

LOWER MERAMEC PARKSITE

PARK HISTORY

The bulk of the parksite consists of the Nordstrom, Keller, and Riverwood tracts that were purchased by Land & Water Conservation Funds. This area is bordered by Meramec Bottom Road on the North and the Meramec River to the South from Interstate 55 to Missouri 21.

An additional 30 to 40 lots were acquired through Section 1362 of the Flood Insurance Program of 1982. The majority of these properties were an acre or less and included what were the Holzer Park, Willowbeach, and Club City subdivisions. Then, with the great flood of 1993, more land was acquired along Meramec Bottom Road.

All the above properties are located in the Meramec River flood plain and are a combination of bottomland forest and agricultural fields. According to a 1979 Cultural Resources Survey of the Holzer, Nordstrom, and Keller tracts, no historical areas were identified, but two possibly significant archeological sites were found. This area also contains an old nursery field planted with pines and some ornamentals. A Lower Meramec Linear Park Master Plan was developed in 1996.

The Lower Meramec Parksites is included in the Meramec River Greenway.