

BENTON-FREMONT DAYS/TE TONKA HA RENDEZVOUS



Come celebrate the 21st Annual Benton-Fremont Days/Te Tonka Ha Rendezvous on August 2, 3, and 4, 2019. Go back in time when Minnesota was part of the Dakota Territory and the early explorers, Nicollet and John C. Fremont first came to the “Hole-in-the-Mountain” in 1879. The annual celebration will be held at Hole-in-the-Mountain Park, in Lake Benton, bringing re-enactors from the surrounding area to celebrate history as it once was in this part of the early fur trade and building of the American nation.

This year’s Benton-Fremont/TeTonka Ha weekend will not only entertain you, but will bring Lake Benton’s history alive, by featuring a variety of historical, educational, and fun activities for the entire family. Some of the events include;

Black Powder Shooters, Hawk and Knife demonstrations, singing and dancing, pottery and spinning/weaving demonstrations, Patrick’s Chuckwagon, the Fur Traders Campsite, children’s games and outdoor worship on Sunday morning. The event will also feature the 7th annual TaTonka Knap-In and the Pickers Paradise.

Exceptional entertainment will be provided by a variety of entertainers.

Remember that food will be available throughout the weekend with a freewill corn boil on Saturday and Sunday, plus with the purchase of a \$5.00 sweepstakes ticket you get a free bowl of Te Tonka Ha’s world famous buffalo stew and corn bread.

Come and enjoy the weekend sponsored by the Lake Benton Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Benton Area Historical Society. This

event is free and open to the public offering a fun-filled educational and entertaining weekend. For more information about Benton-Fremont/Te Tonka Ha contact Dave at 605-693-4589, Marc Widmark at 507-275-3655, or the Lake Benton Chamber office at 507-368-9577 x2 or email: chamber@lakebenton.us.

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THE HOLE-IN-THE-MOUNTAIN PRAIRIE

The Hole-in-the-Mountain Prairie is an 1,157-acre prairie and oak savanna wildlife preserve located south of Lake Benton along Highway 75. The preserve is part of a larger glacial escarpment that runs from southwest Minnesota through northeast South Dakota. Locally, this hilly region is known as Buffalo Ridge.

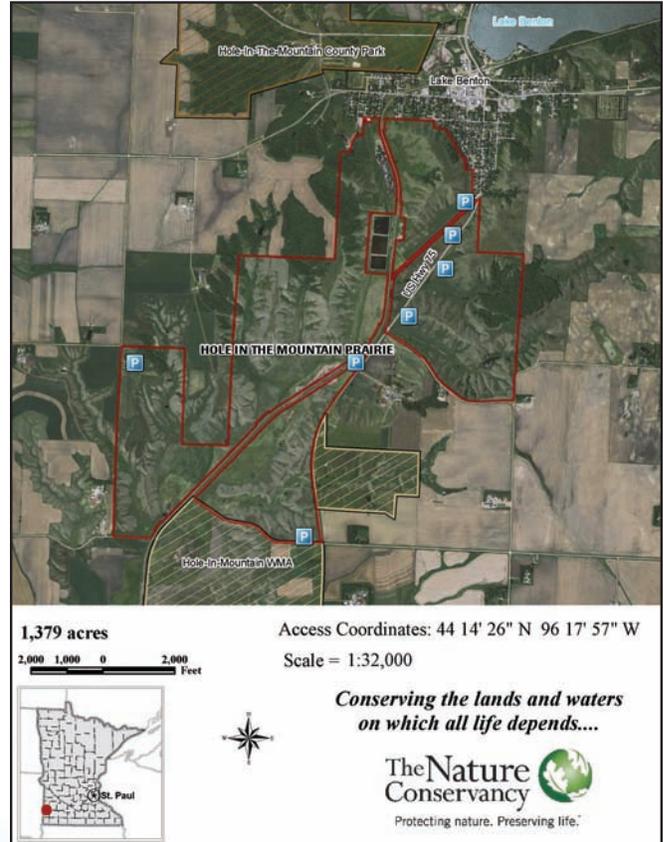
Its undulating terrain is carpeted in wildflowers and alive with birds and butterflies during summer. The preserve provides excellent habitat for rare prairie-dependent insects (including 25 species of butterflies), nesting waterfowl, passerines, raptors, and other grassland birds.

The Nature Conservancy encourages you to visit the preserve. We also strive to maintain as natural a setting as possible while minimizing wildlife disturbance. The preserve is open during daylight hours for hiking, birdwatching, photography, and any other non-consumptive uses. We remind you that access is walk-in only (no horses, mountain bikes, ATVs, or pets) from the roads around the preserve. Vehicles can be parked near the main sign near the railroad, one mile south of Lake Benton along Highway 75 or on the edge of the gravel road on the south side of the preserve. Removal of plants, animals, or any natural materials is prohibited. If you pack it in, please pack it out!

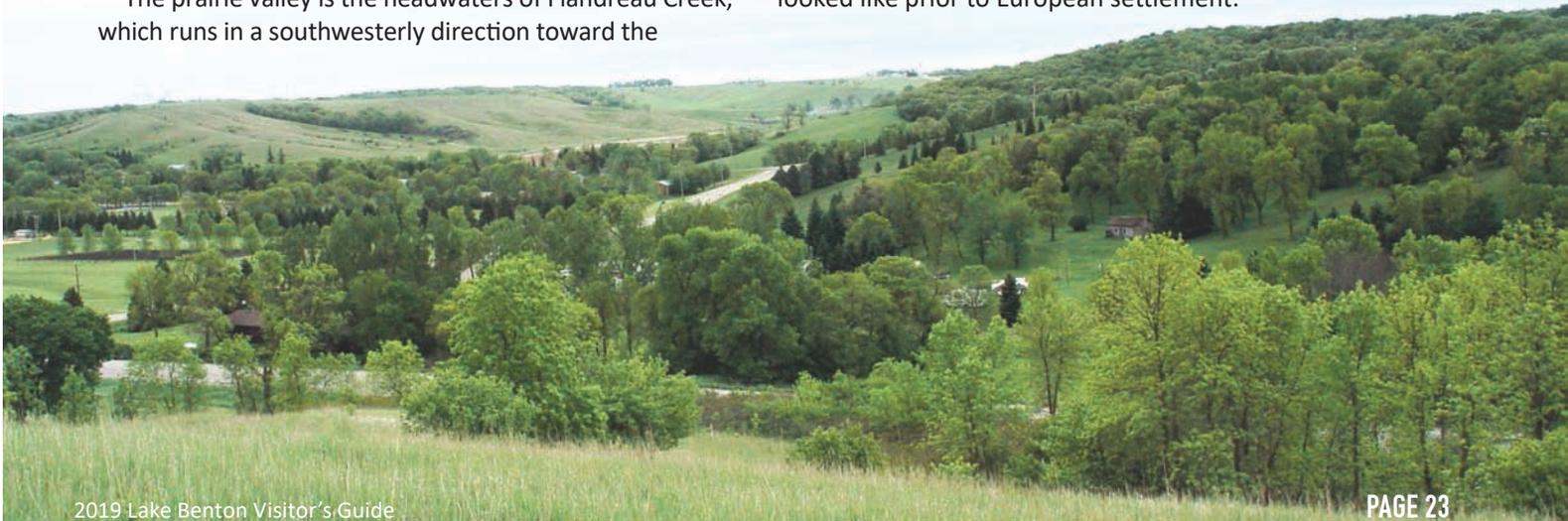
The preserve harbors more than 60 species of grasses, sedges, and rushes, 10 species of trees and shrubs and 200 species of wildflowers. Native plants include six of special concern: prairie moonwort, small-leaved pussytoes, small white lady's slipper, red threeawn, soft goldenrod, and slender milk-vetch.

Most unique to Hole-in-the Mountain are its butterflies, thriving on the native grasses and forbs protected here: The Dakota skipper and Ottoe skipper, both threatened species; and the Uncas skipper (*Hesperia uncas*), an endangered species. Visitors may also catch glimpses of a suite of prairie birds, mammals, and other insects including badger, coyote, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, red-tailed hawk, meadowlark, and bobolink.

The prairie valley is the headwaters of Flandreau Creek, which runs in a southwesterly direction toward the



Big Sioux River. Indians called the half-mile-wide valley “Mountain Pass” or “Hole-in-the-Mountain.” This preserve is owned and operated by The Nature Conservancy as part of a larger project that strives to enhance habitat across the Prairie Coteau region of Minnesota and South Dakota by working to protect native rangelands and wildlife through sound habitat management while working in partnership with the farmers, ranchers, and public agencies who share our interest in preserving this incredible landscape. Hole-In-The-Mountain Preserve represents in full beauty what the southern end of the larger 2.4-million-acre Prairie Coteau region might have looked like prior to European settlement.



LAKE BENTON LAKE



Lake Benton Lake: one of the most popular lakes in southern Minnesota.

It's no wonder Lake Benton Lake is so well known. This famous lake has an area of 2,875 acres, making it the sixth largest lake in southern Minnesota. Fishermen from throughout the upper Midwest come the year around to catch game fish, including walleye, northern pike, and large mouth bass. Pan fishermen enjoy catching beautiful yellow perch, crappies, bluegills, and bullheads.

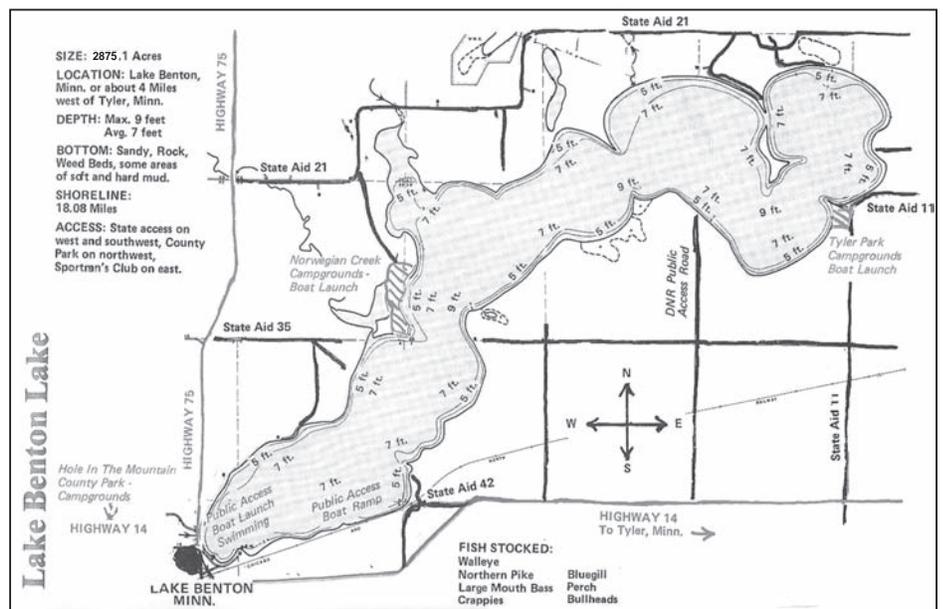
Fishermen can be seen daily on the lake, in their boats and shore fishing, as they enjoy the peaceful and relaxing atmosphere of a pleasant summer day. In the winter a "little town" appears as the ice fishermen arrive with their unique houses. The aeration system, maintained by our local Sportsmen's Club, prevents any winter-kill of fish. The fertility of this prairie lake provides the nutrients needed to produce fish that are above average in size and numbers. Many trophy walleye that are caught range from eight to twelve pounds. Walleye weighing two to four lbs. are common. Many perch are over one pound and many exceed two pounds in size.

The DNR stocks the lake with more than two million walleye fry every two years. This is in addition to those

produced in the lake itself.

Fishermen aren't the only ones who enjoy the lake. Boating and water skiing are always popular in the summertime. Swimmers gather at the beaches for a day in the sun. In the winter, for a cure of the winter blues, snowmobiling is a fun sport.

The Lake Benton Lake Association is continually involved in projects to improve the water quality of the lake. They realize that a good lake is not only an asset to the residents who live on the lake, but it is also an economic asset to the local economy as well.



DINING

THE LUNCH BOX

Located at 116 Center Street, Lake Benton. Enjoy home style cooking for your breakfast and lunch meals. (507-368-3400)

THE SHOWBOAT PAVILION

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COUNTRY HOUSE RESTAURANT AND CATERING

Located on East Highway 14, Lake Benton. Enjoy fine dining by indulging in a mouth watering four-course meal or dine casually in the lower level. They also offer catering, take out and group packages. Children's menu available. Open Thursday-Sunday evenings all year long. (507-368-4223) Facebook: CountryHouseSupperClub

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BENCK LAKEVIEW LODGE

Under new management in 2017, Tami and Chad Benck have remodeled all 9 units, which are available for rent year round. Two of the units are double cabins with kitchenette facilities. Benck Lakeview Lodge boasts a beautiful view of the lake with easy public access and is within walking distance of town. Come visit Benck Lakeview Lodge to enjoy fishing, boating and sight-seeing in beautiful Lake Benton. (507-368-2585) Facebook: Bencklakeviewlodge

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Bill and Jenifer Vollmer

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- January 26 Sportsmen's Club Ice Fishing Tournament - Al's Landing
- March 16 Sportsmen's Club Wild Game Feed - LB Community & Event Center
- March 16 LB Opera House Season Opener "Broadway Meets Lake Benton"
- March 2019 (TBD) LB Area Foundation Gala - LB Community & Event Center
- April 5-7, 12-14 LB Opera House Spring Play "Arsenic & Old Lace"
- May 10-12 RTR Spring Play - Lake Benton Opera House
- May 12 Minnesota Walleye Opener
- May 23-25 Larry Olsen Music Fest - Larry Olsen Farm
- May 25 City Wide Rummage Sales
- May 27 Memorial Day Services - Lake Benton Opera House
- June 1 Sportsmen's Club Walleye Fishing Tournament
- June 14-16 Saddle Horse Holiday Weekend
- June 22 Lake Benton Lake Association - Pork Sandwich Fundraiser/Member Drive
- July 20 Kjergaard Sports Buffalo Ridge Demo Shoot - Kjergaard Sports
- July 25-28, July 31-Aug 4 Lake Benton Opera House Summer Play "Shrek: The Musical"
- August 2-4 Benton-Fremont / Te Tonka Ha Rendezvous - Hole-In-The-Mountain Park
- August 29 Lake Benton Opera House concert - Tonic Sol Fa
- September 7 King of Trails Market Day-Highway 75 - Lakeside Park
- October 4-6, 11-13 LB Opera House Fall Play "37 Postcards "
- October 31 Chamber Halloween Party & "Trunk or Treat" - LB Community & Event Center
- November 11 Veteran's Day Program - Lake Benton School
- November 16 LB Opera House Children's Theatre
- Nov 23-Dec 14 Lake Benton Business Holiday Open Houses
- December 1-31 Holiday Tree Walk - Heritage Center
- December 6 Chamber Residential Holiday Lighting Contest
- December 7 Lake Benton Opera House Christmas Show
- December 14 Santa Claus Day - Lake Benton Elementary School
- January 2020 Lake Benton Chamber Kickoff Event