

Le Sueur County Parks Volunteer Events and Opportunities

Updated February 16, 2023

Upcoming Events	Description	Date, Time, Age	Location
Bradshaw Woods Trash Pick	Remove trash along perimeter of park that is stuck along fence and tree lines	Spring 2023, all ages	Bradshaw Woods
Clear Lake Campground Visits	Visit Clear Lake Campground during any weekday to make sure park & campground is cleaned from previous weekend and ready for the next weekend. Duties could include cleaning firepits, trash pickup, brush removal, trimming branches.	April - October. Most ages	Clear Lake Park & Campground
Lake Washington Campground Firepit Cleaning	Remove debris from firepits on a weekday, prior to the upcoming weekend. Approximately 1 hour.	April - October 2023, most ages	Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground
Lake Washington Campground Shower House Spring Cleaning	Light but thorough cleaning of Shower House prior to summer use. Windows, screens, light fixtures, floors, walls, toilets, sinks, etc.	April 2023, most ages.	Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground
Ney Nature Center Junior Naturalist	Junior Naturalists are volunteers that help our summer day camp team. They are leaders that make the camper's experience at Ney fun, exciting, and safe. Assisting with all aspects of camp including leading games, supervising campers during activities, and working with staff to ensure this is a fun and safe summer for everyone!	June 12-15, 19-22, 26-29, July 10-13, July 17-20, July 31-Aug 3, Aug 7-10. Grades 10-12	Ney Nature Center
	https://neycenter.org/junior-naturalist-volunteers/		
Ney Nature Center Maple Syrup	Help staff & volunteers collect sap and boil syrup.	March - April 2023, Most ages	Ney Nature Center
Ney Nature Center Monarch Tagging	Help staff & volunteers tag monarch butterflies within the park.	Mornings, August 2023	Ney Nature Center
Ney Nature Center Resource Workday	Join us for a volunteer workday to help with invasive control, prairie seed picking, and more on the second Saturday of each month from 9 am – noon. Please bring a water bottle and work gloves. Email alex@neycenter.org with questions and to RSVP.	March 12, 9:00-12:00, most ages	Ney Nature Center
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Spring Clean-Up Parks	Visit parks to remove any trash. After the snow melts and before the plants are growing is a great time to visibly see and pick up garbage.	April 2023, all ages but an adult would be needed for transportation	Any/all park locations
Spring Clean-Up Public Water Accesses	Visit public water accesses to remove any trash. After the snow melts and before the plants are growing is a great time to visibly see and pick up garbage.	April 2023, all ages but an adult would be needed for transportation	Any/all public water access locations
On-Going Events	Description	Date, Time, Age	Location
Adopt a Facility			
Adopt a Park			
Adopt a Trail			
Bradshaw Woods Archery Range	As needed visits to upkeep the Archery Range.	Seasonal, most ages	Bradshaw Woods
Bradshaw Woods Trails Maintenance	Walk trails, especially after windstorms, and help clear downed branches or trees and overgrown brush. Could involve hand tools (pruners) or power tools (chainsaws) depending on comfort level. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits.	Weekly or as needed, seasonal or year round. All ages, 18+ for chainsaw	Bradshaw Woods
Geldner Saw Mill Wood Siding	Repair or replace missing wood siding boards on the saw mill and unattached building and other light carpentry/handyman work.	Most ages with supervision.	Geldner Saw Mill

Haugenstein Cemetery Mowing and Maintenance	Currently mowed and maintained by volunteer group.	As needed, most ages with supervision.	Haugenstein Cemetery
Lake Emily Park Mowing and Maintenance	Lake Emily Lake Association currently manages	As needed, most ages	Lake Emily Park & Ludwick Island
Lake Jefferson Fishing Pier Upkeep	Maintenance of Lake Jefferson Fishing Pier area as needed. Duties include trimming along shoreline for easier fishing access, garbage pickup in parking lot, pier and sidewalk upkeep.	Season as needed, most ages.	Lake Jefferson Fishing Pier
Lake Volney Beach Upkeep	Care for and maintain the beach, sand, mulch, and/or shoreline area. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits.	1-2x/week, Summer 2023, all ages	Lake Volney Park
Lake Washington Regional Park Community Building Cleaning	Light/basic cleaning duties of the facility after rentals. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits. Approximately 1 hour.	1/week or as needed. Most ages.	Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground
Lake Washington Regional Park Community Building Shelving	Help construct wood shelving for storage in the Community Building. Light carpentry skills required.	1 day. Most ages with supervision.	Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground
Lake Washington Campground Showerhouse Cleaning	Light/basic cleaning duties of the facility. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits. Approximately 1 hour.	Varying availability April - October, all ages	Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground
Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground Trail Maintenance	Walk trails, especially after windstorms, and help clear downed branches or trees and overgrown brush. Could involve hand tools (pruners) or power tools (chainsaws) depending on comfort level. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits.	Weekly or as needed, seasonal or year round. All ages, 18+ for chainsaw	Lake Washington Regional Park & Campground
Meeker Cemetery Mowing and Maintenance	Mow and maintain Meeker Cemetery, near Scotch Lake outside of Cleveland.	As needed, most ages with supervision.	Meeker Cemetery
Ney Nature Center	Please call Ney at 507-0357-8580 to discuss a variety of projects	Varying availability, all ages	Ney Nature Center

	https://neycenter.org/membership/volunteer/		
Ney Nature Center Eagle Scout Projects	Please call Ney at 507-0357-8580 to discuss a variety of projects	Eagle Scout Rank	Ney Nature Center
Ney Nature Center Invasive Species Removal	Ongoing management of various invasive species.	As needed, most ages	Ney Nature Center
Ney Nature Center Group Service Projects	Group projects include trail trimming, invasive species removal, gardening, wildlife monitoring and other various seasonal projects like maple sap collection and syrup making, prairie burning or tagging monarchs. Please call Ney at 507-0357-8580 to discuss a variety of projects	Varying availability, all ages	Ney Nature Center
Ney Nature Center Trail Maintenance	Walk trails, especially after windstorms, and help clear downed branches or trees and overgrown brush. Could involve hand tools (pruners) or power tools (chainsaws) depending on comfort level. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits.	Weekly or as needed, seasonal or year round. All ages, 18+ for chainsaw	Ney Nature Center
Ray's Lake Shoreline Upkeep	Manage and upkeep the restoration and plantings along the shoreline and within the park. Controlling invasives.	Weekly or as needed, seasonal or year round. Most ages	Ray's Lake Park
Richter Woods Barn Clean	Light/basic cleaning duties of the barn facility after rentals. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits.	Weekend mornings or any weekday, 1x/week, most ages	Richter Woods Park
Richter Woods Flowers	Caring for the flowers that are planted outside the barn. Watering, weeding, remove dead flower heads, etc. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits.	1-2x/week, Summer 2023, all ages	Richter Woods Park
Richter Woods Trails Maintenance	Walk trails, especially after windstorms, and help clear downed branches or trees and overgrown brush. Could involve hand tools (pruners) or power tools (chainsaws) depending on comfort level. Volunteers could commit to a one time visit or schedule reoccurring visits.	Weekly or as needed, seasonal or year round. All ages, 18+ for chainsaw	Richter Woods Park
Sharon Cemetery Mowing and Maintenance	Sasse Family currently does this.	As needed, most ages with supervision.	Sharon Cemetery

Trash Pickup	Follow a specific route throughout the county to visit a variety of parks and public water accesses to empty garbage bins and pick up littering. Must have good driving record and can drive light pickup.	Age 18+	All/most locations
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