

# Wood Lake Nature Center

6710 Lake Shore Drive • 612-861-9365 MN Relay Service 711 • [www.woodlakenaturecenter.org](http://www.woodlakenaturecenter.org)  
 Park Hours: Daily: 5:00 am-11:00 pm • Registration for summer programs and events begins on March 3, 9:00 am



For Wood Lake program listings, see the **Recreation Programs section** and refer to the subsections by age. Programs with an owl symbol are presented by Wood Lake Nature Center.

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, pets, bikes, and smoking are not allowed.

## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Spring will bring many exciting changes to Wood Lake. The current building will be removed late winter and construction of our new space will begin late spring into early summer. Wood Lake staff will be stationed at the Community Center adjacent to Augsburg Park.

Activities will be held on site at Wood Lake and at other park locations in Richfield; please check each description to verify location. With no building available, we will reach out to participants if severe weather is predicted regarding cancellation or rescheduling of programs as needed. Portable toilets will be available.

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## Accessibility

- Five accessible parking spaces in a parking lot bordered by sidewalk with 3 curb cutouts close to two gate entrances
- Boardwalk trail is a combination of paved and crushed limestone
  - Accessible dock and amphitheater near lower parking lot
  - Accessible picnic tables available in picnic shelter
  - For specific accommodations, please contact 612-861-9366 with advance notice.



## FRIENDS OF WOOD LAKE (FOWL) MEMBERSHIPS

Friends of Wood Lake Nature Center (FOWL) memberships help protect vital wildlife habitat, support educational programs and interpretive displays, and come with great benefits for you to enjoy.

**Memberships are good for one year and include these benefits:**

- 50% off admission to Saturday and Sunday Specials
- Free admission to Half-Haunted Halloween, Candlelight & Ice, and Book Club (members must still register)
- Free onsite cross-country ski and snowshoe rental and a 10% discount on select programs and merchandise

**Membership levels and additional benefits:**

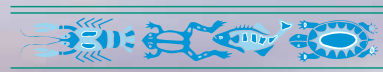
**Individual (\$30)** Basic membership benefits (listed above) for one person

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

**Sustaining (\$100)** Family benefits plus four Wood Lake mugs

**Corporate (\$250)** Family benefits for one family plus engraved plaque

**Life (\$1,000)** Family benefits plus framed Wood Lake photo



## WOOD LAKE PROGRAMS ARE STILL ON FOR 2025!

During building construction, Wood Lake programs are still happening on the Wood Lake grounds and at other parks. Check the recreation section in this brochure for listings (sorted by age groups)

# Youth & Teen Camps

## WOOD LAKE SUMMER CAMPS

Led by Wood Lake Naturalists and held at various locations.

Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

For more information, visit [www.richfieldmn.gov/register](http://www.richfieldmn.gov/register)

## PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES (AGES 4-6)



### Animals Galore!

Through hands-on activities, stories, and nature exploration, young adventurers will learn about local wildlife, their habitats, and how animals help the world. From feathered friends to scaly tails and buzzing insects, each day is packed with exciting discoveries and outdoor play. Perfect for little explorers ready to connect with the great outdoors! Limit 10.

Tue-Thu	9:30-11:30 am	
June 10-12	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Tue-Thu	9:30-11:30 am	
July 15-17	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Augsburg Park (Community Center: 7000 Nicollet Ave)		



### Muddy Wonders

Time to get messy! Learn about the different critters that call mud and soil home and how they survive. Play and dig in the mud and go searching for turtles and insects. Campers will get messy! Limit 10.

Tue-Thu	9:30-11:30 am	
June 24-26	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Mon-Wed	9:30-11:30 am	
June 30-July 2	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Augsburg Park (Community Center: 7000 Nicollet Ave)		



### Fairies & Gnomes

Campers will join the search for magical creatures—the fairies and gnomes! Search for these creatures and learn about their animal friends. Build abodes for them and discover the fun and wonder they experience each day! Limit 10.

Tue-Thu	9:30-11:30 am	
July 8-10	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Tue-Thu	1:00-3:00 pm	
July 8-10	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Augsburg Park (Community Center: 7000 Nicollet Ave)		

## Accessibility Information

All City of Richfield Recreation programs and events are inclusive and welcoming of people of all abilities. If you have questions regarding access or would like to request an accommodation, please contact Richfield Recreation at 612-861-9385 or email [recreation@richfieldmn.gov](mailto:recreation@richfieldmn.gov). MN Relay Service at 711.



### Dino-Mite!

Experience the world of paleontology in this dinosaur camp where imaginations are welcome! Dig for and discover fossils, then put them together to help solve the mystery of who the bones may have once belonged to. Each day enjoy dinosaur-related activity stations, outdoor exploration, and hands-on fun, like making volcanoes explode! Limit 10.

Tue-Thu	9:30-11:30 am	
July 29-31	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Tue-Thu	1:00-3:00 pm	
July 29-31	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Augsburg Park (Community Center: 7000 Nicollet Ave)		



### Let's Go Camping!

Campers will learn to set up a tent, discover camping equipment, enjoy food cooked over a fire, sing camp songs, listen to camp stories, and explore in the woods! Limit 10.

Mon-Wed	9:30-11:30 am	
June 16-18	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Tue-Thu	9:30-11:30 am	
August 5-7	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$85
Augsburg Park (Community Center: 7000 Nicollet Ave)		

## FIRST- AND SECOND-GRADE-GRADUATE DAY CAMPS



### The Perfect Stick

Campers will unlock their imagination and discover the endless possibilities of a simple stick! From building forts to hiking sticks and magical wands, this camp celebrates creativity and the joy of play. With a little imagination the perfect stick can become anything! Limit 15.

Mon-Wed	9:00-11:30 am	
June 16-18	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$90
Mon-Wed	9:00-11:30 am	
July 21-23	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$90
Wood Lake (Emily Day Picnic Shelter)		



### Marshland Explorers

Explore the marsh with a net and bucket to discover the amazing diversity of aquatic animal life! Meet turtles, toads, fish, and insects up close and learn the challenges of life in this wild, wet place. Limit 15.

Mon-Thu	9:00-11:30 am	
June 23-26	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$120
Mon-Thu	9:00-11:30 am	
August 4-7	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$120
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### Fantastic Forts

Using fallen sticks and natural materials campers will learn how to construct forts, practice basic engineering skills, and discover different shelter-building techniques inspired by nature. Each day brings hands-on adventure, teamwork, and creative problem solving as they explore the fun of the forest. It's a perfect way to inspire curiosity, confidence, and connection with nature! Limit 15.



Mon-Thu		9:00-11:30 am
July 28-31	REGISTER ONLINE	\$120
Mon-Thu		9:00-11:30 am
August 18-21	REGISTER ONLINE	\$120
Wood Lake (Emily Day Picnic Shelter)		

### THIRD-SIXTH-GRADE-GRADUATE DAY CAMPS



### Birds of Wood Lake

Get to know the birds of Wood Lake. Learn how to use binoculars, spotting scopes, how to safely monitor nest boxes, and see bird banding up close. We will keep track of the species we see and explore all the different habitats the site has to offer. Limit 12.



Mon-Thu		9:00-11:30 am
June 9-12		\$120
Wood Lake (Emily Day Picnic Shelter) REGISTER ONLINE		



### Wilderness Skills

Learn the basic skills needed to survive outdoors and become more aware of the natural world. Discover how to use a compass and a GPS, build a shelter and fire, track wildlife, and learn plant ID. Learn the Rule of 3 and the best tools to have in a survival kit! Limit 15.

Mon-Thu		9:00-11:30 am
August 4-7		\$120
Wood Lake (Emily Day Picnic Shelter) REGISTER ONLINE		



### Beginner Archery Camp

Learn the art of archery in this camp full of fun, games, and lots of shooting time on the archery range. Archers will make their own string bows to practice archery techniques at home. Learn proper shooting skills, follow range safety commands, and perfect awareness and accuracy during archery games. When not on the range campers will enjoy fun wilderness skills and activities. All equipment provided. Limit 16.

Mon-Thu		9:00 am-12:00 pm
August 11-14	REGISTER ONLINE	\$175
Mon-Thu		1:00-4:00 pm
August 11-14	REGISTER ONLINE	\$175
Wood Lake (Emily Day Picnic Shelter)		



### Adventure Camp

Each day campers will explore a new park in Richfield! Hike around Wood Lake Nature Center and explore in the woods. Fish and bike at Taft Lake and the bike park! Run, play, and jump at the award-winning Adventure Park in Augsburg. Play mini-golf and enjoy ice cream at Veterans Park. Each day, campers will be dropped off and picked up by their guardians at a different park location. Campers must know how to ride a bike without training wheels. Campers may bring their own bikes and helmets or use the city's bike fleet equipment. All other equipment provided. Limit 12.

Mon-Thu		9:00 am-12:00 pm
August 18-21	REGISTER ONLINE	\$175
Various locations in Richfield: registrants will be notified of schedule		

### SIXTH-EIGHTH-GRADE-GRADUATE DAY CAMPS



### Richfield Career Pathfinders

Explore careers within different departments at the City of Richfield! Engage in fun, hands-on activities related to jobs at the City. See what it's like to be part of the Urban Hometown work force. Visit the Ice Arena, Public Works, the Community Center, and City Hall. Each day, campers will be dropped off and picked up by their guardians at a different city location. Limit 12.

Mon-Thu		9:00 am-12:00 pm
July 7-10	REGISTER ONLINE	\$150
Various locations in Richfield: registrants will be notified of schedule		



### Gaming with Nature: Board Game Camp

Learn about nature concepts and topics while having fun playing a variety of nature-based board games. Meet a Board Game designer and learn what it takes to make your own games. Campers will have the opportunity to brain storm their own game idea in groups or on their own and present at the end of camp. Parents welcome to attend. Both co-op and competitive games available. Board game presentation supplies provided. Limit 12.

Tue-Thu		9:00-11:30 am
July 15-17		\$90
Community Center (7000 Nicollet Ave) REGISTER ONLINE		





## NATURALIST-LED PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Online registration required at [www.richfieldmn.gov/register](http://www.richfieldmn.gov/register)



### Night Hike

Come explore different phases of the moon and view the urban night sky. We will keep our eyes and ears open for owls, coyotes, and happenings in the forest, marsh, and night sky. Ages 10+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All people attending must register. Limit 15.

Wednesday	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	7:30-9:00 pm
April 9	\$10/hike, 50% off for FOWL members	
Wood Lake Nature Center (follow signs to Amphitheater)		



### Spring Bird Hike

Come explore Wood Lake in early spring to see some of the first migrants on their journey north! Binoculars are available for loan. Ages 5+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All people attending must register. Limit 15.

Sunday	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	1:00-3:00 pm
April 27	\$5/person, 50% off for FOWL members	
Wood Lake Nature Center (follow signs to Amphitheater)		



### Women's Spring Hike

Walk with a naturalist to take in the spring awakenings and see what seasonal changes are taking place. Build community with others as we explore the trails. Ages 15+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All people attending must register. Limit 15.

Sunday	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	1:00-2:30 pm
May 4	\$5/person, 50% off for FOWL members	
Wood Lake Nature Center (follow signs to Amphitheater)		



### Spring Bird Hikes

Enjoy a spring hike through Wood Lake as we look for both migrating and resident birds. Discover how to identify species from sight and sound. Binoculars and field guides will be available for loan. Ages 10+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All people attending must register. Limit 15.

Thursday		6:00-7:30 pm
May 8	<b>FULL</b>	\$5/hike, free for FOWL members
Wood Lake Nature Center (follow signs to Amphitheater)		
Wednesday		8:00-10:00 am
May 14	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$5/hike, free for FOWL members
Veterans Park (front of Ice Arena: 636 E 66th St)		
Thursday		6:00-7:30 pm
May 22	<b>FULL</b>	\$5/hike, free for FOWL members
Wood Lake Nature Center (follow signs to Amphitheater)		

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES



### During construction at Wood Lake, naturalist-led birthday parties will move to Augsburg Park and the Community Center!

Starting in April 2025, Wood Lake Nature Center will offer a variety of birthday parties at the Richfield Community Center with outside time in beautiful Augsburg Park. The parties are fun, educational, and the mess stays with us! Wood Lake staff provides a naturalist-led activity and use of the party room with tables, chairs, and tablecloths. Payment is due when the party is booked and birthday parties start promptly at the scheduled time. In general, parties are offered on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am, 12:00-2:00 pm, and 2:30-4:30 pm. Please call 612-861-9365 to check availability and book a party. Parties are non-refundable.

Time: 2 hours (first hour with naturalist, second hour in party room without naturalist)

Fees: \$145 for up to ten children, \$5 per additional child, 15 children max.

#### OPTIONAL ADD-ON:

Treat Bags: \$4 per bag (Includes WLNC pencil, magnifying bug box, plastic insect, dinosaur eraser, scratch art animal, and toy snake. Items in the bag are subject to change).

#### THEMES:

##### Critter Hunt (ages 4-5)

Become nature detectives and go outside to look for clues from hidden animals that live at Augsburg Park. If time allows, meet a live animal up close!

##### Treasure Hunt (ages 5-9)

Lead the group in a hunt for hidden treasure. Solve riddles along the trail to receive puzzle-piece clues. Once the puzzle is put together, the treasure can be found!



### Looking for Turtles

Join us for an engaging hike around Wood Lake with a naturalist while looking for turtles in their natural habitat. This family-friendly program combines exploration, education, and fun as we learn all about these fascinating reptiles! Ages 3+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All people attending must register. Limit 25.



Sunday	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	3:00-4:30 pm
May 18	\$5/person, 50% for FOWL members	
Wood Lake Nature Center (follow signs to Amphitheater)		



### Wonderful World of Moths: Moths and other Nocturnal Gems

Learn about our beautiful nocturnal pollinator friends: moths! Discover their importance to the natural world, their biology, how to set up a moth sheet, and more! Bring a headlamp or flashlight and hiking footwear. To participate in some evening citizen scientist fun, download the iNaturalist app ahead of time and help document the many nocturnal species of insects that call Wood Lake home. iNaturalist project name: Wood Lake Nature Center. Ages 10+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. All people attending must register. Limit 20.

Tuesday		8:00-10:00 pm
May 27	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$10/person, 50% off for FOWL members
Tuesday		8:00-10:00 pm
July 22	<b>REGISTER ONLINE</b>	\$10/person, 50% off for FOWL members
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# Wood Lake Nature Center's New Building



For project updates, visit  
[www.ourlegacyourfuture.org](http://www.ourlegacyourfuture.org)

## Work begins on the site in March

Wood Lake is excited to be moving into a new building in 2026! Of course, this change will have the staff working without a building for a while. Our anticipated schedule is below:

- **The building will be closed in late February, and the staff and animal ambassadors will relocate to the Community Center and other spaces in the City.**
- **There will be no programs offered in the month of March.**
- **April and May school and public programs will be offered at Wood Lake and other parks in Richfield.**
- **A full 2025 summer camp schedule will be offered at various parks in Richfield, including Wood Lake.**

