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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.

Naturalist Explorations

- May 21, (Invertebrate and Insect Bioblitz) 12-1pm; Bunker Hills Regional Park; 13101 County Pkwy B, Coon Rapids
- June 4, (Butterfly and Bee Bonanza) 12-1pm; Bunker Hills Regional Park; 13101 County Pkwy B, Coon Rapids

Ages 12+. Join field guide author and local naturalist Brett Ortler to explore the fascinating natural history found in Anoka County Parks. Each program will have a particular focus, but also an opportunity to explore whatever unique things are found in the parks. Pre-registration required.

FREE!

Bird Walk Series

- May 17, 9-11am; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, 7373 Main Street, Lino Lakes
- May 19, 4-6pm; 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 to 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.

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Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$5/person per session (+tax)

Birding by Boat

- May 17, 1-4pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Visitor Center; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- May 19, 9am-12pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, 7373 Main Street, Lino Lakes

All Ages! We will paddle areas most other birders can't get to and see a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and upland bird species. No experience in boating or birding is required. All equipment is included, and binoculars are available for use. Pre-registration required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$10/adult (+tax), kids 17 and under are free

Intro to Kayaking

- May 31, 4-6pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, Centerville Beach, 7373 Main Street, Lino Lakes
 - June 16, 4-6pm; East Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- Ages 16+. Learn the basics of kayaking including boat safety, basic strokes, bracing, and which boat is best for you. Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$25/person (+tax)

Stand Up Paddle Boarding

- May 31, 2-3:30pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, Centerville Beach, 7373 Main Street, Lino Lakes
- June 14, 1-2:30pm; East Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 16+. Paddle boarding is easier than you may think and is a great way to get some exercise! No experience needed. Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$20/person (+tax)

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Introduction to Fishing

- May 26, 6-8pm; East Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- June 9, 6-8pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, 7373 Main St, Lino Lakes

This family-oriented class will cover the basic skills, equipment, and fishing methods needed to get outside and catch some fish! No experience required and all equipment provided. Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$7/person; \$20/family (+tax)

Women's Intro to Fly Fishing

June 15, 6-8pm; East Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 14+. In partnership with Trout Unlimited, join us for an introductory class on fly fishing!

This women-oriented class will cover the basic skills, equipment, and fly-fishing methods needed to get outside and catch some fish. No experience necessary and all equipment is provided. Pre-registration is required.

FREE!

Wargo Nature Center Restoration Project Days

June 11, 10am-12pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Help restore the natural environment at Wargo Nature Center! We'll tackle different challenges each month like buckthorn and garlic mustard removal and native plant seed collection – depending on needs and group size each month. Meet outside before heading out on the morning's project. Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

FREE!

BSA Scouting Merit Badge Session

June 25, (Insect Study Badge) 1-3pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

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

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