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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities**

Check out Anoka County Parks for fun seasonal programs and activities. To register or for more information, call 763-324-3350 or visit [anokacountyparks.com](http://anokacountyparks.com).

**Wargo Nature Center Restoration Project Day**

- August 22, 10am-12pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes
- September 12, 10am-12pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Help restore the natural environment at the Wargo Nature Center! We'll tackle different challenges each month like buckthorn and garlic mustard removal and native plant seed collection, all while physically distancing outside. Pre-registration requested; drop-ins welcome. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

FREE!

**Poetry Hike**

August 22, 2-3:30pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

All Ages. Are you a poet and don't know it? Join us on a leisurely hike around Wargo's peninsula as we read poems from various nature-inspired poets. We will also spend time learning about the special features and history of the land we hike, gaining inspiration to write poetry of our own. After some writing time in the woods, we'll gather together to share poems over light refreshments. Physically distancing guidelines will be followed. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$5/person (+tax)

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## **Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities – Add 1**

### **Birding by Boat**

- August 26, 9am-12pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes
- September 9, 9am-12pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

All ages. Join us for this unique birding program as we will be using canoes and kayaks to access areas most birders can't. Our goal is to see a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and upland bird species. No experience in boats or birding is required and all boating equipment is provided. Binoculars are available for use. All CDC and MDH sanitization guidelines will be followed. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$10/adult (+tax), kids 17 and under are free. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

### **Fat Tire Biking**

August 25, 5-7pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 16+. Fat tire bikes are stable and easy to ride on a variety of surfaces including snow, sand, and trails. This introductory level class is designed to show participants with little bike riding experience how much fun fat tire bikes can be. Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$15/person (+tax)

### **Stand Up Paddle Boarding**

- August 26, 1:30–3pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, Centerville Beach, 7401 Main Street, Lino Lakes
- September 10, 5-6:30pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, Centerville Beach, 7401 Main Street, Lino Lakes

Ages 16+. Paddle boarding is easier than you think and a great way to get some exercise! No experience needed! Pre-registration required.

COST: \$20/person (+tax)

### **Intro to Kayaking**

August 31, 6-8pm; Rum River South County Park, 3000 N Ferry St, Anoka

Ages 16+. Learn the basics of kayaking – boat safety, basic strokes, bracing, and which boat is best for you. Pre-registration required.

COST: \$25/person (+tax)

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## **Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities – Add 2**

### **Rice Creek Paddling Adventure**

August 28, 12-4pm; Rice Creek (water levels will determine which section is paddled.)

Ages 16+. We will be paddling 5-8 miles of the most scenic and wild sections of the creek. Bring your own boat or rent one from us. Space and boats are limited. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$20/person (+tax), includes shuttle; \$20 boat rental (+tax) if needed.

### **Nature Play**

September 3 (Powerful Prairies), 10-11:15am; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes  
Ages 2-5 (with an adult). Come learn about the power and beauty of prairies found in Minnesota through a story and outdoor exploration. We'll look for late summer and early fall prairie flowers and explore the tall grasses for wildlife. This program is geared for 2-5-year old's who are accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$3/child and \$3/adult (+tax)

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COST: \$10/adult (+tax), kids 17 and under are free. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

### **Lunch with a Naturalist**

September 9 (Herpetology), 11:30am-1pm, Wargo Nature Center; 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 50+. Bring your lunch and join a naturalist for our Lunch with a Naturalist series. These monthly presentations will include local natural history information and possibly a relaxing stroll on the trails at Wargo. Any equipment that may be needed will be provided. Pre-registration is not required.

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