

STATE PARKS FOR OAKLAND

Dodge Bros. Donate Eleven, Eight Be- in This County

The idea has been frequently expressed that something ought to be done toward securing some of the beauty spots on the numerous lakes in this section for public use before every lake should be surrounded by private lot owners and the great mass of the people should be restricted to a more or less fleeting glimpse of the "lake privileges" while riding by.

It appears that something of the kind has been under way and on a larger scale than anybody expected. The announcement was made Saturday that Dodge Brothers, the automobile corporation had presented to the state of Michigan eleven parcels of land, location on seven lakes and three rivers, aggregating 532 acres, for use of the public as state parks. Eight of these parks are in Oakland county.

The parks are to be known as Dodge Bros. State Park No. 1, No. 2, etc. Number 1, 22 acres, is at Island Lake and has been in use this summer. No. 2, of 26 acres, is at Walled Lake. No. 3, of 13 acres, is on Crescent Lake; No. 4 of 30 acres is on Cass lake and Clinton river; No. 5, of 80 acres, is on Reed lake, 1 mile east of Commerce; No. 6, of 36 acres, is on Hunt road and Southfield avenue, 15 miles north of Detroit; No. 7, of 50 acres is on Clinton river 1 1/2 miles southeast of Rochester.

Park No. 9 is on the Huron river drive near the village of Rockford. No. 10, of 87 acres is on Pickerel lake just east of Highland. No. 11 of 240 acres, surrounds Horseshoe lake northeast of Oxford. Several of these plots will need to be developed before being opened for use.

This gift of the Dodge Corporation is in the nature of a memorial to John F. and Horace E. Dodge, both deceased.

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Four More State Parks In Oakland County

The announcement was made Tuesday of the gift of four additional parks, comprising 279 acres, to the state and the acceptance of the same by Governor Groesbeck. The donors are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bloomer of Detroit, who personally selected the sites and gave them unconditionally for the enjoyment of the public. All of the four parks are located in Oakland county, and three of them have lake frontage.

The sites are as follows: No. 1 consists of 36 acres on the south shore of Middle Straits lake in the township of West Bloomfield. No. 2 is 115 acres just east of the village of Commerce, on the Commerce road and extends to the westerly end of Lower Straits lake. It adjoins the Dodge Bros. park thus making a park tract of 195 acres. No. 3 is 100 acres north of the village of Oakwood. No. 4 is 24 acres of woodland on the northeast side of Grass lake in White Lake Township.

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