**FRIENDS OF PERCH LAKE WEBSITE**

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Navigation/Page Headings:

(Home icon – make or get!)

About Us

News

The Park

Education

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FOOTER (every page):

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HOME/LANDING PAGE:

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The Friends of Perch Lake is a non-profit 501-C3 organization of volunteers dedicated to providing environmental educational opportunities and the development of a Learning/Reception Center at Homestead Parklands.

3 Focus areas:

History (links to About Us page)

Events (links to News page)

Learning Center (links to Education page)

ABOUT US PAGE:

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## About Us

VISION:  Friends of Perch Lake is a non-profit organization that supports ways of learning from the physical characteristics and history of the land and water at Homestead Parklands.

MISSION:  Friends of Perch Lake in partnership with St. Croix County will provide educational opportunities and promote friendly use and ethical responsibility to nature at Homestead Parklands.

HISTORY:  The land, where the park is now located, was inhabited by the Dakotas of the Sioux Nation followed by the Chippewa of the Ojibwa Nation. The Homestead Act of 1862 brought settlers and among them, the Aggie and Thomas Davidson family who settled the area in 1890. The Davidson's farmed the area where the Ski Club Trail is located and leased it to the local ski club who hosted international ski meets from 1938-1941. The Tom Seim family, descendants of the Davidson's, established a successful picnic and campground area in the 1950's which ran until 1995. The Seim Family, along with many St. Joseph Township and St. Croix County citizens, worked with the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors to purchase the land in 1996 and develop the County's fourth park. Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake was dedicated in 2003.

THE FRIENDS OF PERCH LAKE:  FOPL is a non-profit 501-C3 organization of volunteers dedicated to providing environmental educational opportunities and the eventual development of a Learning and Reception Center at Homestead Parklands.

[Download Proof of Tax Exemption](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/images/proofoftaxexemption.jpg) (link to AU6)

NEWS PAGE (set up a blog stream aside static events & archive?):

## 2018 Events

March 3: Kids Ice Fishing Contest, 2-4 p.m.

May 12: FOPL annual meeting, 10:30 am

~~June 2: Kid's Fishing Contest, bouncy house, and face painting. 2-4 pm. No park admission or fishing license needed~~. Cancelled due to severe weather predicted.

July 6 & 7: FOPL Brat Roast Fundraiser, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 P.M. Knights of Columbus brat stand at RJ Meats in Hudson.

## Newsletter Archive

[2018 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/FOPL2018Newsletter.pdf)

[2015newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/FOPL2015Newsletter.pdf)

[2014newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/FOPL2014Newsletter.pdf)

[2013newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/FOPLNewsletter2013reduced2.pdf)

[2012 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/2012FOPLnewsletter.pdf)

[2011newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/FOPL 2011 Newsletter.pdf)

[2010 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/FOPLnews2010.pdf)

[2009 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/FOPLnewsletter09 (1).pdf)

[2008 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/2008newsletter.pdf)

[2007 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/2007newsletter.pdf)

[2006 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/ NEWSLETTER 2006.pdf)

[2005 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/NEWSLETTER05.pdf)

[2004 newsletter](http://www.friendsofperchlake.com/uploads/Newsletters/2004NEWSLETTER.pdf)

THE PARK PAGE:

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## HOMESTEAD PARKLANDS:

## A St. Croix County Park on Perch Lake

GENERAL INFORMATION: A St. Croix COUNTY Park vehicle sticker is required. Daily and annual passes are good for all St. Croix County Parks. Walk-in or bike-in at no cost. The park is open to vehicle traffic May 1 - October 31, seasonal hours as posted. The park is open in the off-season to non-motorized uses like hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Horseback riding is NOT allowed.

ABOUT PERCH LAKE: Perch Lake is located in glacial end moraine, and is a classic example of glacial topography called "Kame Kettle." The Lake is designated as an "outstanding water resource" of the State of Wisconsin, and is part of the St. Croix Lakes Cluster Priority Watershed Project. The Lake features unique patterns of a two-story fishery and aquatic flora and fauna.

PARK FEATURES: The 85 acre day-use park encompasses 2/3 of the shoreline of Perch Lake. It features a beautiful sandy swimming beach, multiple picnic areas (with tables and barbecue grills), a sand-based playground (with nearby picnic shelter), three miles of hiking/walking trails, a fishing pier, and rowboat rentals (canoes, kayaks, rowboats and paddle boards. See the St. Croix County website for prices.) Perch Lake is also an excellent deep-water scuba diving area.

HABITAT RESTORATION: Over the next several years, County Park staff will continue to slowly remove the planted pines above the beach access trail. This area of the park is to be restored to its original oak savanna habitat. See accompanying pictures showing what the lake looked like prior to the pine planting (photos provided by the Seim family).

DIRECTIONS TO HOMESTEAD PARK ON PERCH LAKE:

From Hudson:  Take Highway 35 north to County Road V and turn right. Take V to County Road E and turn right. Turn left onto Perch Lake Road, which is at the bottom of the hill and continue past the lake to the park entrance on left.

From New Richmond:  Take Highway 64 south to County Road A and turn left. Continue to County Road E and turn right. Continue to County Road I and turn right. Travel 1 1/2 miles on I, turn left onto Perch Lake road. The park entrance will be on the right prior to lake.

From River Falls:  Take Highway 35 north to I-94 east. Exit at #4 and turn left at lights. Continue past Will River State Park, through Burkhardt and turn left on County Road I. Continue on I and turn left onto Perch Lake Road. The park entrance will be on the right prior to lake.

## EDUCATION PAGE:

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:

Help Support the Building of the Friends of Perch Lake Learning Center!

*See our exciting plans!*

In addition to the building and classroom plans on the left, a professional DVD is available that documents the history of the Homestead Parklands’ beautiful property, vision of the Learning Center and a sample of the homesteading stories that Donna Seim presents to school children.

Follow the [link](https://youtu.be/FejWtzjxTY8) to see a short clip from the “Homestead Forever” DVD

*New DVD in 2018!*

“An Interview with Donna Seim” is a 30 minute DVD in which Donna talks about the process of saving the park and hopes for the future.

To **order a DVD** or **sponsor our mission** of building a Learning Center, please mail us at:

The Friends of Perch Lake   
 P.O. Box 891   
 Hudson, WI 54016

For DVD orders, please include your mailing address with your order.

“Homestead Forever”: $20 + $5 postage

“An Interview with Donna Seim”: $15 + $5 postage

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JOIN/DONATE PAGE:

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To become a Friends of Perch Lake member or contribute to our cause, please mail us at:

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See the Learning Center page for information on ordering our DVDs.

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*Need to order bulbs, inkjet cartridges, or make plane reservations?*

*Every time you do a search,* [*www.GoodSearch.com*](http://www.goodsearch.com/)*will donate a penny per search to our charity. Just type in Friends of Perch Lake and click on the verify button to have us automatically inserted in the charity box each time you access the site from that computer.*

*Use the Good Shop link to connect to stores that will donate a percentage of your mail order purchases. There are almost 500 stores contributing.*

*All of these generate funds for the capital fundraising of the Learning Center at NO COST TO YOU.*

CONTACT US PAGE (create as shown in Hestia theme example):

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