

## Cedar Mill Park (K-8)

Come and experience one of the small wonders of Clark County at Cedar Mill Park, located near Loyal. Ride our go-karts, bumper cars and bumper boats, play miniature golf, and have fun at the arcade. Relax by a crackling fire in the comfort of our campgrounds. Enjoy a campsite secluded in a forest of oak, maple, popple and pine. Shelters can be booked for get-togethers. A perfect get away for an afternoon or weekend. Open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 8 p.m., mid-May through August and weekends in September. Call 715-255-8711.

## The Highground (G-12)

Welcome to our 140-acre veterans memorial park uniquely designed to capture your heart, refresh your spirit, renew your belief in human goodness, and reawaken your sense of wonder with the world around you.

Open year round, The Timberframe Information and Gift Shop located on the east end of the parking lot should be your first stop. We encourage visitors to check out a free audio tour that describes our background, tributes, artists, and mission. Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

An unrestricted view of 500,000 forested acres greets our visitors as they enter the parking lot on the north side of the plaza. Approximately 45,000 square feet, the plaza provides easy accessibility to 8 to 10 tributes and a stunning view of the two tributes that rest on the adjacent hillsides. On the west end of the parking lot, visitors will find clean, well-kept, heated restrooms. A small partially paved road near the restrooms provides access to the Pow Wow Arena and picnic area and to a central set of trail head. Park hours are 24/7.

Visitors are encouraged to walk our 4 miles of trails, study our developmental forest, enjoy lunch or a good book on one of 25 tables along the trails, listen to a free audio tour, reflect and meditate in the newly constructed Meditation Garden, and browse in the Timberframe Information and Gift Shop.


All tributes on The Highground are designed to reflect our dual mission of healing and education and are meant to honor veterans and their service and sacrifice without glorifying the wars themselves.

Chartered in 1984, the first permanent structure at the park was the flag pole donated by the Clark County Area Veterans Council.

Our central tribute, Fragments, fulfills a promise made to a dying friend on the combat field in Vietnam and will remain the heart of this memorial park. Four figures comprise the tribute, three are men, one is a woman. The woman, a combat nurse wearing a poncho, gathers the fragments of the others into her arms. Under her poncho, bundles of names of those from Wisconsin who were killed in Vietnam are interspersed with chimes. The chimes represent the voices of those men and women and are believed to speak to us.

Our Doughboy, a classic statue recognized in many, many places and representative of World War II, boasts a basic difference in philosophy with other Doughboys. The raised hand welcomes visitors to the park. The raised hand of the truly classic statue may be clenched in anger or caught in the act of throwing a grenade.

The Globe, representing WWI, rests on a four-sided black granite base calling attention to the far-reaching scope of that time period and the 16 million people who were in uniform. It acts as a gateway to the



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WASP tribute and the Meditation Garden.

A tribute to the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of WWII has a place of honor on the plateau just below the WWII Globe and overlooking the Meditation Garden. A life-size bronze figure of a woman pilot, created by sculptress and pilot Dorothy Swain Lewis, reminds visitors of the over 1100 women who gave service to their country as pilots between 1942-1944.

The Meditation Garden is located to the west of the WWII and WASP Tributes. It welcomes everyone whose footsteps guide them along its pathways and whose hearts seek the sanctuary and promise of spiritual renewal. Healing and hope abide in the warm embrace of the family arbor, the gentle sound of Falling Tears Fountain, and the reflective quiet of the Prayer Stone.

On the north side of the parking lot the National Native American Vietnam Veterans Tribute surrounds itself with a black apron on which is engraved the names of Native Americans killed in Vietnam.

Sacred in nature, earth holds special meaning on The Highground. Two tributes, the Gold Star and the Earthen Effigy Dove are made of earth from many places. Measuring 65 feet across, the Gold Star honors Gold Star Mothers; the Dove, 100 feet from beak to tail and 140 feet from wing tip to wing tip, holds healing and peace in its wings and was dedicated to Prisoners for War (POWs) and those Missing in Action (MIAs). On The Highground, we have two sets of MIAs; those Missing in Action and those Missing in America.

The Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans were instrumental in bringing The Nurse, one of the first tributes to women in service, onto a veterans memorial. The Nurse stands proudly in front of the flag pole and is often found with roses in her arms left by visitors who remember her kindness and care.

Newly created, the Wisconsin Counties United In Service tribute graces the central walkway with 72 county stones surrounded by the outline of the state of Wisconsin.

The Korean Tribute is comprised of three figures placed on granite in the Shape of Korea surrounded by water. A fountain is part of the central figure, while the entire tribute rests within a circle of the well-known symbol of yin-yang found on the flag of South Korea. The tribute is designed to educate the public about the Korean War and to heal those veterans of Korea who feel their service and sacrifice went unnoticed.

Within the developmental forest at The Highground are over 4 miles of walking trails. Recently a group of volunteers built a handicapped accessible Tree House on the trail system. Built around a 160 year old green ash tree, the Tree House is for children of all ages.

Legacy Stones, Meditation Stones, Korean Stones, and the Gift Shop are important factors in the financial well being of the park. For 20 years, bicycle enthusiasts have participated in a Bicycle Tour with 5 routes covering 150 to 350 miles that has been the financial backbone of the park. Our Annual Motorcycle Rally continues to grow as a fun-filled fundraiser enjoyed by bikers from all over the Mid-West.

The park is located on U.S. Highway 10, 4 miles west of Neillsville and 30 miles east of Osseo at the junction of I-94 and U.S.

Highway 10. We may be reached by mail at The Highground, W7031 Ridge Rd, P.O. Box 457, Neillsville WI 54456; by phone: 715-743-4224; fax: 715-743-4228; e-mail: highgrnd@tds.net or visit our Web site at [www.thehighground.org](http://www.thehighground.org).

## Listeman Arboretum (H-12)

The Listeman Arboretum in Neillsville is composed of 50 acres of woodland along the tumbling Black River. Nature trails are groomed and clearly marked. The entrance to the Listeman Arboretum is just west of Neillsville on Hwy. 10. Benches are provided for one to contemplate the forest beauty, the spring wild flowers, or the fast-flowing Black River.

Step through the Arboretum gate and enter the world of woodland in bloom. Smell the fresh scent of the earth, notice the canopy of leaves above you, the plants and shrubs near your feet, the quiet whisper of the wind, and the bubbling sounds of the Black River. Stay on the trails, take only memories and leave only footprints.

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## Yellowstone Trail (D-2, O-3)

Drive along county highway X in northern Clark County and you will see something unusual. Five towns now sport bright yellow and black signs marking their part of the historic transcontinental Yellowstone Trail. Highway X was the old Yellowstone Trail and it runs right through Stanley, Thorp, Withee, Owen, and Curtiss and parallel to Wisconsin highway 29. Along with Cadott and Boyd in Chippewa County, those cities are all part of the Highway 29 Partnership, a consortium of communities linked together to promote economic development and tourism. They are using their common thread, the Yellowstone Trail, to boost their communities just as these same towns did 100 years ago. Abbotsford, Colby and Unity, along highway 13 are also on the Yellowstone Trail.

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The Yellowstone Trail was an early 1900's auto route from Plymouth Rock on the east coast through the upper tier of states to Puget Sound near Seattle. The federal government was doing nothing about building auto roads. Auto sales were burgeoning, but roads were terrible! One could not drive his shiny black Model T into the countryside. So private citizens banded together to force counties to build roads that connected with each other to form long distance highways. The Yellowstone Trail Association was an early such group.

The Trail became incredibly popular and towns fought to get on the route.

The Yellowstone Trail, named after the famous national park, arrived in Wisconsin in 1915, running from Hudson to Kenosha. It was the first national route in Wisconsin. Local men were appointed to assist the Yellowstone Trail Association in keeping an eye on the Trail, the local campground, and to help travelers. They were called "Trailmen." Some Clark County Trailmen were: Frank Tonn of Curtiss; G.D. Richards and A.M. Wilson of Owen; J.B. Halverson of Stanley; A.O. Solvrud and Geo. Zillman of Thorp; John Christenson of Withee. See [www.partner29.com](http://www.partner29.com)

## Willard Settlers Park

Visit Willard Settlers Park, a community-based project that commemorates settlers heritage. Cooking grills for picnics and a children's play area.

## The Christine Center

The Christine Center is a Catholic retreat center that embraces persons of all spiritual paths in a natural sanctuary for spiritual deepening and global transformation. Children and families are welcome. Camping, guest cottages and a guest house are available. Visit [www.christinecenter.org](http://www.christinecenter.org) for more information.

# Discover the Yellowstone Trail

Join us for a trip back to the great age of motoring when the Yellowstone Trail was established in the early 1900s and eventually stretched from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound.

The Yellowstone Trail, 406 miles through Wisconsin from Kenosha to Hudson, encompassed 18 counties. Motorists can experience a drive through history ... as they drive the Yellowstone Trail.

Explore the Wisconsin route to rediscover an age when this road had a name ... the Yellowstone Trail.

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