



**CARVER
COUNTY
PARKS**

CARVER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION **PROGRAM GUIDE**



Spring-Summer 2024



Who We Are

Carver County Parks provides a variety of quality recreational experiences, services, and lands that meet the needs of the residents of Carver County and Carver County Regional Parks users. We have three regional parks: Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, Lake Waconia Regional Park, and Baylor Regional Park.

Contact Information

Parks Main Office:

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☎ (952) 466-5255

Online Registration

bit.ly/CCPprograms

Website

carvercountymn.gov/parks

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Featured Events

Minnewashta Mud Run

Saturday, July 13, 8am

People of all ages are welcome to join in the event, held at beautiful Lake Minnewashta Regional Park. The course is 3.4 miles total. It is composed of a 1.7 mile loop done twice, where you have the option to end after one loop. The course has fun, safe and family-friendly obstacles including the limbo, crazy maze, hay bale climbing, giant waterslide...and don't forget the mud! Even little ones can take part in the ¼-mile Mini Mud Run.

Register through Minnetonka Community Education at bit.ly/MinneMR24



Paradise Beach Bash

Friday, June 21, 3-10:30pm

All are invited to come kick off the summer with a day of fun at our brand-new facility Paradise Commons at Lake Waconia Regional Park!

This community event will feature family beach activities, live music by Ragtown, a children's DJ, food and drink available for purchase, and a \$10 Activity Pass available for activities like log rolling, kayaking, archery, paddleboarding, and more!

Find more event information at DestinationWaconia.org/beachbash and don't forget to share the event on Facebook!



Summer Day Camps

Waconia Adventure Camp

Lake Waconia Regional Park

June 4-6 or August 13-15, 9am-3pm

\$120, Ages 8-13

If your child loves playing outdoors with other kids, then this camp is for them! Based out of the new Paradise Commons building at Lake Waconia Regional Park, this camp is all about outdoor adventure and is stuffed with activities like archery, geocaching, outdoor cooking, paddling, swimming, beach play, group games and more! Section 1 will also include STEM-based activities provided by UofM Extension 4H each day.



Minnewashta Adventure Camp

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

See details in the chart below.

Cost Varies, Ages 8-13

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Minnewashta Adventure Camp Sections:

June 10-13	9am-3pm	\$160
August 6-8	9am-3pm	\$120

Wassermann Adventure Camp

Wassermann Lake Preserve (Victoria)

June 18-20, 9am-2pm

\$99, Ages 8-13

Get outside and connected with other kids at Wassermann Adventure Camp! This 3 day camp will provide opportunities to try outdoor recreation activities like archery, campfire cooking, geocaching, slackline and more! This camp is focused on the outdoors, experiential adventure learning and all around summer FUN!

Girls Archery Camp

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

June 25-27, 9-11:30am

\$60, Ages 9-14

Does your daughter want to be an archer as famous as Katniss Everdeen, skillful as Artemis or just want to put Robin Hood in his place? Then this camp is her place to train and make new archery friends! Through fun games and experiential learning, participants will learn range safety and proper techniques for stance, aim, and release to improve their shot. Campers will get the opportunity to shoot both compound and recurve bows at various target styles. All equipment is provided.

Biking Day Camp

Veterans Park (Chaska)

July 2, 9am-2pm

\$40, Ages 10-15

This travelling adventure camp starts at Veterans Park in Chaska but won't stay in one place! Bring your own bike or use one provided to tour around some nearby trails between exciting outdoor activities like archery, geocaching, slackline and swimming at Fireman's Park!

Bikes and helmets available to use. Helmets required.

Youth Paddle Camp

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

July 16-18, 12:30-3pm

\$90, Ages 10-15

There's lots of ways to hit the lakes during a hot Minnesota summer and this camp is for kids that want to try as many as possible! Cruise in a kayak, paddle your canoe, lounge on a paddle board and conquer the Voyageur canoe. This 3 day mini-camp will teach water safety and paddling techniques for all these watercraft favorites. All equipment is provided.

Baylor Adventure Camp

Baylor Regional Park

July 23-25, 9am-2pm

\$88, Ages 8-13

Get outside and connected with other kids at our Baylor Adventure Camp! This camp will provide opportunities to try outdoor recreation activities like archery, geocaching, slackline, outdoor cooking, canoeing and more! Additionally, UofM Extension 4H will be providing STEM based activities each day. This camp is focused on the outdoors, experiential adventure learning and all-around summer FUN!

Youth Archery Camp

Location Varies

See chart below for details.

\$60, Ages 9-14

Is your kid interested in getting into archery, or just wants to shoot with other kids? This beginner level camp covers the basics of archery and will run participants through a series of games and activities to learn range safety and proper shooting techniques. Campers will get the opportunity to shoot both compound and recurve bows at various target styles. All equipment is provided.



Youth Archery Camp Sections:

July 16-18, 9-11:30am Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

July 30-August 1, 9-11:30am Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

August 27-29, 9-11:30am Lake Waconia Regional Park

Register online at bit.ly/CCPprograms

Youth Specialty Programs

After School Archery

Location Varies

See chart below for details.

\$15, Ages 8-15

Calling all archers! This archery class is an opportunity for beginners to learn something new or experienced archers to shoot with friends! Proper techniques for stance, aim and release are taught by trained instructors who utilize experiential learning and creative games to ensure that all archers grow in their abilities—and have fun!

Students can go straight to this program after school from Chaska Middle School East or West. All equipment is provided.

After School Archery Sections:

May 2	4-5pm	Chaska Middle School East
May 7	3:30-4:30pm	Waconia Middle School

Youth Intro to Fishing

Location Varies

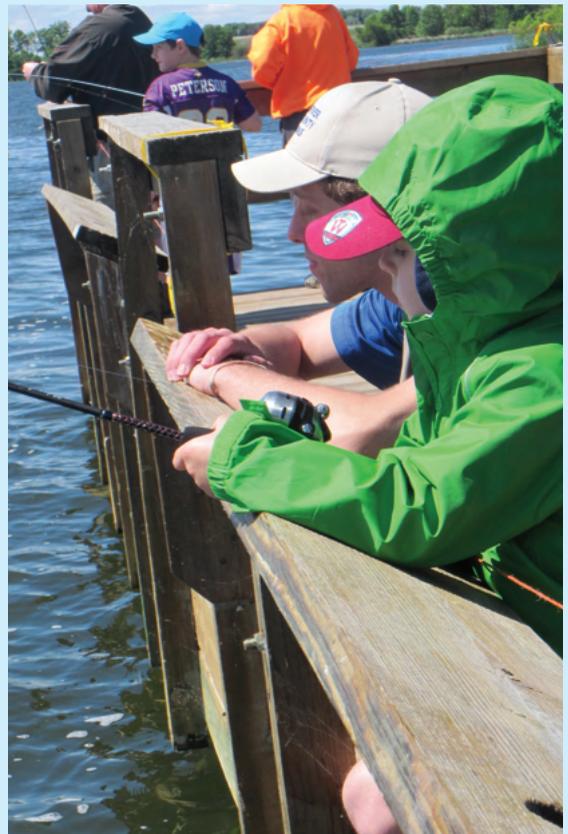
See chart below for details.

\$29, Ages 7-12

Intended for those looking to experience fishing for the first time or kids that just want to do some fishing with friends! This program will introduce skills like drop casting, overhead casting practice, hooking bait, setting hooks and removing fish as well as ethical fishing practices. All equipment is provided.

Youth Intro to Fishing Sections:

June 28	9-11am	Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
July 26	9-11am	Cedar Point Park (Waconia)





Stand Up Paddle Board

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

June 29, 10:30am-12pm or 12:30-2pm

\$25, Ages 10-15

Hit the lake with this exciting adventure paddling sport! Born from Hawaiian surf culture, paddle boards can provide a fun method of exploring the lake. This program is designed for beginner-level paddlers. Instruction will start on land with brief water safety and technique tips, and then head out on the water!

All necessary paddling equipment will be provided. Participants should come prepared to get wet.



Youth Archery Lesson

Watertown-Mayer Community Learning Center (Watertown)

August 12, 4:30-5:30pm

\$15, Ages 8-14

This archery class is intended for new students but is also open to existing archers that want to hone their skills with some friends. Commands, signals, techniques and shooting challenges are all part of the program. All equipment is provided.

Outdoor Extravaganza

Lake Ann Park (Chanhassen)

August 26, 9am-3pm

\$45, Ages 8-13

Have a full day of outdoor fun at Lake Ann Park! This day camp is packed with exciting activities like archery, slackline, geocaching, beach time and even paddling the lake if weather allows. Bring along a friend to enjoy the summer sun or come ready to meet new people! A full packing list will be emailed out before the camp. All equipment is provided.

Register online at bit.ly/CCPprograms

Adult Specialty Programs

Nordic Walking Series

Various Locations

May 8, May 15, and May 22, 10-11am

\$15, Ages 50+

Nordic walking is simply walking with two poles, like for skiing, to provide a better workout as well as stability for those who have balance, knee or leg problems. It's low impact and easy to learn, making it a great form of exercise for active older adults! Enjoy the spring air while our staff teach you how to use the equipment and lead a walk around the trails. All equipment is provided but you are welcome to bring your own. The first session will be at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, week two will be at Lake Ann and the last session will be at Lake Susan.

Coney Island Kayak

Lake Waconia Regional Park

May 18, July 21, August 3, or September 8, 9-11am

\$25 per session, Ages 12+

Explore the historical island of Lake Waconia guided by park staff! Instructors will review the basics of kayaking, then the group will make the 30-minute paddle out to the island and disembark for a nature walk while learning about the rich history of Coney Island of the West. Previous paddling experience is encouraged but not required. All equipment is provided.

Adult Archery Beginner Lesson

Veterans Park (Chaska)

June 1, 9-11:30am

\$20, Ages 18+

Channel your inner archer this spring! In this beginner-level program, our instructors will cover the basics of equipment, safety and technique for participants with little or no prior archery experience. By the end of the session, you'll be ready to split arrows...or at least pursue an archery hobby on your own! All equipment is provided.

Paddle Club

Various Locations

June - August, 6:30-8:30pm

\$130, Ages 18+

Visit a new lake in Carver County each week during this summer social club! We provide kayaks, paddle boards and all the other necessary equipment! No previous experience required. Meet new people while out on the water or sign up with your friends to explore the local lakes! This series includes eight regular sessions plus a daytrip excursion to Coney Island on Lake Waconia. Coney Island excursion date choices include July 20, August 24 and September 7. Find session options and details on the registration page.



Family Programs

Family Maple Syrup Tour

Baylor Regional Park

April 2, 5:30-7pm

\$10 per person, All Ages

Experience a true northern tradition through tour and taste! Our informational walking tour through Baylor Regional Park's maple forest provides an in-depth history of this seasonal tradition. Learn the entire maple syruping process, from tapping the tree to boiling down the syrup. Participants even get to take home a little extra!

Dad and Daughter Night Out

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

June 30 or August 25, 6-8pm

\$20 per person, Ages 8+

Get outdoors with your daughter and have some fun together! This program includes an archery lesson for both dads and daughters with all the equipment provided and no experience needed. After archery, paddle around the waters of Lake Minnewashta in kayaks! In the case of strong winds, kayaking will be replaced with a geocaching treasure hunt.



Register for all programs at
bit.ly/CCPprograms

Fall program information and registration coming soon!



Equipment Rentals

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-4pm

Kayak, canoe, and paddleboard equipment will be available on weekends between June 8–August 18, 2024, weather dependent.

Lake Waconia Regional Park Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-4pm

Kayak, canoe, and paddleboard equipment will be available on weekends between June 8–August 18, 2024, weather dependent. Additional rental items will be available at the Paradise Commons facility, including bean bag toss, ladder golf, Kube, Kanjam, Giant Jenga, volleyballs, and ultimate frisbee discs.



Baylor Regional Park Saturdays and Sundays

Disc golf equipment will be available at the campground office on weekends between May 10–October 12, 2024.

Facility Reservations

Our picnic shelters at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park and Baylor Regional Park feature covered seating, a charcoal grill, and even an outdoor volleyball court at some locations! The Sun Room in our newly built facility, Paradise Commons, at Lake Waconia Regional Park is also available for formal and informal events year-round!

Check out our different sites and reserve a facility today on our reservation site or by calling our reservation line at (952) 466-5255. Facilities are available to reserve up to a year in advance.

Camping at Baylor Regional Park

The Baylor Regional Park Campground will be open for the season May 10–October 12, 2024. Featuring onsite showers, a playground and nearly four miles of walking trails, Baylor has 35 campsites with water and electrical hookups and 15 primitive campsites!

Reserve your campsite by making a reservation on our website or by calling our reservation line at (952) 466-5255. Campsites are available to reserve up to a year in advance.

Lifeguard Services

The beaches at Lake Minnewashta, Lake Waconia and Baylor Regional Parks will open for seasonal use on Memorial Day weekend at “swim at your own risk” status. These beaches will be open during the daily park hours of 6 a.m.–10 p.m.

Carver County Parks

Park & Trail Locations

Baylor Regional Park

[10775 County Road 33, Norwood Young America](#)

Baylor Regional Park is a 201 acre park situated in western Carver County on Eagle Lake. The park offers 50 campsites, 35 with water and electrical hookups and 15 which are primitive. Baylor Regional Park also has a beach and an 18-hole disc golf course. The Minnesota Astronomical Society maintains the Eagle Lake Observatory located here.

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

[6900 Hazeltine Boulevard, Excelsior](#)

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park is a 340 acre park situated on the shores of Lake Minnewashta. This park features five miles of trails, picnic shelters, a creative playground, public boat access, and our off-leash dog area.

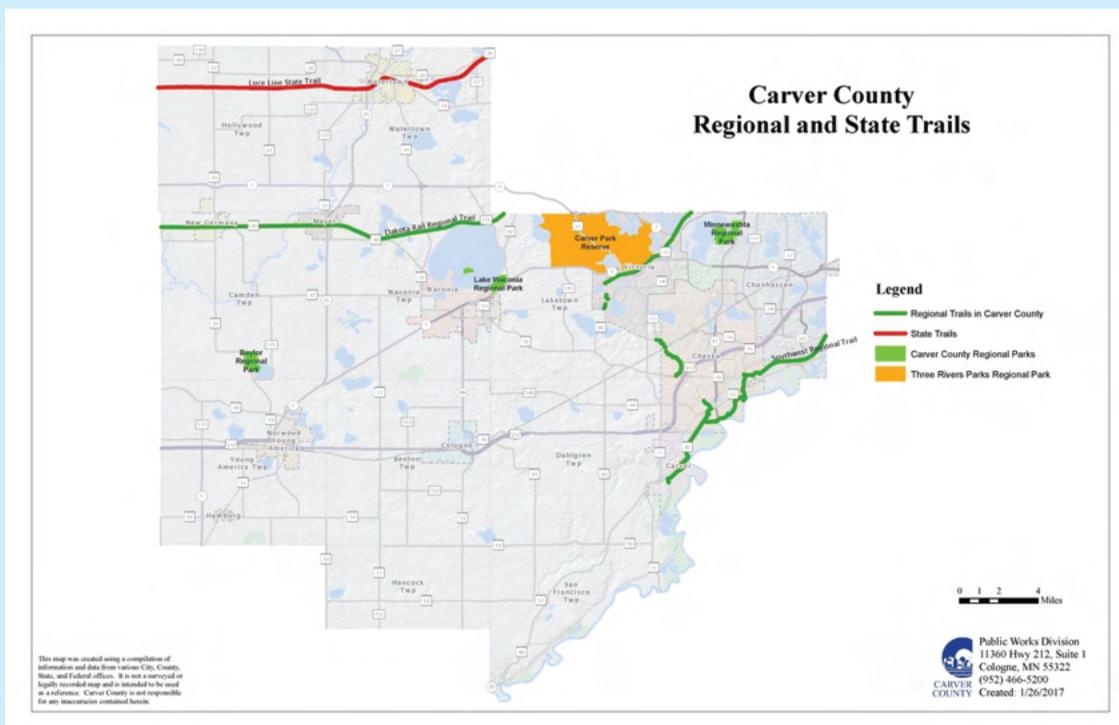
Lake Waconia Regional Park

[8170 Paradise Lane, Waconia](#)

Lake Waconia Regional Park, including Coney Island of the West, is a 164 acre park situated on the southern shore of Lake Waconia. This shoreline park offers views to the lake and Coney Island. This park has a swimming beach and picnic tables as well as public boat access. It also features Paradise Commons, our new facility with an office, restrooms, reservable event space, and more. In the winter, you can try out the Lake Waconia sledding hill.

Regional Trails

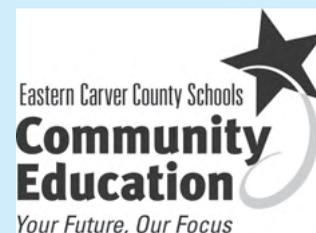
Carver County Parks includes areas of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail, Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail, Southwest Regional Trail Connection, and Trunk Highway 5 Regional Trail. Find more information and trailheads at carvercountymn.gov/parks.





Our Partners

We offer our programs in partnership with many community partners, so check your local parks department or community education departments if our registration is full. The programs we offer would not be possible without the continued support of our partners.



Photo/Video Policy

Periodically, we take pictures and videos of participants enjoying our parks, programs, and special events.

These photos may appear in local newspapers, department publications, social media posts, and advertisements.