## Historical Marker - S173 - Early State Parks (Marker ID#:S173)





# Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 1957 Erected Date: 1957

### **Marker Location**

Address: Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail

City: Glen Arbor Twp

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Leelanau

Township: Glen Arbor

Lat: 44.90043700 / Long: -86.01981300

Web URL:

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### **Early State Parks**

By the end of World War I, with the rapid growth of the recreation industry in Michigan, a need for a statewide parks system had arisen. In 1919 the State Park Commission was established. D. H. Day State Park, honoring the commission's chairman, was the first park that it set up. When state parks were transferred to the Conservation Department in 1921 over twenty other sites had been acquired, most of them, like D. H. Day State Park, beautifully located on lakeshores.

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