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NASHOTAH PARK

Nashotah 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.

This 446-acre park is nestled among rolling hills, woodlands, wetlands, and grasslands, offering habitat for deer, waterfowl and a variety of songbirds.

Nature trails lead through easily identifiable landscape types that were created by the last glacial advance over 10,000 years ago. These landscape types are: a natural lake system, an oak forest, an oak savanna, a cedar glade, a floating leaf marsh, a meadow, a shallow marsh, and a deep marsh.

Forest Lake and Grass Lake are unique in that they have almost completely undeveloped shorelines, except for trails and one carry-in boat launch. These lakes serve as great stopover habitat for migrating waterfowl in the spring and fall, including redheads, american wigeons, and mergansers!

The scenery comes alive with different colors for each season. The park continues to thrive in winter for cold-weather enthusiasts with miles of groomed cross-country ski and snowshoe trails.

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.
- Dog Exercise Area quests must follow all posted rules.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Boating: Enjoy a day on Forest Lake in your boat, canoe, or kayak. This is a carry-in access lake and only electric motors are allowed.
- **Dog Exercise Area:** Enjoy the fenced-in large or small breed areas where your dog is free to run off lead.
- Fishing: From the shores of Grass and Forest Lakes you can catch northern, bass, bluegill, perch or crappies. We encourage and support the catch-and-release of fish. Ice fishing available in winter months.
- Hiking: Follow the hiking trails through eight distinct landscape types. Trails of varying difficulty and length for all enthusiasts. Some trails open during winter for hiking and snowshoeing.
- **Picnicking:** Grill at a first come, first served family picnic area or reserve a picnic area online for an event.
- 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/L767347.
- **Sledding:** Sleds, tubes, and snowboards allowed on the designated sledding hill.
- Winter Hiking: Packed winter hiking, snowshoeing, and dog walking trails available.
- X-Country Skiing: Expertly groomed and tracked cross-country ski trails for both skating and diagonal techniques. There are 3 gently rolling to hilly loops that total 6 miles. Winter hiking is not permitted on groomed trails.



RENTAL FACILITIES

Picnic Areas: Two reservable picnic areas are available:

- Area 1: Covered area with concrete base, picnic tables, indoor restrooms, electric, water, two large grills, and a volleyball court with net.
- Area 2: Covered area with concrete base, picnic tables, indoor restrooms, electric, water, and two large grills.

RESERVE ONLINE: WWW.WAUKESHACOUNTYPARKS.COM



HABITAT RESTORATION

Waukesha County Parks is actively working on restoration of parkland throughout Nashotah Park.

Staff and volunteers are working hard on the globally rare Oak Openings habitat by removing invasive species and reintroducing fire to this unique landscape through the use of controlled burns.

Restoration of old agricultural fields into native prairie habitat is also underway. These native plantings will provide habitat for birds, pollinators, and other insects.



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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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