Prospect Park

Did You Know

July 31, 2013
Prospect Park, the park
1225 Prospect Road
Prospect Park Neighborhood, 1885 Map

- From the publication
  Des Moines River Water Trail, Rediscovering Our River
Crocker Woods
Precursor to Prospect Park
1893

Advertised as . . .

- One of the Thompson’s Celebrated Switchback Pleasure Railways
- The wonder of the age
- A rapid rate of speed and wonderfully exciting ride with guaranteed safety
"Ding" and Penny Darling

- The Darling family donated this piece of property in 1939.
- Their wish was to have the beauty and tranquility of the land available to the public forever.
• Crocker Woods Area – Considerable acquisition is recommended on both sides of the Des Moines River in the “Crocker Woods” area. This land is well wooded. A saw mill is now operating in it. Acquisition as a forest would also eliminate deplorable housing conditions in the area.
Prospect Park, the park today

- Grills
- Open Air Shelter
- Handicap Accessible Playground Equipment
- Restrooms
- Off Street Parking
- Boat Ramp
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Natural Resources Inventory

140 Acres of Riverfront Property

- Ten different plant communities
- Holds Great Potential as an Oak Savanna Restoration Site
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Then and Now

Thank You