

### **CAMPING FEES:**

RV camper sites w/electricity: \$20/night

Tent Sites: \$10 per tent/night

Firewood: \$4/bundle

Ice: \$2.00/bag

#### **PARK OFFICE HOURS:**

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend Office hours will vary at other times during the camping season.

#### **CAMPING RESERVATIONS:**

Reserve online @ www.bisparks.org or call 701-222-1844 for details.

#### **CAMPING RESERVATION CANCELLATIONS:**

Campsite cancellation requests must be made at least 2 days prior to the camper's arrival date in order to be considered for a refund. Example: A cancellation must be made by 2:00 p.m. on a Wednesday for a Friday arrival date.

## CAMPING CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIME 2:00 p.m.

#### **DAY USE AREA:**

Day Use Area gates are locked at sunset and opened at 8:00 a.m. each day.
24-Hole Disc Golf Course
Boat Ramp
Sand Volleyball Court
Horseshoes
Playgrounds
Picnic Shelters



Once known as Burned Boat Island, the land upon which General Sibley Park stands has a dramatic history intertwined with North Dakota development.

The area was once indeed an island before the winding river channel changed its course and marooned it on dry land. In 1834, the river steamer *Assiniboine*, carrying Prince Maximilian's Indian artifact collection, was destroyed by fire near this spot. The event is recognized in the park's early name.

The present name was adopted in 1863. General Henry Hastings Sibley led a contingent of volunteer troops across Minnesota in that year to pursue the Sioux responsible for the Minnesota Massacre of 1862. He was to meet another force headed north along the river led by General Alfred Sully at the spot where the park is now located.

Sibley, a former governor of the Territory of Minnesota, set out with his 2,800 recruits from Fort Ridgeley, Minn., and crossed the Red River into North Dakota at Fort Abercrombie. His troops fought bands of Sioux in three battles -- Big Mound seven miles north of Tappen, Dead Buffalo Lake north of Dawson, and Stony Lake northeast of Driscoll, North Dakota. Most of the Sioux he fought had no part in the Minnesota killings. The Indians, who were not making war and traveled with their families and possessions, were scattered by Sibley's high-powered artillery fire.

The Sioux retreated west to the Missouri River, crossing at a point near Ward's Coulee north of Bismarck. When Sibley and his men reached the crossing, they chose not to follow. However, no drinking water could be found on the spot, so the troopers moved five miles south to a point just north of Sibley Island and established camp.

While Sibley and his men waited for the Sully Expedition several more days, the southern contingent was late in arriving. Finally, Sibley returned to Minnesota.



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# GENERAL SIBLEY PARK PICNIC AREA PICNIC AREA LEGEND **Vault Toilets BOAT RAMP Shower Houses**



- All campsites are restricted to one camping unit per site. Camping is permitted only in designated areas.
- Quiet hours are between 10:00 p.m. -8:00 a.m. Only registered campers are allowed in the park during these hours.
- Fires are allowed in established fire rings and grills only. Please extinguish all fires before vacating your campsite.
- Vehicles must remain on designated roads and parking areas. Obey 10 mph speed limit throughout campground.
- All pets must be leashed. Noisy, dangerous or disturbing pets are not allowed. Owners are responsible for picking up after their pets.
- ATV's or Off-Road Vehicles are not allowed to be driven within the park.
- Persons under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult to occupy a campsite.
- Other items that are prohibited within the park:
  - Glass beverage containers.
  - Tree cutting and firewood gathering.
  - Firearms, bow and arrows, sling shots and B-B guns.
  - Fireworks.
  - Swimming.
  - Equestrian use.
  - Hunting.





**Picnic Shelters** 

**Disc Golf Course** 



**Water Fill Station** 



**Dump Station** 

