of manicured grass or non-native plantings. Flush toilets will not be installed.

The parking has been separated into two separate areas mainly to help spread the use. The larger, northernmost lot is located nearer the open picnic area. The smaller lot is "in the woods" and will serve as an overflow for the first lot, as well as for the beach hikers and overnight hikers.

B. CAMPING

The 13 pack-in sites are essentially completed. The intent is not to serve everyone who might want to camp here, but to insure that those who do find the experience they were seeking. Therefore, the number of sites was kept low, and they were spread along the southern shore of the park. The

sites are at least several hundred feet from each other, and usually farther.

The sites at Lynd Point will be furnished with small adirondack shelters and can be optionally used as a small group camping site. When they are not reserved by a group, they will be available on the same basis as the other sites.

There will be no indoor group camp at Newport, as this would not be in keeping with the philosophy of the park.

C. TRAILS

There are many miles of trail within the park, many of them old logging trails. The wider trails are presently used as a service vehicle route to the more remote parts of the park. This use should be phased out and the trails allowed to become foot trails only. This will require that the pack-in sites be maintained and serviced by foot patrol. This will be a hardship on the park manager and his staff, but it will be in keeping with the wilderness goals of the park.

During the winter months, some of the trails should be maintained as cross-country ski trails, and others as multipurpose winter trails. There will be no snowmobiles permitted.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

The entrance road is already established, along with the necessary roadwork for a contact-entrance station. The contact station itself has not been constructed. A contact station should be constructed at the entrance area, and the park office can continue to be located in the service building. The contact station will be manned only on weekends and periods of high use.

The service building will require no changes nor will the park manager's residence.

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This revised plan is the product of a Master Plan Review meeting held at Peninsula Park on May 14, 1973. The next Master Plan Review will be held in or about May 1983.

5 LAND OWNERSHIP

The boundaries for Newport State Park were established by the Conservation Commission Resolution of September 25, 1964, with Door County Board approval. Current ownership is shown on Figure 4.

A. ACREAGES

The current acquisition goal is ^{2,321.12}~~2,217~~ acres. To date, ^{2,216.63}2,017 acres have been acquired. The remaining 200 acres is in two parcels that are presently owned by H. E. Olson, with 120 acres in the north sections of the park and 80 acres in the south.

B. BASEMENTS AND LEASES

There are no lands within the park that are leased to the State, nor have any leases been granted nor are there any easements. It is very unlikely that any scenic easement to protect the entrance will ever be required.

6 APPENDIXES

ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION AGENDA

Date August 12, 1961

TO THE DIRECTOR: L. P. Voigt
FROM: D. J. Mackie
SUBJECT: Establishment of Europe Bay State Park

- To be presented at September Commission meeting.
(month)
- To be presented by: D. J. Mackie

3. Appearances requested by the public:

Name	Representing whom?
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. Reference materials to be used:

5. Summary:

To establish the Europe Bay Area as Europe Bay State Park with the following boundaries:

Beginning at the center of Section 20, T32N, R29E; thence west on the 1/4 section line to the center of Section 19 T32N, R29E; thence south on the 1/4 section line to the shore of Lake Michigan; thence southeasterly and northerly along the shore of Lake Michigan to the northern boundary of Section 16, T32N, R29E; thence west along the section line to the center of Section 17, T32N, R29E; thence south to the place of beginning.

6. Recommendation:

That the Europe Bay State Park be established and its boundaries designated.

Attach.
APPROVED:

Signed:

Assistant Director Date

Director Date

Supt., Parks and Recreation

cc: G. T. Smith - Campbellport
Lowell Hansen - Fish Creek
D. J. Mackie

Madison 1

September 1, 1964

TO: L. P. Voigt
FROM: D. J. Mackie
SUBJECT: Establishment of the Europe Bay State Park

On June 18, 1964, the Door County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution, a copy of which is attached, approving the proposal to establish a state park in northern Door County - Europe Bay State Park. This resolution is the culmination of considerable discussion and negotiation with the various county committees and town boards influenced by this area in that any new properties within Door County must be approved by the Door County Board.

The Europe Bay area has been under consideration a number of times in the past but has been brought into closer focus in recent years by the Great Lakes Shoreline Study of the National Park Service in 1957 and 1958 and the more recent CRAP program. The area was highly recommended by the National Park Service and the Conservation Department liaison and was one of the highest priority areas submitted under the CRAP program. In a joint study of the area by the State Planning Board and the Conservation Department in 1946, this area was described as "without the slightest doubt the most outstanding state park possibility along the Lake Michigan shore," and this basic thought continues today.

We are recommending that a 2,177-acre state park be established at this site to preserve an area of unusual beauty on the shores of Lake Michigan. With the available shoreline of our Great Lakes disappearing very rapidly, this 6.5 mile section of diverse frontage is very essential to our overall program. The following are some of the features of the area:

1. Extensive shoreline on Lake Michigan with sand beaches, gravel beaches and rock formations which will have recreational, interpretive and aesthetic values.
2. A high percentage of the area is well wooded with several tracts of especially nice timber. This coupled with a wide variety of vegetative material will provide excellent opportunities for general hiking and the naturalist program.
3. This section of the county is rich in Indian, French and early Wisconsin history. One of the first settlements of the region was on the Lake Michigan shores within the boundary.

4. The area is readily accessible by state and county highways and is a potential base for boaters to make the trip out to Rock Island State Park.
5. The development of the area will be kept quite simple and primitive to best protect and portray the natural features and semi-wilderness character of the area. It is anticipated that the development will include a 75-unit camp area, approximately 10 acres of picnic area with parking stalls for 150 cars, a swimming beach, service area and office, boat access, 6-8 miles of hiking trails, and an interpretive program. There would be about 3 miles of access and interior roads to the major developments; however, they would not continue through the entire park.
6. The area is within a half-day's drive of about 3,000,000 residents of the state and by 1980 it is estimated that there will be approximately 4,300,000 residents within this range. There will be considerable additional influence from the Chicago metropolitan area which is just beyond the normal half-day travel limit. Europe Bay is 79 miles from Green Bay, 110 miles from the major Fox River Valley cities, 180 miles from Milwaukee and 265 miles from Chicago, Illinois. It is estimated that the potential annual use of the area would be 150,000 visitors and 12,000 camper days. This area will be an added attraction in Door County and will be used by many people staying at motels and resorts in addition to those who come to the region primarily to stay at the park.
7. It is estimated that the acquisition of this area will cost about \$1,088,500. The development plans have not been completed but it is estimated that development costs would be about \$250,000 plus \$135,000 for roads which would come under the Park and Forest Road Fund. Annual operating and maintenance costs initially will be about \$20,000 with an ultimate cost of about \$40,000 when the property is fully developed.

In view of the high priority and exceptional potential of the Europe Bay area, it is highly recommended that this area be approved.

D. J. Mackie

RECOMMENDED:

 John A. Beale Date
 APPROVED:

 L. P. Voigt Date

Proposed Boundary
Europe Bay State Park

It is recommended that the Europe Bay Area be established as Europe Bay State Park with the following boundaries:

All state-owned park lands that are now or may hereafter come under the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Conservation Commission, located within the following area:

Beginning at the center of Section 20, T32N, R29E; thence west on the 1/4 section line to the center of Section 19 T32N, R29E; thence south on the 1/4 section line to the shore of Lake Michigan; thence southeasterly and northerly along the shore of Lake Michigan to the northern boundary of Section 16, T32N, R29E; thence west along the section line to the center of Section 17, T32N, R29E; thence south to the place of beginning.

More specifically described as all the land in the following description:

Section 16	T32N	R29E
E 1/2 Section 17	"	"
SE 1/4 Section 19	"	"
E 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 20	"	"
Section 21	"	"
Section 28	"	"
Section 29	"	"
Section 30	"	"
Section 32	"	"
Section 33	"	"

All lying in the Town of Liberty Grove, Door County, Wisconsin

RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN, THAT:

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand for public recreational areas in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Europe Bay Area of Door County possesses unusual scenic values and would be a worthy addition to the State Park System of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the value of this area for recreational use has been recognized by both State and Federal agencies for many years, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Department desires to establish a state park on the following described area: All of Section 16; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17; the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20; all of Section 21; all of Section 28; all of Section 29; all of Section 30; all of Section 32; and all of Section 33; in Township 32 North, Range 29 East, of Door County, Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes 15.60 (5b), Chapter 427, Laws of Wisconsin 1961, state: "In a county containing 4,500 acres or more of state park lands on January 1, 1961, no lands or interest therein for new state parks shall be acquired by the state unless the county board of such county first approves the proposed state park."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of Door County, Wisconsin, assembled in session this 18th day of June, 1964, that we do approve the establishment of the proposed state park on the above described lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cagnon

Bernard Hagedorn

CERTIFICATION

I, Norman Stegmann, duly elected and qualified County Clerk of the County of Door, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution introduced at a Regular Meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Door County, Wisconsin held this 18 day of June 1964, adopted by a Unanimous vote and recorded in the minutes of said meeting.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of Door County, Wisconsin, this 18 day of June 1964.

Signed:

/s/ Norman Stegmann
Norman Stegmann
County Clerk, Door County

CHRONOLOGY

This is a list of the important events in the history of Newport State Park. It should be kept up to date.

- 1946 - State Planning Board and Wisconsin Conservation Department recommended the area.
- 1958 - National Park Service & Wisconsin Conservation Department recommended the area.
- Sept. 24, 1964 - Park established as Europe Bay State Park.
- Aug. 1970 - Name changed to Newport State Park.
- 1970 - Day use area and entrance road were constructed.
- Summer 1973 - Campsites completed.
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