

2018 Lake Maria State Park Events

Website for events:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/lake_maria/index.html

Contact Info:

All programs are held at the following:

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All programs are free to the public. A vehicle entry fee is required for those who do not have an annual state park permit.

Common Loons & Loon Photography

Saturday, March 24 at 1 pm at the trail center

John Penoyer, Outdoor Nature Photographer, will present Common Loons and Loon Photography: General information on our state bird, the Loon. John's photography of the loon will show behavior, nesting and chicks! He will share his photography techniques.

Totally Turtles

Saturday, April 14 at 2 pm at the trail center

Emily Roberts from Snake Discovery will present "Totally Turtles".

Totally Turtles!: This program covers all of Minnesota and Wisconsin's native turtles. Kids learn what makes turtles so unique when a volunteer gets to "transform" into one! Kids even have the opportunity to hand-feed a large tortoise and learn about the differences between five native species that also make an appearance. This program is great for an adult-based

Lake Maria State Park Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 28, 10 am to 2 pm

Volunteers are needed to assist park staff with spring cleanup, park maintenance and other projects that need to be done in the park. Please join us in helping maintain and beautify this jewel of Minnesota.

How to be a Spring Wildflower

Saturday, May 26 at 10 am at the trail center

Program: How to be a Spring Wildflower." Stephen Saupe will start with a presentation on some general features and strategies used by the spring wildflowers for survival. Then he will take us on a walk in the woods to look at the plants and discuss the ideas.

Wolves at Our Door

Saturday, June 2 at 11 am at the trail Center

Come and learn about wolves. Wolves at Our Door is a unique program that will cover wolf biology, wolf behavior and perceptions of wolves in an engaging and unbiased program. The program will help attendees better understand the complicated issues surrounding wolves. The International Wolf Center advances the survival of wolf populations by teaching about wolves, their relationship to wildlands and the human role in their future.

State Park Open House Day (All Day)

Saturday, June 9 (All Day)

Minnesota Fish with the Montrose Fisheries at 10 am at lake access

Backpacking Basics at 1 pm at the trail center

See live fish and learn about our native species and fisheries management from the Montrose Fisheries department at 10 am at the Little Mary (formerly Maria) access.

We're planning a program on Backpacking Basics for this day, led by two experienced outdoor hikers who will show you their gear and explain how to get started in this healthy outdoor hobby. The program will begin at 1 pm and run until all your questions are answered

I Can Paddle Program

Sunday, July 22

10 am to Noon is I Can Canoe

1 pm to 3 pm is I Can Kayak

Get your family out on the water this summer! Learn paddling skills from experienced guides while exploring some of Minnesota's most stunning lakes and rivers. These programs are designed especially for first-time paddlers; no experience is necessary. Afterwards, you and your family will be ready to launch your own paddling adventure.

- Use of a canoe or kayak, plus paddles and life jackets.
- Small group sizes—you'll get the attention you need to develop your skills.
- No experience necessary; all equipment provided.
- Great for families!

Universe in the Park

Friday, August 10 at 8:30-11 pm at the trail center

Universe in the Park is a summer outreach program hosted by the Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics and area state and local parks.

At our events, representatives of the Institute will present a short (20–30 min) public talk and slide show. Presentations cover a variety of astronomical topics such as: the history of matter, how astronomers "see," and a journey through our solar system.

Afterwards, if weather allows, attendees have the opportunity to view the sky through multiple 8-inch reflecting telescopes, operated by the staff and provided by the Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics. Additionally, we provide free star maps (e.g. www.skymaps.com) and are happy to show visitors how to use them. Throughout the evening, we encourage questions from the audience and enjoy discussing topics ranging from backyard astronomy to the latest scientific discoveries.

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- **I Can Camp Program**
 - **Saturday, August 11, all day**
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 - I Can Camp program: How does a parent who's more comfortable with computers than campfires introduce their kids to the fun of camping? With a one-night or two-night I Can Camp! overnight program—no experience necessary. Our I Can Camp! crew will be on hand day and night to answer all of your "how do I do it?" questions.
 - Hands-on instruction on setting up camp, starting a campfire, camp cooking and more from our experienced I Can Camp! crew.
 - Use of tent, air mattresses, cook stove and other gear included.
 - A Minnesota State Parks one-day permit is included.
 - Geocaching, nature photography, fishing—each program offers unique activities that will entertain the whole family.
 - Advance registration is required. _____

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Mushroom Hike with Ron Spinosa

September: Date Pending

I have communicated to Ron Spinosa. Has not responded yet.

Thank you,

Kim Mooney, Program Coordinator of Friends of Lake Maria

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