REGIONAL HISTORY AND EXISTING USES Project Introduction Indian Hills is nestled along the north shore of Lake Sakakawea in the Coteau region of Western North Dakota. This location places it in the heart of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, which is approximately 30 miles west of Garrison, North Dakota. A paved highway accesses the site for all but the last three miles. GENERAL HISTORY Indian Hills Resort and Campground, established in the early 1980's, has been a vacation spot for many families. Currently the campground provides primitive camping, cabins, RV sites, condominium, a bath house, convenience store, and boat access to the lake. Directly adjacent to Lake Sakakwea, Indian Hills provides various types of outdoor recreation such as camping, fishing, hunting, boating, sailing, scuba diving, sightseeing, and bird watching. All of these recreational opportunities make Indian Hills desirable to visitors with varied interests. Points of Interest Indian Hills is surrounded by many towns and communities. In fact there are over 50 rural towns and countless farmsteads within This project is generated by a desire to learn more about the Indian beliefs and customs. The Hidatsa, Mandan, and Arikara Tribes, also known as the Three a 75 mile or one hour radius. There are several landmarks and places to Affiliated Tribes, were the first to roam this land more than 500 years ago. Dramatic changes in the Native American Culture in North Dakota deserve visit within this region also. Visitors can take in these places of interest: recognition and explanation to the general public. The Indian Hills location provides an opportunity to interpret and educate the public about events of the area in a natural setting. • The Fort Stevenson State Park and Interpretive Center • The Garrison Railroad Museum • The Garrison Fishing Hall of Fame o Mandaree Regional History Reunion Bay • The Crow Flies High National Historic Site • The Four Bears Bridge • The Three Affiliated Tribes Bison Herd o New Town • The Three Affiliated Tribes Museum and Interpretive Center • Paul Broste Rock Museum o Riverdale & Pick City Garrison Dam • National Fish Hatchery Sakakawea State Park • The Downstream Campground • Knife River Indian Villages and Interpretive Center o Washburn CHARACTER SKETCH OF AN EARTHLODGE • Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center • The Old Scout Cemetery Timeline of the Life and History of the Missouri River Valley 1851 1934 ы18,03 1806 2004 1837 1910 1956 1670

The Fort Berthold Reservation is home of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikarian Tribes, under the tribal government structure known as the Three Affiliated Tribes. All three tribes lived in permanent earth-lodge villages for many centuries before the arrival of the white man. Despite a basic similarity of economic and social life, these village people's differed remarkably in language and custom. The Mandan and Hidatsa speak a Siouan dialect, while the Arikara are members of the Caddoan linguistic group being related to the Pawnee.

When first visited by traders and explorers in the middle 18th century, the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara lived very-near their present location. The Hidatsa had three earth lodge villages at the mouth of the Knife River, north of the present town of Stanton, North Dakota, and the Mandan had a half dozen or more villages near the mouth of the Heart River at Mandan, North Dakota. The Arikara were located in central South Dakota with some of their villages ranging as high as the Grand River area. The Mandan and Hidatsa were the "Farmers, Merchants and Bankers," of the Northern Plains. Evidence has been found which indicates that these people were dealing with the Indians of the deep southwest. The Arikara, however, insisted on acting as a broker between the agricultural Hidatsa and Mandan in their bartering with the Mexican and deep southwest Indians in trading for corn during the recurrent droughts, which plagued the southwest.

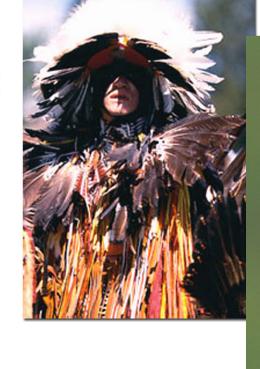
The Fort Laramie Treaty established a vast area of land vaguely described as the entire right bank of the Missouri River from the mouth of the Yellowstone River and from the mouth of the Powder River to the headwaters of the Heart River. This territory which included parts of Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota, was named Fort Berthold in honor of an American Fur Company founder, Bartholomay Berthold.

Between 1851, when the Fort Laramie Treaty was signed, and 1891, a succession of executive orders and congressional acts changed the size of the reservation from a maximum of roughly 13,500,000 acres to a gross area (which included white-owned land) of approximately 930,000 acres. During 1954, the reservation lost an additional 152,300 acres of land to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the filling of the Garrison Reservoir (Lake Sakakawea). The waters of Lake Sakakawea inundated most of the well-built up bottom and access roads and fractured the reservation into five isolated segments. The flooding of the bottom lands destroyed the long-established Indian population centers, with the Tribal Agency itself being moved to the city of New Town. In recent years several small communities have since sprung up, the principal ones being White Shield, Mandaree, and Twin Buttes.

The immense loss of natural resources occasioned by the flooding of Lake Sakakawea was cause for only a part of adjustments that have had to be made by the Indian people. No attempt was made to reestablish duplicates of the small Indian villages that existed, thus Indian families were forced to relocate on isolated holdings scattered throughout the reservation. Consequently, social and clan lines were crossed and redressed with former neighbors becoming widely separated, most often times in isolated segments of the reservation. This extreme stress on the Indian people has been partly responsible for movement off the reservation.

REGIONAL RECREATION & Cultural Activities

The Three Affiliated Tribes have some of the finest hunting and fishing in the area. Water sports are enjoyed by many residents and non-residents on the Missouri River.













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CELEBRATIONS

The Nation sponsors several annual celebrations with dancing competitions. Summer social events also include powwows, rodeos, races, and softball tournaments. Special powwows are held for individuals who accomplished high achievements at a stage in their life. These usually entail traditional honoring ceremonies to celebrate the accomplishments. The oral tradition is still passed down from the elders to the youth.

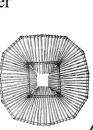
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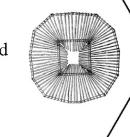
Public hunting grounds offer sportsmen a challenge, hunting pheasants, grouse, partridges, turkey, waterfowl, and deer. Hunting and fishing regulations are established and enforced by the State of North Dakota and the Fort Berthold Indian Tribes Game and Fish Department.

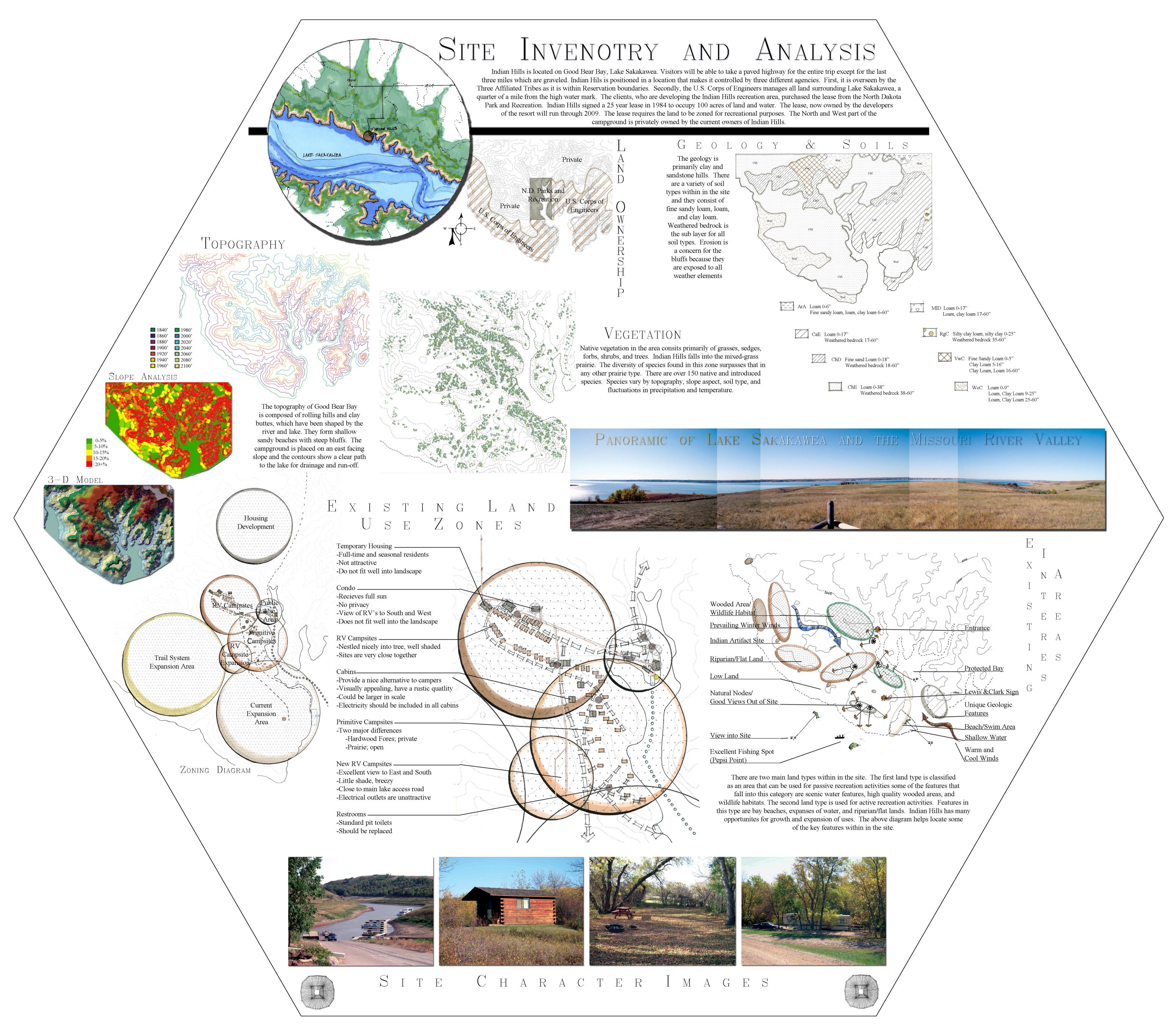
Fishing attracts many visitors to Lake Sakakawea with anglers luring trophy walleye, sauger, saugeye, northern pike, small-mouth bass, chinook salmon and a variety of trout. Catfish and yellow perch can be found in the shallow areas of the lake. The more ardent angler can enjoy year-round fishing in the open tail waters of the dam even in the most sever weather. There are several beach areas and boat ramps for these sports.

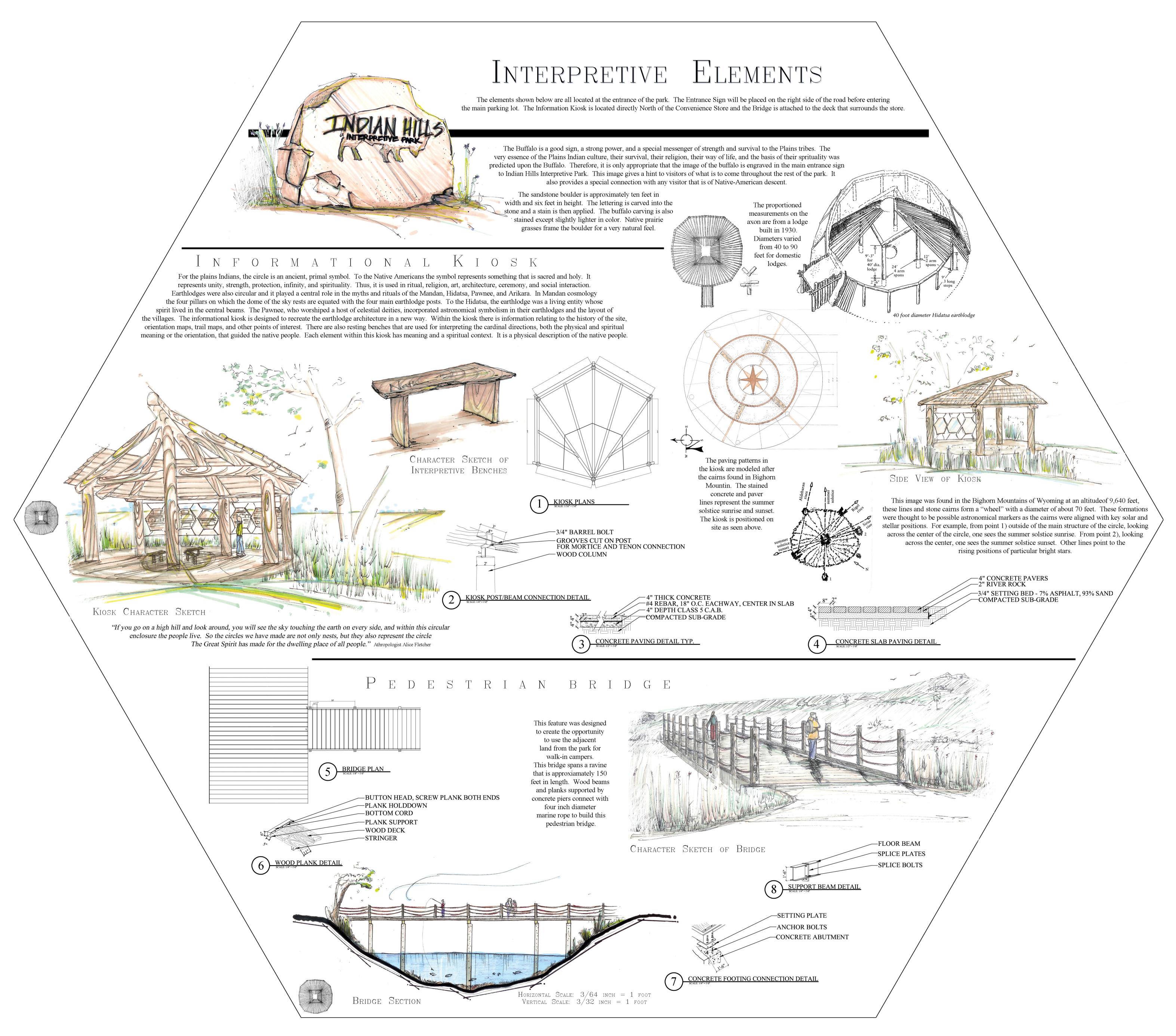
REGIONAL BIRDING

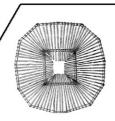
The beautiful prairie pothole region of North Dakota, with the badlands on the extreme western edge and the mixed grass prairie on the eastern edge with wooded draws and river valleys offer varied habitat to an abundance of birds. 347 species of birds travel through North Dakota, depending on the season. It is possible to see 100 species a day for the avid birder.











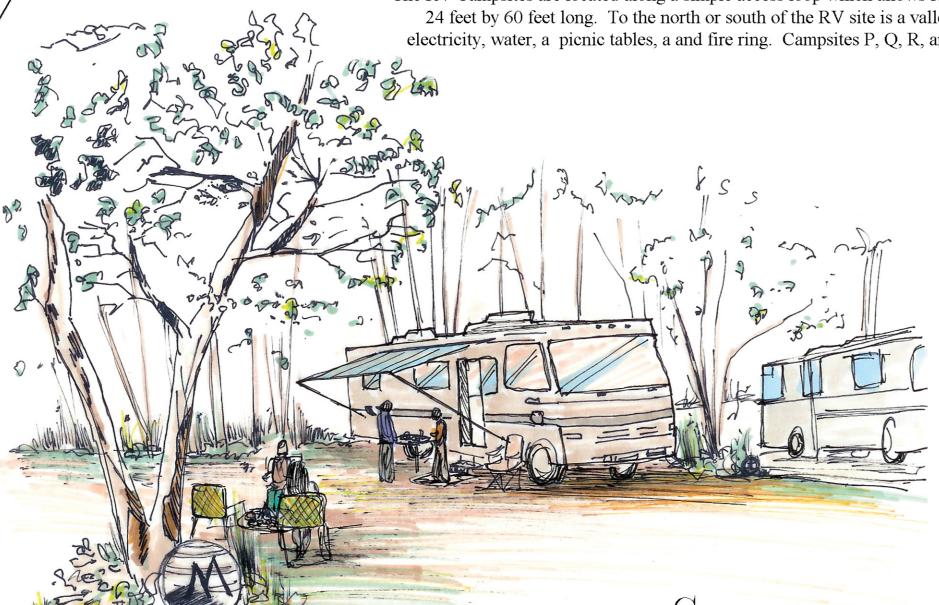
CAMPRGROUND FACILITIES

The Campground at Indian Hills can serve people who are visiting for a week-long vacation or just for the day. Visitors have the option of staying in a more modern RV campsite or a rustic primitive site. People who love the outdoors may even want to try the walk-in campsites. There are six log cabins that can accomodate three to six people depending on the size of the cabin. Even though there are a variety of sleeping accomodations everyone still has access to the modern bath house facilities, restrooms, and picnic shelters. The new campground layout provides the opportunity for social interaction and privacy at the same time, but most importantly the design reflects natures beauty as the campsites were integrated into the landscape.

"Our philosophies of life come from our ancestors. They taught us to live in harmony with animals, plants, the spirit world, and the world around us." Emil Her Many Horses



The RV Campsites are located along a simple access loop which allows for easy access and maneuverability. The sites are approximately 40 feet wide by 60 feet long. The RV pad is level and it approximately 24 feet by 60 feet long. To the north or south of the RV site is a valley of Green Ash and Elm trees. Positioned between each RV site is a grass area with shade trees. All RV sites are equipped with electricity, water, a picnic tables, a and fire ring. Campsites P, Q, R, and S are all handicap accessible. They are located close to the shower and restroom facilities and are on a first come first serve basis.



CHARACTER SKETCH OF AN RV CAMPSITE

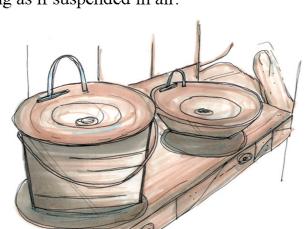
Bath House

The shower facility brings the outdoors in. The campground is designed to keep all elements as natural as possible.

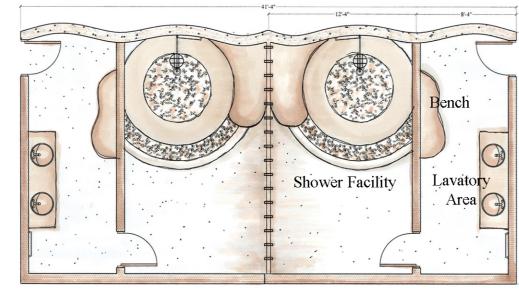
Natural elements are reflected in the bath house by providing natural light and privacy. A curvilinear design, using natural materials, and neutral tones will create a wonderful space. Those elements make this space both exciting and refreshing. For privacy a trellis top will be hung over the building as if suspended in air.



Character Sketch of Bath Interior



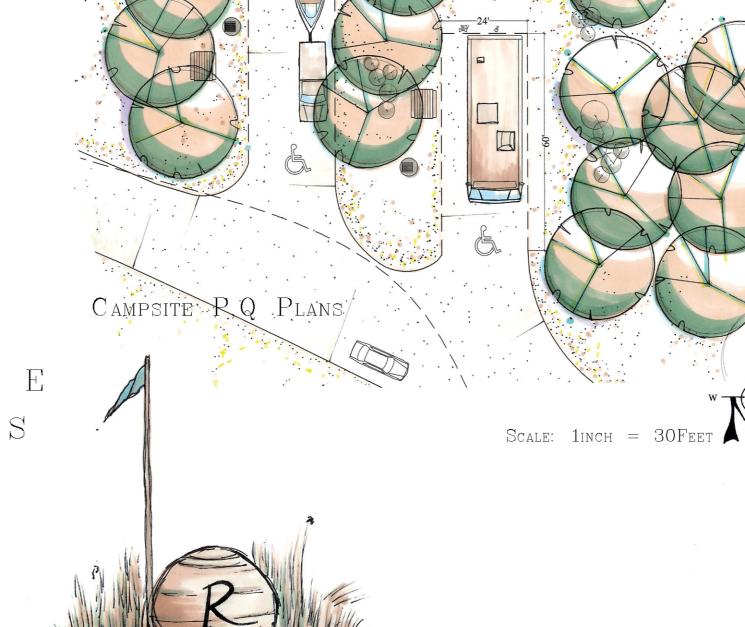
Lavatory Character Sketch



BATH HOUSE PLAN SCALE: 3/161inch = 1f00T

C A M P S I T E M A R K E R S

The Campsite Markers will be placed at the entance to all RV and Primitve campsites. The markers are composed of sandstone rock and are shaped into a sphere. For a vertical element that will help campers recognize the site a pole will come out the center of the rock and a flag will be attached at the end. During a windy day this added movement will catch the visitors eye. For site verification there will be a letter carved into the rock and on the back there will be a brief description of an animal and what it symbolizes to the Native people. Example: Campsite F, Fox is a bad sign, a messenger of danger, sickness, or possible death, but he is also a good power and a guardian. The Fox is clever, intelligent, and good hunter, and a wise friend. He also represents pride, regality, and loyalty.

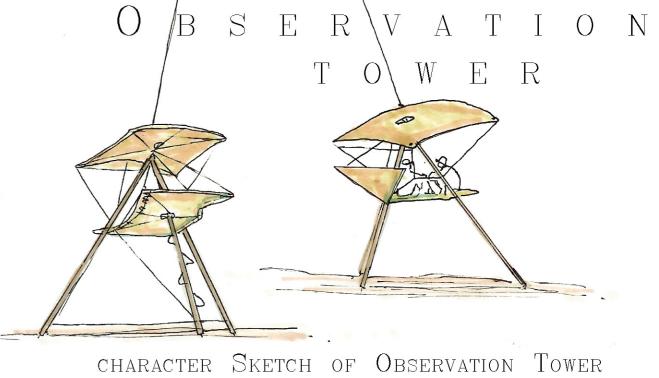


FISH DISPLAY



CHARACTER SKETCH OF FISH DISPLAY

The Fish Display area is a simple structure made of log posts with hooks for anglers to showcase their big catch of the day. The display area will be positioned just west of the boat ramp.

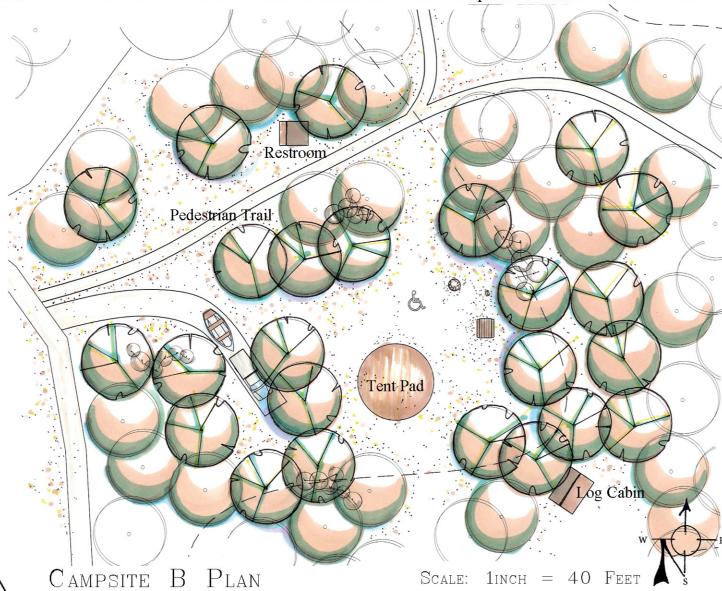


The Observation Tower consists of a raised platform and an acrylic canvas shade canopy that is held up by aluminum poles, which are covered with heavy duty, marine-quality paint. The heights and levels are adjustable with a frame that works similar to a camera tripod. This structure is designed for beach goers, photographers, and visitors who just want to relax. Indian Hills will have three

of these towers, which can be disassembled after the vacation season.

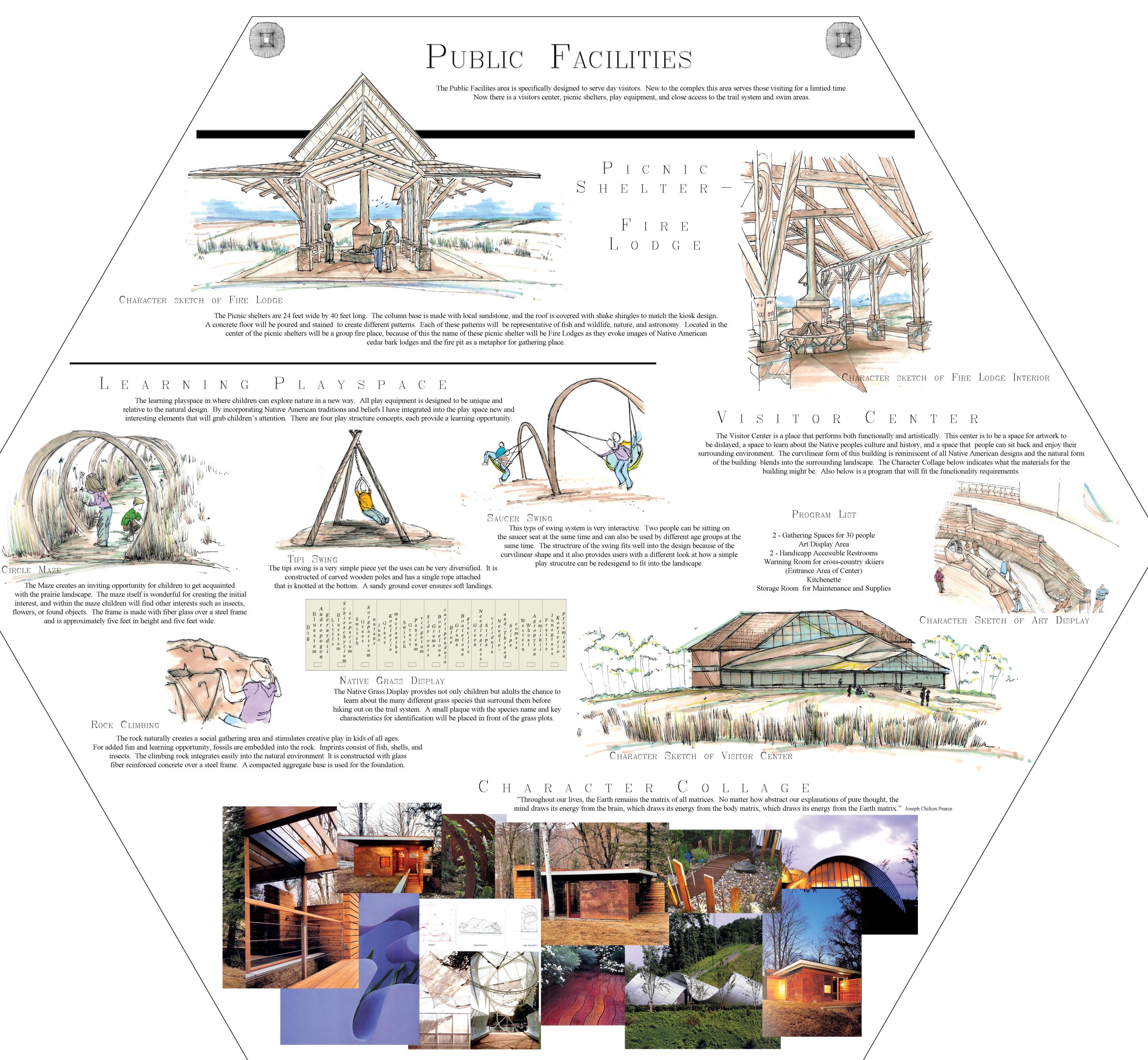
Primi Tive Campsite

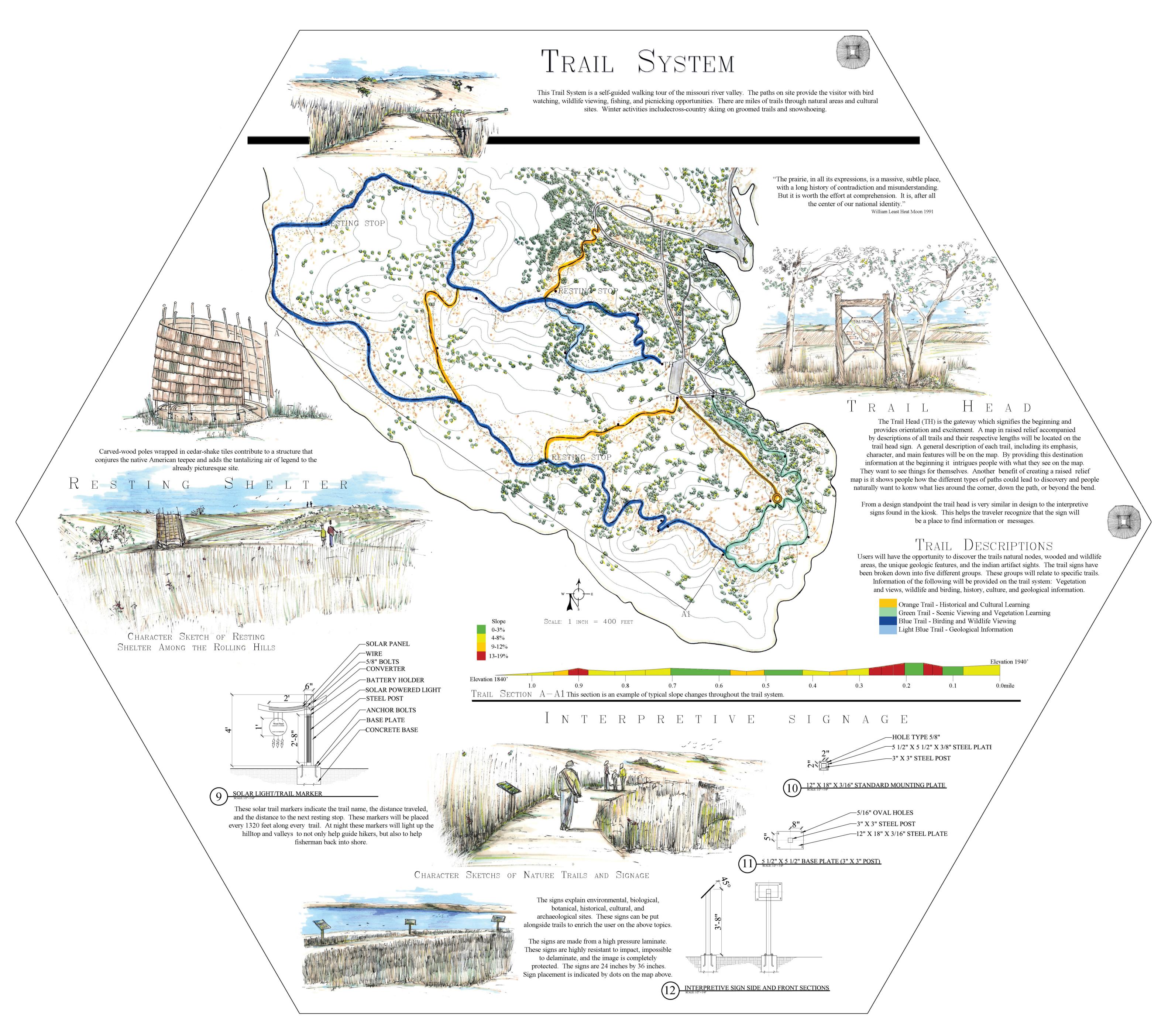
The Primitive Campsites are approximately 40 to 60 square feet and all have a parking space for a pickup and boat trailer separate from the campsite. There are eleven total primitive campsites. There are two main characteristic differences between campsites, either they are wooded or prairie in style. Seven of the campsites are wooded, and four are prairie grasslands with a few shrubs. The primitive sites do not have electricity or water, but are equiped with a picnic table and a fire pit. The two handicapped sites have a raised grill pad, and accessible picnic tables. The two handicapped accessible are close to restrooms and shower facilities. These campsites are on a first come first serve basis.



Character Sketch of a Primitive Campsite









Developing and preserving a recreational site along Lake Sakakawea

In 1998, the North Dakota Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory committee met with members of the Three Affiliated Tribes and asked, "What do you want us to tell the world about your culture?" "Tell them we're still here," a man responded.

That attitude is the impetus for an interpretive center through the Indian Hills Resort and Campground. The park expands the former resort and campground by giving visitors an opportunity to gain knowledge and understand the Native American Culture that existed in the area over the last five hundred years. A new identity and wayfinding system was designed to knit the entire resort and campground into an expanded visitor program.

