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Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities

Check out Anoka County Parks for fun seasonal programs and activities. To register or for more information, call 763-324-3350 or visit anokacountyparks.com.

Nature Play

April 2 (Feathered Friends), 10-11:15am; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes
Ages 2-5 (with an adult). Come to Wargo to see who we can find flying, hopping, and soaring outside! We'll get to touch some real feathers, look for birds outside, and read a book! This program is geared for 2-5-year olds who are accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required.
COST: \$3/child (+tax), \$3/adult (+tax)

Lunch with a Naturalist

March 18 (Prescribed Fire), 11:30am-1pm; Wargo Nature Center; 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes
Ages 50+. Bring your lunch and join a naturalist for our Lunch with a Naturalist. These monthly presentations will include local natural history information and possibly a relaxing stroll on the trails at Wargo. Any equipment that may be needed will be provided. Pre-registration is not required.

FREE!

Homeschool Program

March 19, 10am-12pm or 1-3pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes
Naturalists work with homeschoolers to provide quality environmental, recreational and natural

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history programs. Children discover the natural environment by having fun learning about nature through hands-on activities. Grades K-2: Art and Nature; Grades 3-5: Art and Nature; Grades 6-12: Animal Dissections. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$5/person (+tax)

Fat Tire Biking

- March 29, 1-3pm; East Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Visitor Center, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- April 15, 2-4pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, Centerville Beach, 7373 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 16+. Fat tire bikes are stable and easy to ride on a variety of surfaces including snow, sand, and trails. This introductory level class is designed to show participants with little bike riding experience how much fun fat tire bikes can be. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$15/person (+tax)

Maple Syrup Festival

March 21, 2-4pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

It's time to celebrate spring! Learn about the tradition of gathering maple sap and cooking it down to make maple syrup and sugar. We'll go through the syrup process, do some maple crafts, participate in a spring scavenger hunt and taste treats using maple syrup. Fun for the whole family! Pre-registration required.

COST: \$5/person (+tax)

Intro to Nature Photography

March 21, 10am-12:30pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 15+. Looking to improve your outdoor photography? If so, join a local photographer to learn some tips and tricks for taking great photos while out in nature. We'll discuss equipment, photography principles, and other techniques to help you progress as a nature photographer. Weather permitting, we may also spend some time outside practicing these skills. Please bring your preferred camera, all camera types are welcome! No experience required for this program. Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$5/person (+tax)

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Earth Day Celebration and Earth Day Service Project

April 25, 12:30-3pm (Service Project 10am-12pm); Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Join us at Wargo Nature Center for a FREE fun-filled, family Earth Day Celebration! Learn about Wargo's unique offerings and activities, make your own earth art project to take home, listen to live music, explore the trails, and enjoy the lovely spring weather! Also, be sure to visit the Earth Day Fair, where local organizations will provide information and businesses will showcase earth-friendly products. Interested in the service project? Please call 763-324-3350 for details!

FREE!

Raptor Family Program

April 11, 1-2:30pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

All Ages. Beaks, bones, talons and wings are all amazing things! Learn more about powerful hunters through fun and interactive hands on activities. Bundle up and we'll head out on a hike looking for these amazing birds and the clues that they leave behind. This program is best suited for ages 8 and up but all are welcome. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$5/person (+tax), ages 2 and under are free

Bird Walk Series

- April 14, 8-10am; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, 7373 Main St., Lino Lakes
- April 22, 9-11am; East Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Visitor Center, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

All Ages. Join an experienced birder on a walk through one of Anoka County's beautiful parks. Enjoy seeing or hearing 20-60 species of birds. A checklist of Minnesota birds and a map of each area will be provided. All birding abilities are welcome. Binoculars will be available for use. Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$5/person (+tax)