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Map Legend

- Woods
- Wetland
- Fishing Pier
- Parking
- Restroom
- Drinking Water
- Electric
- Watercraft Access
- Trailhead Kiosk
- Nature Play Area
- Wildlife Viewing
- Volleyball Court
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Legacy Forest

- Paved Trail - 2.25 Miles
- Yellow Loop - 1.5 Miles
- Pink Loop - 1.4 Miles
- Bluegreen Loop - 1 Mile
- Green Loop - .5 Mile
- Connector Trail



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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 Village of Waukesha, this 262-acre parcel 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 SYSTEM RULES

- Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.
- Speed Limit: 15 MPH
- Required: Daily Park Permit or Annual Park Membership for each vehicle.* Pay within five days to avoid a violation: wauk.co/webtrac
- Keep parks safe and fun for all: Stay on designated trails.
- Bicycles allowed on designated trails only.
- Parking in designated parking areas only.
- Fires in reserved facility's grill and/or fireplace only. No carry-in wood allowed.
- Beer and wine: Picnic permit required. Absolutely no hard liquor.
- Adult supervision required at all times for Youth Organizations (under 18 years old).
- Hunting, shooting, or trapping: Permitted on designated properties only.
- Three dogs maximum per handler.* Handlers must: (1) Retain control of dog(s) at all times. (2) Remove and dispose of dog waste in a sanitary manner.
- All dogs must be leashed (6' or less), unless in a designated Dog Exercise Area or Dog Swim Area. Electronic leashes or collars are not considered a leash.
- Guests must follow all posted rules, including those for Beaches, Camping, Dog Exercise Areas, Dog Swimming, and Mountain Bike trails. Additional rules may apply; see website.

*No fees or dogs at Retzer Nature Center.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Biking:** Bike the paved trails while taking in the scenic wonders of the Park. No bikes on unpaved trails.
- **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 accessible fishing pier on 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 or eBird.org.
- **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 sandpit volleyball court with net.

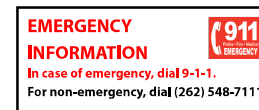
WILDLIFE SCRAPE

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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