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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.

Lunch with a Naturalist

March 24 (Prescribed Fire), 11:30am-1pm; Virtual via Zoom

Ages 50+. Join us for a special presentation from Dr. Caitlin Barale Potter, Education and Outreach Coordinator at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, located in East Bethel, MN. Cedar Creek has been practicing prescribed burning since the 1960s, making it one of the longest ongoing scientific fire experiments in the world. Researchers at Cedar Creek study the effects of fire at individual, community, and ecosystem levels with the goal of maintaining the prairies and developing effective restoration methods for the savanna. The program will be online and require pre-registration. A Zoom program link will be emailed after registration.

FREE!

Nature Play

March 4 (Magical Maples!), 10-11:15am; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 2-5 (with an adult). March is here and the trees are waking up! Come learn about what tasty surprise comes from maple trees and even try a sample of syrup. This program is geared for 2-5-year old's who are accompanied by an adult. All CDC/MDH guidelines will be followed. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$3/child and \$3/adult (+tax)

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Homeschool Program

March 11 and March 18, 10am-12pm or 1-3pm; Wargo Nature Center; 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes
Naturalists work with homeschoolers to provide quality environmental, recreational and natural history programs. Children discover the natural environment by having fun learning about nature through hands-on activities. Grades K-2: Maple Syruping; Grades 3-5: Maple Syruping, Grades 6-12: Maple Syruping. All CDC/MDH guidelines will be followed. Pre-registration is required.
COST: \$5/person (+tax)

Women's Winter Workshop

March 4 (Snowshoeing), 1-3pm; East Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Visitor Center, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Women Ages 18+. Looking for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors in the winter? Try cross-country skiing or snowshoeing through our Women's Winter Workshop series. These women-only workshops are a great way to learn or practice your cross-country skiing and snowshoeing skills while meeting other women who love the outdoors. Workshops are co-sponsored by Spring Lake Park and the MN DNR's Becoming an Outdoors Women program. Pre-registration is required, and equipment is included in the program fee. All CDC/MDH guidelines will be followed.

Cost: \$7/person (+tax)

Fat Tire Biking

March 14, 1-3pm; Bunker Hills Regional Park Campground Visitor Center; 13101 County Parkway B, Coon Rapids

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. All CDC/MDH guidelines will be followed. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$15/person (+tax)

Winter Birds Family Program

February 27, 2-4pm; Virtual via Zoom

All Ages. Wargo Nature Center and the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve is the winter home to dozens of bird species. Learn some tips for identifying birds and the different ways these

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feathered friends use to make it through a MN winter! This program includes a virtual class on Zoom and self-guided outdoor activities. Participants will receive a Zoom link prior to the program. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$3/person (+tax)

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