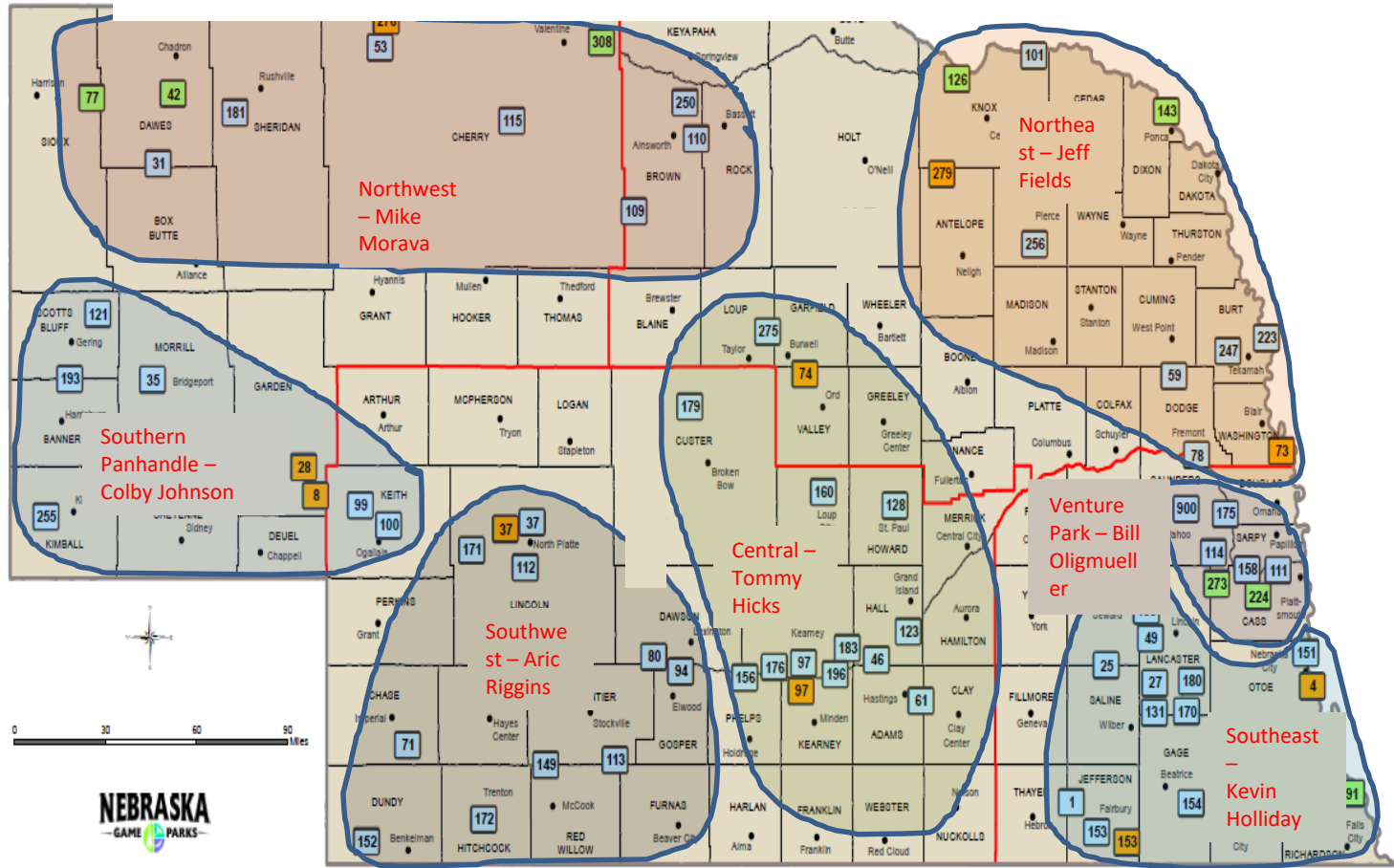


PARKS DIVISION

Who Are We? – What Do We Do?
What Does The Future Hold?



2017 Parks Division Restructure - 7 Management Regions



Legend						
• County Seat	8 Ash Hollow SHP	37 Buffalo Bill Ranch SRA	128 North Loup SRA	1 Alexandria SRA	154 Rockford Lake SRA	59 Dead Timber SRA
■ State Park (SP)	28 Bluewater Battlefield SHP	37 Buffalo Bill Ranch SRA	149 Red Willow Reservoir SRA	4 Arbor Lodge SHP	158 Schramm Park SRA	73 Fort Atkinson SHP
■ State Historical Park (SHP)	31 Box Butte Reservoir SRA	46 Cheyenne SRA	152 Rock Creek SRA	25 Blue River SRA	170 Stagecoach Lake SRA	74 Fort Hartsuff SHP
■ State Recreation Area (SRA)	35 Bridgeport SRA	61 DLD SRA	156 Sandy Channel SRA	27 Bluestem SRA	175 Two Rivers SRA	78 Fremont Lakes SRA
□ District Boundaries	42 Chadron SP	71 Enders Reservoir SRA	160 Sherman Reservoir SRA	34 Branched Oak SRA	178 Verdon SRA	101 Lewis and Clark Lake SRA
	53 Cottonwood Lake SRA	80 Gallagher Canyon SRA	171 Sutherland Reservoir SRA	49 Conestoga Lake SRA	180 Wagon Train SRA	109 Long Lake SRA
	77 Fort Robinson SP	94 Johnson Lake SRA	172 Swanson Reservoir SRA	91 Indian Cave SP	224 Platte River SP	110 Long Pine SRA
	115 Merritt Reservoir SRA	97 Fort Kearny SHP	176 Union Pacific SRA	111 Louisville SRA	273 Eugene T. Mahoney SP	116 Niobrara SP
	121 Minatare Lake SRA	97 Fort Kearny SRA	179 Victoria Springs SRA	900 Lake Wanahoo SRA		143 Ponca SP
	181 Walgren Lake SRA	99 Lake McConaughy SRA	183 War Axe SRA			223 Pelican Point SRA
	193 Wildcat Hills SRA	100 Lake Ogallala SRA	196 Windmill SRA			247 Summit Lake SRA
	255 Oliver Reservoir SRA	112 Maloney Reservoir SRA				250 Keller Park SRA
	276 Bowing Ranch SHP	113 Medicine Creek SRA				256 Willow Creek SRA
	308 Smith Falls SP	123 Mormon Island SRA				275 Calamus Reservoir SRA
						279 Ashfall SHP

Date: 6/10/2013

PARKS are the GATEWAY into the OUTDOORS



For many Nebraskans, their first outdoor experience happens in a park.
Maybe a National Park, perhaps a City Park, but most likely
That introduction to the outdoors occurs within.....

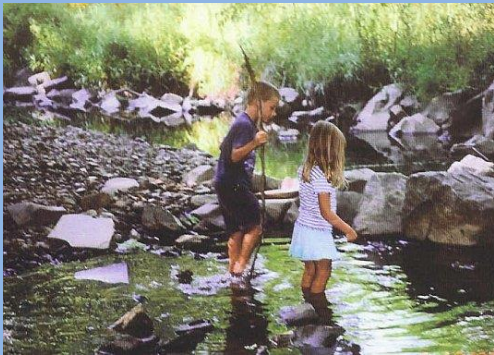
A Nebraska State Park

Cass County is home to 3 major park destinations

MAINTAINING OUR RELEVANCE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



Creating **NEW, INNOVATIVE** and **EXCITING** opportunities that will address the needs of an ever changing recreating public, and **REKINDLING** those imagination filled childhood outdoor adventures realized by just **PLAYING OUTDOORS !**



GREAT NEW FUN IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

NEBRASKA



MAKING THE BEST OF OUR NEBRASKA PARKS EVEN BETTER





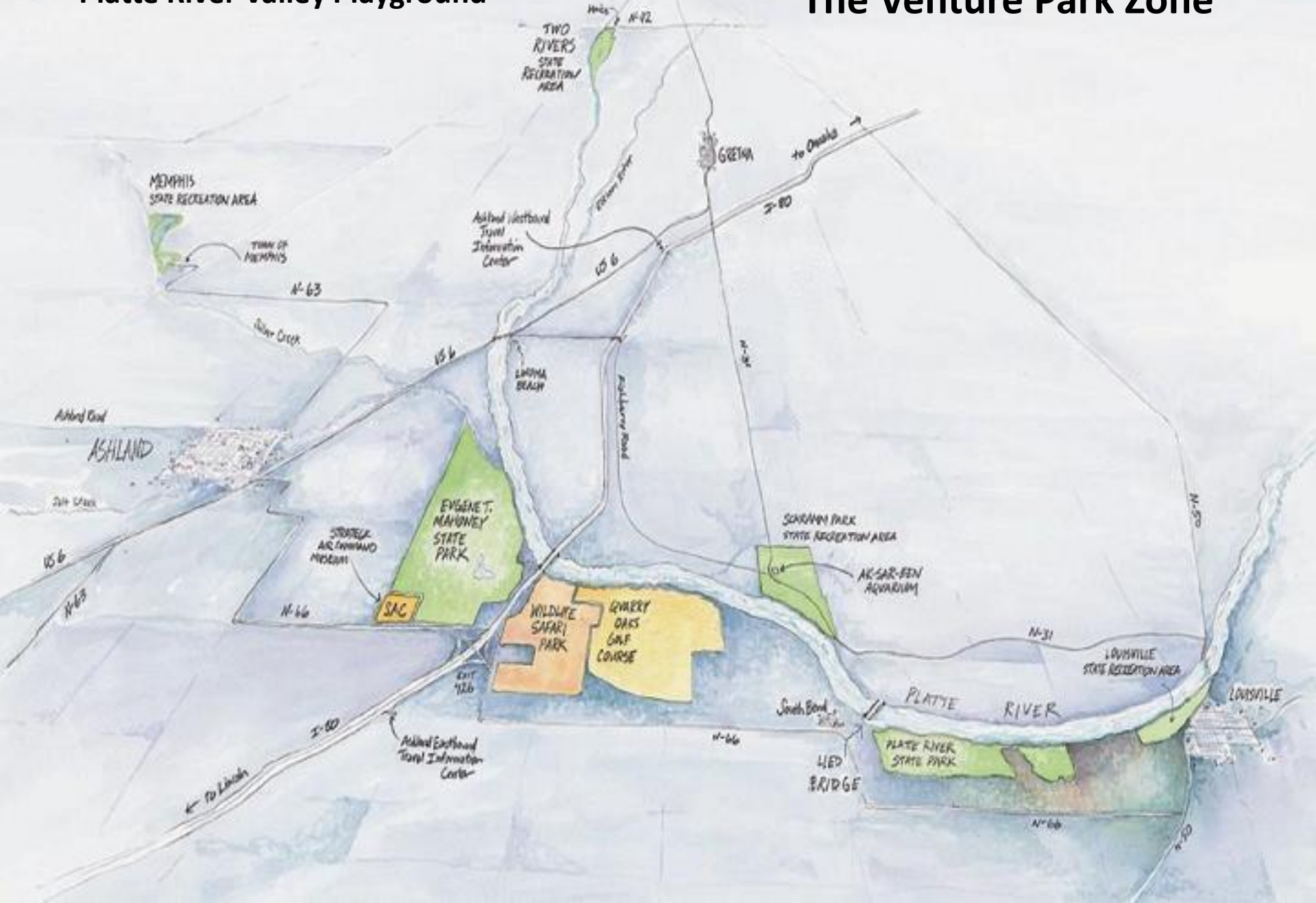
NEBRASKA'S OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS

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PARKS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

An Innovative Public-Private Park Development Partnership

Platte River Valley Playground

“The Venture Park Zone”



WELCOMING A NEW GENERATION OF PARK GOERS.



GETTING FAMILIES BACK OUTSIDE



TODAY'S FAMILIES ARE
LOOKING FOR MORE
THAN JUST A WALK IN
THE PARK.



They want exhilaration and excitement.....

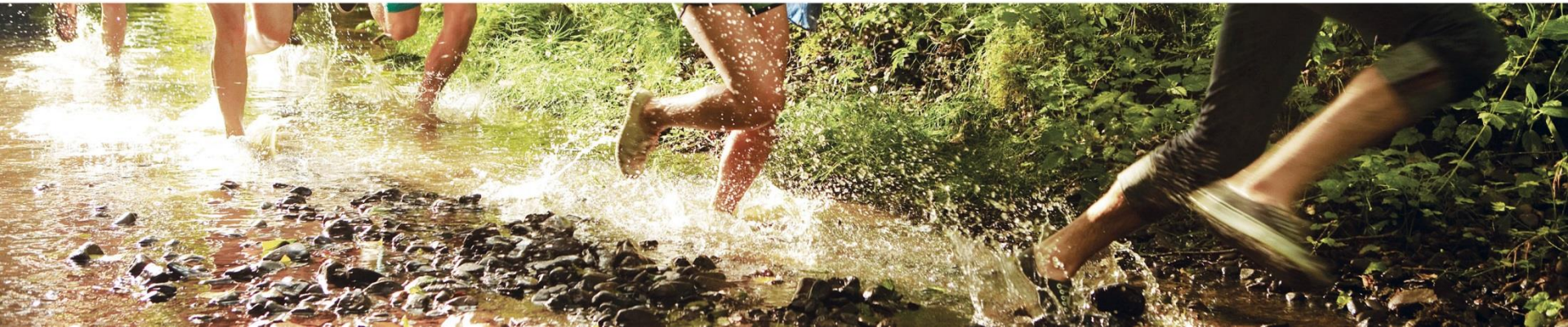


They want “FAMILY TIME” and the opportunity to build treasured memories and life-long traditions.



NEBRASKA'S OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS ZONES

- DISCOVER
- EXPLORE
- EXCITEMENT
- SERENITY
- IMAGINATION





DISCOVER ZONE

LEARN & PLAY

The Discover Zone is the part of the learning experience. Educational, interactive activities for people of all ages are included within this category. Visitors can touch critters, dig for fossils, spot birds, enjoy natural playgrounds, participate in a naturalist program or explore nature with interpretive signage.





EXPLORE ZONE

ENCOUNTER & PLAY

The Explore Zone caters to those who want a hands-on experience in which they learn by doing. This could be through geocaching, treasure quests, fishing, kayaking/canoeing, hiking, creeking, or maybe even a snipe hunt. This zone gives visitors the opportunity to explore nature at its best.







EXCITEMENT ZONE

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Getting dirty, having fun and taking risks is all part of the Excitement Zone. Different parks will provide opportunities such as zip lines, mud slides, adventure courses, raft rides, raging rivers, sledding, shooting ranges, splash pads, rope swings, and more. Creating a place for folks to go crazy and enjoy some adventure.







SERENITY ZONE

REST AND RECHARGE

Everyone will need places to cool down, unwind and relax before moving on to the next adventure. This zone includes picnicking facilities, benches, snack shops, short walking trails, fishing, bike rentals, paddle boats, naturalist presentations and other activities that allow visitors to catch their breath.





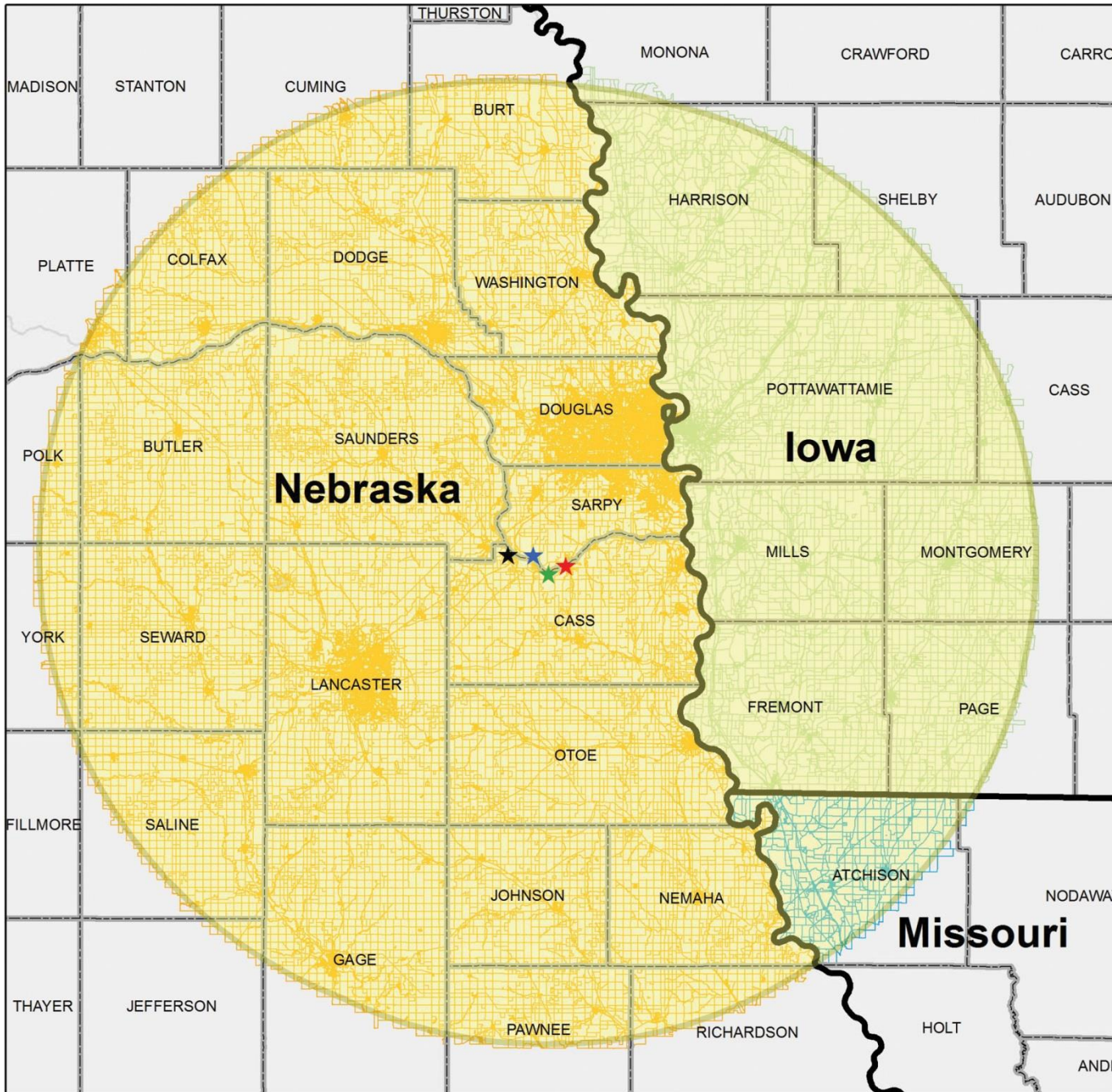
IMAGINATION ZONE

BECOME A KID AGAIN

Remember what it was like to be a kid? The Imagination Zone provides opportunities for youth and adults to create and play. Build a sandcastle or an igloo, be king of the hill, play in a treehouse, create a fort or get dirty. This zone provides the activities where your imagination can run wild!







Outdoor Venture Parks

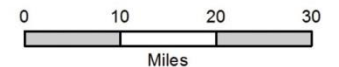
2010 Population within 60 Mile
Radius of Park Complex



- ★ Eugene T. Mahoney SP
- ★ Louisville SRA
- ★ Platte River SP
- ★ Schramm Park SRA
- Missouri Population ≈ 4,638
- Iowa Population ≈ 151,124
- Nebraska Population ≈ 1,181,683
- 60 Mile Radius

Total Population
≈
1,337,445

**These are approximate values. Census blocks are the smallest measure of population and can not be split. The blocks slightly extend past the 60 mile radius as a result. This does not account for the rise or fall in population since the 2010 Census.



Date: 7/15/2014

E.T. MAHONEY STATE PARK

- LAZY RIVER
- RAGING RIVER
- TOBOGGAN RUN
- ALPINE SLIDE
- ZORBING
- ZIPLINES
- INTERACTIVE TRAIL SYSTEM WITH STATIONS
- IMAGINATION CENTER
- RIVERVIEW LODGE
- GROUP EXPANSION
- BOUNCE VILLAGE
- MUDVILLE AREA
- SEGWAY TOUR/COURSE
- ADVENTURE CHALLENGE TRAILS/OBSTACLE COURSE
- THEMED MINIATURE GOLF COURSE
- COMFORT FEATURES





NEBRASKA OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS
ACTIVITY CENTER EXTERIOR - MAHONEY SP





ELDORADO
CLIMBING WALLS

NEBRASKA OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS
ACTIVITY CENTER ROCK CLIMBING AREA - MAHONEY SP

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MAHONEY TUBING AND SLEDDING HILL - MAHONEY SP

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PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK

- MOUNTAIN BIKING AND OTHER TRAIL DEVELOPMENT
- UP AND OVER CLIMBING FEATURES (ROPES COURSE)
- SMALL ZIPLINE
- NATURAL PLAYGROUND
- GLAMPING CAMPGROUND
- CAMPGROUND
- CAMPER CABINS
- SPLASH PAD & SQUIRT GUN CENTER
- CRAWDAD CREEK
- OBSTACLE COURSE
- CLIMBING WALL
- COMFORT FEATURES





NEBRASKA OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS
GLAMPING CABIN EXTERIOR - PLATTE RIVER SP





SPLASHTACULAR
WaterSlides and Waterpark Attractions

NEBRASKA OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS
SPLASH PAD - PLATTE RIVER SP

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SCHRAMM STATE RECREATION AREA

- INTERACTIVE EXPLORATION CENTER
- INTERACTIVE STREAM
- KAYAK COVE
- CAPTN' JIM'S PIRATE RAFTS
- NATURAL PLAYGROUND
- TRAIL DEVELOPMENT & INTERPRETATION
- TREEHOUSE CLASSROOM
- GARDEN OF SENSES
- COMFORT FEATURES





NEBRASKA OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS
INTERACTIVE EXPLORATION CENTER EXTERIOR - SCHRAMM SRA





NEBRASKA OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS
INTERACTIVE EXPLORATION CENTER LOBBY - SCHRAMM SRA





NEBRASKA OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS
INTERACTIVE EXPLORATION CENTER AQUARIUM - SCHRAMM SRA





NEBRASKA OUTDOOR VENTURE PARKS
INTERACTIVE EXPLORATION CENTER NATURE CENTER - SCHRAMM SRA



LOUISVILLE STATE RECREATION AREA

- WATERCYCLES
- STANDUP PADDLEBOARDS
- ROPE SWING INTO LAKE
- ISLAND W/BRIDGE AT LAKE #3
- KAYAKING
- RIVER ACCESS
- FISHING ENHANCEMENTS
- FLOATING PLAYGROUND
- KING OF THE HILL
- COMFORT FEATURES





The Finances

A Public – Private Partnership

- Estimated at \$35 million dollars overall
- \$7.3 million from park cash funds
- @ \$28 million is being raised privately through donations and grants
- A financial projection report was compiled by a consultant – CHM Government Services
- CHM reports that when completed, the project will generate a 7% increase in visitation, and revenue to surpass expenses