

Henry Cool Park

Off Golf Course Road
Platte, SD
Charles Mix County



Henry Cool Park was built between 1932 and 1938 on two islands in Lake Platte which are connected by a stone bridge and a suspension bridge with stone towers. Parks constructed in the 1930s commonly used fieldstones and other materials that blended into the natural landscape. Stone benches, gardens, trees, a monument, and a bathhouse were also installed at the time, and some of the construction used relief labor provided by the Works Progress Administration. In the early days, the park was packed with visitors swimming, ice skating, attending concerts, and picnicking. Keep your eye out for small plaques in cement documenting the work of the Platte Community Club in 1932, and enjoy the spaces that park designers created in this lakeshore retreat.