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Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities

Check out Anoka County Parks for fun seasonal programs and activities. All CDC/MDH COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. To register or for more information, call 763-324-3350 or visit anokacountyparks.com.

Lunch with a Naturalist

February 15, (Snowshoeing and Snowshoe History), 11:30am-1pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 50+. Snowshoes have been a part of our culture for many years. Join us as we explore their rich history and enjoy a walk on snowshoes, weather and snow permitting. Bring your lunch and join a naturalist for our monthly Lunch with a Naturalist. These monthly presentations will include local natural or cultural history information and possibly a relaxing stroll on the trails at Wargo. Any equipment that may be used will be provided. Pre-registration is not required.

FREE!

Nature Play

February 3, (Ice and Snow) 10-11:15am or 1-2:15pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 2-5. Let's explore the very cool world of ice and snow! We'll investigate the cool features of ice and snow through outdoor play and a story! Pre-registration required.

COST: \$5/child, \$3/adult (+tax)

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Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities – Add 1

Snow Day

January 29, 1-4pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Come play in the snow! The Anoka County Parks Department, in collaboration with Blaine Parks and Recreation Department, will be offering the 22nd annual Snow Day event! Participants of all ages will have a chance to enjoy a variety of activities such as snowshoeing, ice fishing, kick-sledding, fat tire biking, winter crafts, live animals, and more! Pre-registration not required.

FREE!

Winter Recreation Sampler

December 19, 1-3pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

All Ages. Winter is a great time to be outdoors! Come get a taste of things to do outside in Minnesota during our colder months! We will be sampling a variety of recreational activities, including kicksledding, snowshoeing and tips on how to dress for cold weather. This event is open to families and individuals of all ages. Pre-registration required.

COST: \$10/child (+tax), adults free

Nature Play

January 6, 10-11:15am or 1-2:15pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 2-5. Experience the wonders of nature through outdoor play, stories and crafts! In the cold winter months, animals have different ways of surviving. Come join us and learn about the ways animals live through the winter.

Cost: \$5/child, \$3/adult (+tax)

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Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities – Add 2

Learn to Cross-Country Ski

- February 5, 1-3pm; Chomonix Golf Course, Ski Area, 700 Aqua Ln, Lino Lakes
- February 8, 2-4pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Visitor Center, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- February 9, 1-3pm; Chomonix Golf Course, Ski Area, 700 Aqua Ln, Lino Lakes
- February 20, 11am-1pm; Chomonix Golf Course, Ski Area, 700 Aqua Ln, Lino Lakes
- February 24, 1-3pm; Bunker Hills Regional Park, Campground Visitor Center, 13101 County Pkwy B, Coon Rapids

Ages 8+. Cross-Country skiing is great exercise and a fun way to get outdoors in the winter. What better place to learn than in one of Anoka County's beautiful parks! Our introductory classes are appropriate for people of all abilities. The activity fee includes ski rental, instruction, and cross-country skiing through our scenic Anoka County parks. No experience necessary, pre-registration required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$15/adult, \$10/child (+tax)

Scouts BSA Merit Badge Sessions

Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

- February 26, 10am-12pm; Bird Study
- March 5, 10am-12pm; Forestry
- April 16, 10am-12pm; Nature

Join naturalists at Wargo Nature Center for a series of programs that will provide opportunities to help fulfill requirements for Scouts BSA merit badges. These programs will include activities that are designed to meet 3-6+ requirements. Pre-registration required. No cost for adults and scout leaders. Participants must be accompanied by adult/leader.

COST: \$6/scout (+tax), FREE for adult

Winter Wildlife Tracking Series

Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

- February 26, 10am-12pm
- March 12, 10am-12pm

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Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities – Add 3

Ages 14+. Join certified wildlife tracker, Eric Vehe, for a series on how to become a competent wildlife tracker while also exploring the fascinating story of wildlife on the landscape in winter. Each session will include a brief introduction to a particular aspect of tracking. We will then explore the winter landscape at Wargo to apply these skills. Attendees are encouraged to download the free iNaturalist app, which we will use to document our findings. Pre-registration required. Enroll in all three sessions and receive a discounted rate!

COST: \$9/person (+tax) per single session; \$21/person (+tax) for all 3 sessions.

Women's Winter Workshops

Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

- February 15, 1-3pm; Cross-Country Skiing
- February 16, 6-8pm; Full Moon Snowshoeing

Women Ages 18+. Looking for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors in 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 and snowshoeing while meeting other women who love the outdoors. Pre-registration is required, and equipment is included in the program fee.

COST: Snowshoeing \$7/person (+tax); Cross-country skiing \$15/person (+tax)

Ski and Snowshoe by the Light of the Moon

February 16, 6-8pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Visitor Center, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 8+. Enjoy the beautiful ski trails or go off trail with snowshoes. You can choose to cross country ski or snowshoe under the light of a full moon. Coon Rapids Dam is a beautiful place to do either! Staff will be along to get you set with equipment and show you where to go. Equipment is included in the program fee. Pre-registration required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$15/adult and \$7/child (+tax)