“Allemansrätt” is a Swedish word meaning “All men’s right” and is a concept of land ownership held in Sweden. For Lindstrom, the word means all peoples right to have access to nature. The City of Lindstrom adopted this name to represent what it feels is the purpose of this park; to ensure future generations have access to wilderness. The name also symbolizes our local Swedish Heritage, and the Swedish right to roam with an equal emphasis being placed upon the responsibility to look after the countryside; the maxim is “do not disturb or destroy”.

The City of Lindstrom acquired this park with generous donations of over $1,000,000 from the Trust for Public Land and the Minnesota DNR. It consists of over 90 acres of wilderness, an old cabin, and a private lake. The City purchased land from Violet and Ted Norelius, Concordia University, and the Anderson Family properties. The Anderson Family farm of 64 acres, most recently purchased, was homesteaded in the 1800’s.

The land is full of small wetlands bounded by high eskers - a ridge formed by glacial melting. The wooded area still has some of the original Oaks, Maples, and Basswood trees that were present when the Farm was homesteaded. Although the land was logged for Butternut trees to make cabinets, and grazed extensively, it was never plowed. Most of the existing land is as it was when the original Emigrants came to our area.

The City Parks Commission has planned an Open Park Celebration for June 5th, at 3:00 p.m. at the entrance off of Olinda Trail North. Please plan on attending the dedication of this important contribution to the City of Lindstrom’s quality of life. If you would like to get more involved, join one of our many invasive species removal, or trail clearing groups.

We invite you to visit, or just go out and get lost in the woods! We hope you take advantage of your rights and enjoy your new Park - Allemansrätt.