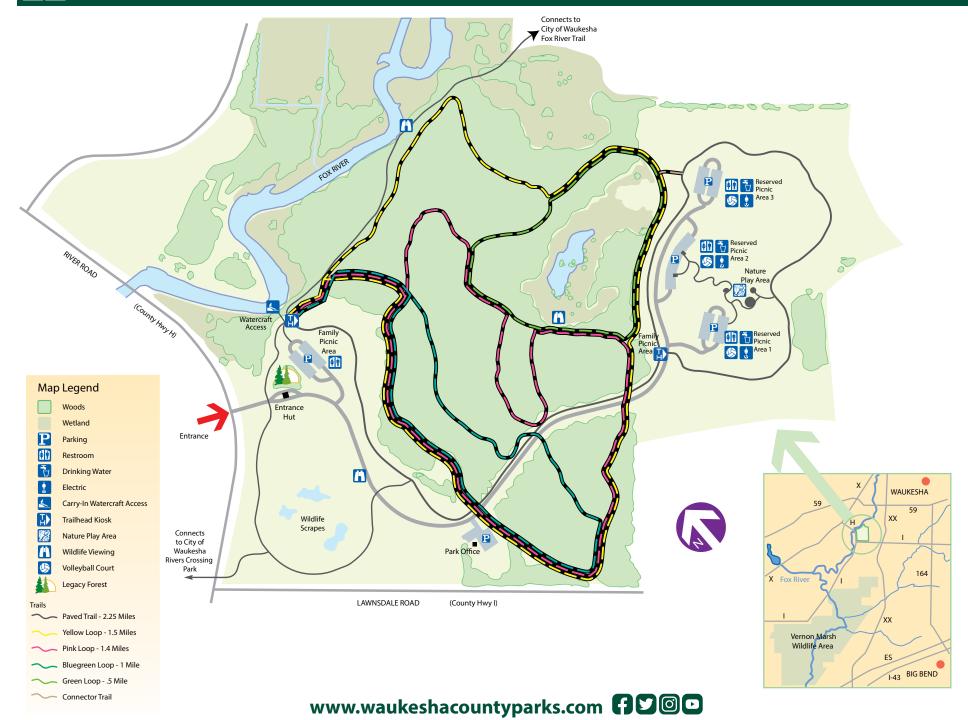
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FOX RIVER PARK

Fox River Park is part of the Waukesha County Park System. This 8,500-acre, natural resources-based system consists of diverse landscapes, high-quality natural areas, a variety of trails, and beautiful lakes, ponds and waterways.

Located on the Fox River in the City of Waukesha, this 262-acre park provides a combination of recreational opportunities with outstanding wilderness and solitude.

The park is full of mature woodlands, wetlands and many species of wildflowers. The seasonal views and activities are ever-changing. Enjoy spring wildflowers, a wooded hike through the forests and breathtaking fall colors.

The miles of paved and unpaved trails draw hikers, bikers, and walkers throughout the year and offer a variety of trail experiences.

The abundance of wildlife provides great opportunities for nature study and the exploration of the natural world. Many wildflowers and bird species can be viewed along the trails and in the wetland scrapes in the park.

PARK RULES

- Park Hours Sunrise to 10 p.m.
- Daily or annual entrance permit required for all vehicles. Pay within 5 days of visit to avoid a violation.
- Speed Limit 15 MPH.
- Park only in designated lots or areas.
- Beer and wine allowed with picnic permit. Hard liquor prohibited.
- · Fires restricted to reserved facility's grill and/or fireplace. No carry-in wood allowed.
- Dogs must be leashed (6' maximum length). Electronic leashes or collars are not considered a leash. Off-leash is permitted in designated Dog Exercise Areas and Dog Swim Areas only.
- Handlers are responsible for removal and disposal of their dog's waste in a sanitary manner.
- Youth organizations (under 18 years of age) must have adult supervision at all times.
- No hunting, shooting or trapping. Permitted on designated properties only.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Biking:** Bike the paved trails while taking in the scenic wonders of the park.
- **Boating:** Launch a canoe or kayak into the Fox River from the designated carry-in watercraft launch site. Parking, drinking water, restrooms and picnic areas nearby.
- **Fishing:** Cast a line from the banks of the Fox River. We encourage and support the catch-and-release of fish.
- **Hiking:** Trails of varying difficulty and length for all hiking or walking enthusiasts wind through the park.
- Nature Play Area: Award winning play area has slides built into the hillside, a climbing web and boulders, and other nature inspired play experiences.
- Nature Viewing: See a wide variety of plants, animals and birds. Report observations to the County's iNaturalist.org "Wild in Waukesha" page: inaturalist.org/projects/wild-in-waukesha, or to eBird.org: ebird.org/hotspot/L1404678.
- Picnicking: Grill at a first come, first served family picnic area or reserve a picnic area shelter online for an event.
- Rollerblading & Skating: Enjoy rollerblading the hilly paved trails.
- **Snowshoeing:** Trek wooded trails during winter months.
- Walking: The paved trail winds through the park and along the river in both wooded and open areas. Paved trails are cleared of snow in the winter.

RENTAL FACILITIES

Picnic Area Shelters:

Three reservable picnic areas are available with covered area with concrete base, fireplace, picnic tables, indoor restrooms, electric, water, large grill, and a sandpit volleyball court with net.

RESERVE ONLINE: WWW.WAUKESHACOUNTYPARKS.COM

WILDLIFE SCRAPE

Waukesha County Parks and the National Fish and Wildlife Service created two "wildlife scrape" areas in Fox River Park to serve as wetland habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife.

Wetlands are important places where wildlife of all kinds nest, rest during migration, and find food to survive. The area also helps to filter out pollutants and sediment from nearby runoff, capture and store flood water, and hosts a diversity of plant species.

The area around the scrapes are planted with a variety of native grasses and flowers. Regular mowing and occasional prescribed burning are used to help maintain this area as a healthy and vibrant wet-mesic prairie.

The scrapes also provide ideal viewing areas for wetland regulars, such as sandhill cranes, killdeer, marsh hawks,



great egrets, swallows, painted turtles, chorus frogs, green darner dragonflies, monarch butterflies, and more.



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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1.



To contact the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, dial (262) 548-7111



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