

Wood Lake Nature Center

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The City of Richfield's Wood Lake Nature Center is a 150-acre natural area dedicated to environmental education, wildlife observation, and outdoor recreation. Three miles of trails and boardwalks wind through the park. The trails are either blacktop or crushed limestone, and most are wheelchair accessible during summer months. To preserve the natural habitat, no pets, bikes, or rollerblades are allowed.

The Interpretive Center offers visitors a chance to learn more about plants, animals, and the environment. Staff naturalists are available to answer questions during building hours. For more information about nature center classes, programs, or facilities, please call 612-861-9365 or visit www.woodlakenaturecenter.org.

Building Hours Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Building is closed on legal holidays. Trails remain open.

Park Hours Daily: 5:00 am-11:00 pm

GROUP PROGRAMS & FEES

Interpretive naturalists and educators have developed engaging, hands-on programs for schools, homeschools, childcare centers, scout groups, seniors, adults with disabilities, and other groups. Cost is \$4 per participant (\$40 minimum). For a program list, visit www.woodlakenaturecenter.org/programs. Call 612-861-9365 for availability.

ROOM RENTAL

The nature center offers a wonderful setting for meetings, parties, memorials, anniversaries, and receptions. Auditorium rental includes seating for 60-80, tables and chairs, use of the fireplace, and a beautiful view of the marsh. Non-alcoholic beverages only; no helium balloons.

Resident: \$41 /hour for private party rentals

Non-Resident: \$46/hour for private party rentals

Non-Profit: \$31/hour for non-profit groups

Friends of Wood Lake (FOWL)

Membership

Individual (\$30) Includes free admission to Sunday Specials (up to \$3), free admission to Half-Haunted Halloween, Candlelight & Ice, Live Animal Show, and Book Club, free cross-country ski rental, 10% discount on select programs and merchandise, plus newsletter.

Family (\$50) Same as Individual benefits for a maximum of two named adults residing at the same address and their dependent children or grandchildren under age 18.

Sustaining (\$100) Same as Family plus four Wood Lake mugs.

Corporate (\$250) Engraved plaque plus Family benefits for one family.

Life (\$1,000) Same as Family plus framed Wood Lake photo.



Half-Haunted Halloween

Saturday, October 23

This family-friendly, non-scary Halloween event is chock full of activities, including an interactive trick or treat trail, a new petting zoo, games, Norm Barnhart's magic show, face painting, hot cocoa and cookies! Trail, games, petting zoo and snacks are ongoing; magic show repeats every 25 minutes. Space is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Nature Center. Any remaining tickets will be available at the event.

3:00-7:30 pm

\$4 in advance, \$5 at the door

Free for members

(tickets sold until 6:00 pm)

FOWL Ball Golf Klassic

Saturday, September 11, 3:00 pm

Join the Friends of Wood Lake Board of Directors, nature center staff and community supporters for the 17th Annual FOWL Ball Golf Klassic. Tickets are \$35 per player (teams of five may play for \$150) and include goofy golf, a picnic dinner and lots of fun! Proceeds benefit the nature center and its programs. Please call 612-861-9365 for more information.

Birthday Parties

Wood Lake offers a variety of birthday parties that are fun, educational, and the mess stays with us! Parties include a naturalist-led activity and use of the party room with tables, chairs and tablecloths. Treat bags offered at \$2 each. Save a trip to the party store and have a "green party" for an additional \$10; includes reusable cups, plates, bowls, silverware and recycled paper napkins. Payment is due when the party is booked. Visit www.woodlakenaturecenter.org for additional information and party descriptions. 10% discount on party fee for FOWL members.



Time	2 hours total (one hour with naturalist, one hour with parents)
Resident	\$85 for up to ten children, \$4 per additional child (max 15)
Non-Resident	\$95 for up to ten children, \$4 per additional child (max 15)

Critter Hunt Birthday (ages 4-5) Kids will become nature detectives and head outside with a naturalist to look for clues from hidden animals that live at Wood Lake.

Treasure Hunt Birthday (ages 5-9) The birthday child leads the group in a hunt for a hidden treasure. As they solve riddles

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along the trail the kids will receive puzzle piece clues. Children then return to the nature center to solve the puzzle and find their "treasure".

Scaly Tales Birthday (ages 5-9) Meet a live snake, turtle and salamander and learn all about these amazing creatures! Time permitting, hike outside with a naturalist to look for reptiles and amphibians in their natural habitat.

Tracks and Trails Birthday (ages 5-12) Make a plaster track to take home, then hike the trails to search for real animals and their tracks.

Games Birthday (ages 7-12) Hawk vs. Owl, Squirrel Tag, everybody's in! Play fun, nature-oriented games chosen by the birthday child.

Survival (ages 8-12) Learn the basics of survival and build an outdoor shelter.

Adult Classes

Environmental Book Club

Join other adults to discuss some wonderful environmental and outdoor recreation based books. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Here is the fall book list; all are available at local libraries. Please call 612-861-9365 to register.

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm	\$5/person, free for members
September 14	The Unnatural History of the Sea by Callum Roberts
October 12	Spirits of the Wild by Gary Ferguson
November 9	The Ghost with Trembling Wings by Scott Weidensaul
December 14	Tales of a River Rat by Kenny Salwey

Nordic Pole Walking For Health and Fitness

Experience all the benefits of Nordic pole walking. Burn up to 46% more calories than conventional walking. Walking poles are provided for class use. Please wear comfortable shoes that can be worn outdoors. Class will be held indoors if raining. Poles available for purchase. Call 612-861-9365 to register.

Wednesday	6:15-7:45 pm
September 22	\$19

Bird Hike

Fall is an exciting time to spot migrating birds. Enjoy an educational and leisurely walk through the nature center on a guided bird hike. Both amateur and advanced bird watchers are welcome! Binoculars and field guides are available for loan. Please call 612-861-9365 to register.

Thursday	6:00-7:30 pm
September 23	\$5/hike, free for members

Nature at Night Hike

Enjoy a night hike as we explore what creatures are just waking up! Discover some of the many adaptations that nocturnal animals possess. Ages 12 and up. Please call 612-861-9365 to register. Limit 20

Thursday	6:30-8:00 pm
October 28	\$5/hike, free for members

Make Your Own Snowshoes

Experience the satisfaction that comes from lacing your own personalized Ojibwa-style snowshoes. With solid-ash frames and nylon lacings, these works of art will last a lifetime. Surprise someone you love with a pair of custom-made snowshoes this winter! All materials and professional instruction are provided. Bindings available for additional cost. Payment required by November 19.

Thursdays	6:30-9:00 pm
November 23 & 30	\$140

Parent/Child Preschool Programs

Nature Adventurers

Young explorers (ages 3-6) accompanied by an adult will have an exciting time exploring different natural topics each visit. Enjoy stories, crafts, hands-on activities, snack, and outdoor discovery time. \$8/child per class. Prepayment required by calling 612-861-9365.

Topic	Mondays 10:00-11:30 am	Tuesdays 10:00-11:30 am	Wednesdays 3:00-4:30 pm
Nature's Colors	September 13	September 14	September 15
Slithering Snakes	September 27	September 28	September 29
Fall Detectives	October 11	October 12	October 13
Leaf Printing	October 25	October 26	October 27
Terrific Trees	November 8	November 9	November 10
Nature's Alphabet	November 22	November 23	November 24
Animal Homes	December 6	December 7	December 8
Keeping Warm	December 20	December 21	December 22

Saturday and Sunday Specials

Saturday and Sunday Specials are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Class limits are set to ensure a quality experience. Friends of Wood Lake Members receive free admission to Sunday Specials (up to \$3 off).

Honey Harvest

In a good year, Wood Lake's bees will make over 200 pounds of honey! Discover the active and fascinating life of honeybees while looking into a beehive and harvesting fresh honey to taste. Limit 25

Sundays	1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
September 12 & 26	\$3/person, free for members

Apples Aplenty

Discover the history of cidering while mashing and pressing apples into cider. Taste a variety of apples and learn how to blend different kinds of apples together into a delicious mix of cider. Enjoy a short hike with a naturalist. Limit 25

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September 19 & October 3	\$3/person, free for members

Fall Family Portrait Weekend

Wood Lake is the perfect setting for a beautiful family portrait. Reserve your spot with photographer Chris Bartlett (www.chrisbartlettphotography.com) for a picture perfect time. Order prints for an additional fee. Allow approximately 20 minutes per portrait session. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to appointment. Call 612-861-9365 to reserve a time.

Saturday	October 9	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Sunday	October 10	12:00-4:00 pm
Cost: \$35 sitting fee, \$30 for members, prints are an additional fee		

Think Like A Tree

Enjoy a fall colors hike with a naturalist while learning how to identify trees. After the hike, make leaf prints and listen to tree stories.

Sunday	12:30-2:30 pm
October 17	\$3/person, free for members

Pumpkin Carving and Ghostly Games

Enjoy an afternoon of carving your very own pumpkin for Halloween night! Try your hand at bat, owl, spider and bone-themed games for all ages! Limit 30

Sunday	October 31	1:00-3:00 pm
\$3/person, free for members, + \$4 per pumpkin		

Migration Magic

Hike to see which birds have gathered in the marsh and learn what wildlife experts are saying about how the oil disaster will affect Minnesota's migrating birds. Limit 30

Sunday	November 7	1:00-2:30 pm
\$3/person, free for members		

Get Into The Rut!

Discover the fascinating behaviors of deer during the mating season. Hike to the far reaches of the park in search of deer activity during the peak of the "rut". Limit 20

Sunday	November 14	1:00-2:30 pm
\$3/person, free for members		

Wonderful Woodpeckers

Attract woodpeckers to your yard by building a suet cake feeder. Afterwards, take a hike and explore the habitat of these magnificent birds. Learn bird identification and bird call tips! Limit 20

Sunday	November 21	1:00-2:30 or 3:00-4:30 pm
\$3/person, free for members + \$7/feeder		

Talk Turkey To Me

Turkeys have made a huge comeback in the Twin Cities. Learn its call, its habits and why hunters call it the smartest game bird ever. Hike to look for turkeys and learn why Ben Franklin wanted it to be our national symbol. Limit 20

Sunday	November 28	1:00-2:30 pm
\$3/person, free for members		

Rolled Beeswax Candles

Take advantage of bee's hard work; make candles out of their sweet smelling wax. They are fun to make, look and smell great, and make fantastic holiday gifts! This is a wonderful parent/child activity. Limit 30

Sunday	December 5 & 12	1:00-2:00 or 2:30-3:30 pm
\$3/person, free for members + \$2 per candle		

Wrap It Green

Learn how to turn everyday household items into clever ways to wrap gifts. Bring paper bags, old pillow-cases and large material scraps and turn them into "green" gift wrap. Limit 20

Sunday	December 19	1:00-2:30 pm
\$3/person, free for members		





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Registration Information

Richfield Recreation Services accepts cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. You may register by...

WALK IN:

Registration for all activities/classes is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-in registrations will be handled first.

MAIL:

Registrations received by mail will be considered as they are received. If an activity should fill up, a waiting list will be started. Please include your name, address, phone, activity title, activity date and time, and class number. Make checks payable to the City of Richfield. A registration form is available online, at www.richfieldrecreation.com.

PHONE AND FAX:

Check the brochure section for the correct phone number and pay by credit card. Department Fax numbers are: Recreation &

Senior Programs, 612-861-9388; Ice Arena, 612-861-9353; and, Wood Lake Nature Center, 612-861-9367.

REGISTER ONLINE:

Registration is now available online for many of Richfield's Recreation programs! Check out www.richfieldrecreation.com for a link to the online registration site where you can set up an account, sign up and pay for many of the classes offered through Richfield Recreation Services. For more information, please call the Recreation Services Department at the Community Center, at 612-861-9395.

PASSPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

For those that may need financial assistance to participate in our programs. This assistance is for qualified Richfield residents only. For more information, please call the Recreation Services Department at the Community Center, at 612-861-9385.

RECREATION SERVICES GENERAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

If you need to withdraw from a program, you must notify the Recreation Services office where you registered (Community Center, Ice Arena, Wood Lake, etc.) before the session begins.

1. The Richfield Recreation Services Department reserves the right to cancel class(es) or activities due to insufficient enrollment or issues beyond our control. Full refunds will be given when classes are cancelled by our department.
2. When a class is not cancelled by the department, registered program participants are eligible to receive a refund when canceling one week prior to the first class session. No refunds will be issued when requested within one week or after the start of the first class session unless for bona fide medical reasons. Refunds will be prorated if you have participated in the class prior to the occurrence of the medical condition. Richfield Recreation Services reserves the right to require documentation from a physician.
3. When a customer attends the first class of a session and the class does not meet their expectations, we will give a prorated refund for the remaining classes. The refund must be requested before the second class session takes place.
4. Refunds will not be issued for classes missed due to illness or vacations.
5. For activities that have advance program expenses, i.e. bus transportation, contracted services or prepaid admissions, no refunds will be issued after the registration deadline.

REGISTERING FOR OTHERS

When registering for recreation programs, you may only register your immediate family and one other family (a family constitutes all persons permanently living at the same address).

VOLUNTARY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

I understand that my or my child's participation in this program is voluntary and that the program is offered for the benefit of participants. I also understand that the risk of injury to myself or child from the activities in the program is significant, including potential for permanent disability and death. In consideration of my or my child being allowed to participate, I knowingly assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the City of Richfield, its agents or employees. For myself, my child, my spouse and our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, I release and hold harmless the City of Richfield, its agents and employees with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property arising out of connected to my or my child's participation in this program, whether arising from the negligence of the City or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law."

CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDINGS OF PROGRAMS

Richfield Recreation Services uses photography and video recordings to document activities and promote recreation opportunities. Participation in a recreation activity acts as your consent to such photographs and recordings unless you indicate otherwise to City staff.