



Park Programs 2017

April - May

Chester Woods Park

8378 Highway 14 E Eyota, MN 55934
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Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. – Woodcock Watch

Every spring the birds known as Woodcocks perform one of the strangest and most interesting mating rituals. We will observe it up close just before dusk. Meet at 7:30 PM in the horse trailer parking lot.

Saturday, April 29th at 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Friends of Chester Woods Annual Spring Work Day

The Friends of Chester Woods invite you to join them in their annual spring clean-up. Take the opportunity to help prepare the park for summer and meet some new people. Friends of Chester Woods will conduct their business meeting from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the park office, followed by a wonderful potluck lunch. Clean-up will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday April 29th (9:30 am-4:00 pm) and 30th (11:00 am- 2:00 pm) – Scheels Fish Fest

Chester Woods staff will have a booth at the Scheels Fish Fest. Come and check out this fun and exciting family event. Located in the parking lot area of Scheels Sporting Goods at the Apache Mall, Rochester.

Saturday May 6th at 7:00 p.m. – Frogs and Toads

Meet in the campground classroom area where a staff member will give you a brief introduction to the different types of frogs and toads that we have at Chester Woods Park. From there you will take a short hike to a nearby wetland area to listen and look for a few of these “hoppy” amphibians!

Sunday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m. – Dam Hike

Join Chester Woods park staff and volunteers for the best dam hike you will ever take. Learn the history and the facts behind Chester Lake’s famous dam. We will be stopping at the scenic dam overlook to enjoy a picnic; a lunch of hot dogs, chips and Kool-Aid will be provided by the Park. It is a two-mile round trip hike. The Prairie Cruiser wagon will be available for anyone who needs or would like a ride. Please register with park staff at 507-287-2624. There is no fee for this event, however donations are greatly appreciated. Meet at the kiosk near the boat ramp.

Root River Park

4012 80th ST SE, Rochester, MN 55904

Saturday, April 29th at 7:30 a.m. – Bird Walk

The Audubon Society is hosting a hike at Root River County Park just south of Rochester near Simpson. The park has nice walking trails and good diverse habitat for a wide variety of birds. Meet at the east parking lot of the Heintz Center (located at 1926 College View Road E in Rochester, MN 55904) at 7:30 a.m. to car pool.