



## LAKE WASHINGTON

• Regional Park and Campground •

# Saturday Park Explorers

The following self-guided activities at Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground are for all ages who want to get outside and enjoy the park, campground, and natural world! Instructions and information will be in the Picnic Shelter for you to partake in at any time during the day, along with arts, crafts, and games. These programs are FREE for all to attend, including campground guests and the public, no registration required.

**May 29: Trail Picture Hike**—Look for the picture clues as you hike the trails of the park.

**June 5: Nature Journal**—Create a journal of natural objects found within the park

**July 4th: Best Decorated Campsite**—Show off your campsites by decorating them to a Fourth of July theme! Each campground guest (children and adults) will receive a voting card when they check in for their stay and the campsite with the most votes will receive a FREE WEEK (7 consecutive days) of camping in 2021! Votes must take place between 10:00am—4:00pm on July 4, and turned into the Caretakers by 4:00pm.

**July 17: Bike Decorating**—Bring your bike to the campground shelter to decorate it with streamers, signs, and more.

**July 24: Joke Walk**—Laugh your way through the trails as you come across some thoughtful jokes on your hike.

**August 7: Nature Scavenger Hunt**—Check off the list as you go on a scavenger hunt for nature items.

**August 14: Fitness Walk**—Enjoy a walk, run, or hike through the park with stops to perform a quick fitness activity.

**August 21: Park Bingo**— Check off your bingo card as you find each square throughout the park.

**August 28: Story Walk with Le Sueur Library**—Join the Le Sueur Library for an interactive and family fun story walk with “Ribbit” by Rodrigo Folgueira! All along the walk are fun things to add to your enjoyment of this picture book. The story walk will be available from 10:00 – 2:00 and participants can begin at any time.

**October 23, 4:00—6:00pm: Halloween Camp Er’ Treat** - Trick or Treating has come to the campground for our 3rd Annual Camp Er’ Treat! Campsites are encouraged to decorate their sites in a Halloween or fall theme and be open to spooky visitors. In a safe and fun environment, families are encouraged to visit the campground and get an early start on Trick or Treating.

**Virtual 5K, May 1-June 30 and July 1-September 6:** Anybody can participate in either of the 5Ks! Runners, Walkers or Hikers must complete a 5K (3.1 miles) anywhere within the park and record it via their distance tracking app of their choice. One random participant who completes the 5K and follows the following steps will be drawn to win a free night of camping at Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground. To be eligible for the drawing:

1. Complete a 5K (3.1 miles) anywhere within the park. You may run, walk, hike the trails or explore within the park.
2. Track your activity on your favorite distance tracking app of your choice on your phone, watch, GPS, etc. At the completion of your activity, screenshot, photograph, or save your completed route or distance.
3. Post your completed route or distance to Facebook and/or Instagram for proof that you completed it, along with a picture you took before, during, or after of yourself, your partner, the park, nature, etc.
4. Include the hashtag #LakeWashingtonRegionalPark with your social media post.

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**For the following activities, participants can enjoy a hands-on program. These programs require a small fee and advanced registration through Saint Peter Parks & Recreation.**

**Online:** [www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov)

**In-person:** 600 S 5th St., Suite 200, Saint Peter **Phone:** 507-934-0667

**June 12, 10:00am-12:00pm: Camping Nutrition & Food Safety with Hy-Vee**—Join the Dietitians from Mankato’s Hilltop Hy-Vee in this campground cooking program that is open to all ages, individuals or families. Participants will create a healthy energy bite snack for camping and a make your own wrap bar for lunch at the end! Participants will also learn about food safety & easy meals for your camping trip. For planning purposes, advanced registration is required by June 7.

Registration cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family of 3+ participants.

**June 19, 10:00am-12:00pm: Intro to Archery with Ney Nature Center**—Join the Ney Nature Center staff to learn all about archery! The first hour the program will be spent on instruction, learning about the equipment, technique, and safety. The second hour will be spent practicing your skills with target shooting! Participants must be age 9+.

Registration cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family of 3+ participants.

**July 10, 9:00-11:00am: Aquatic & Fishing Education with Ney Nature Center**—Join the Ney Nature Center staff to learn about fishing equipment and techniques, explore the macro-invertebrates found in the lake, and participate in a hands-on activity to learn about the importance of clean water. All equipment provided. Ages 6+.

Registration cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family of 3+ participants.

**July 31, 10:00-11:30am, 12:30-2:00pm, 2:30-4:00: Intro to Kayaking with Ney Nature Center**—Join Ney Nature Center staff to learn about kayaking, equipment and techniques while paddling on Lake Washington! All equipment provided. Ages 9+. Limited to 6 participants per session.

Registration cost: \$10 per person.

**September 4, 9:00-11:00am: Monarch Butterfly Tagging with Ney Nature Center**—Join Ney Nature Center staff to learn about monarchs and why we tag them, then capture monarchs throughout the park and tag their wings! The program is open to all ages and families.

Registration Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family of 3+ participants.

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