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Minooka 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 579-acre parcel is located in the City of Waukesha and has a refreshingly tranquil atmosphere with trails that lead you farther from the city and further into nature.

It is well known for its dog exercise area and mountain bike trails. It is also a top nature viewing spot. Catch a glimpse of the abundant spring ephemeral wildflowers or the variety of songbirds, such as flycatchers, hooded warblers, and scarlet tanagers.

See the scenic fall colors as stands of blazing deciduous hardwoods burst into their autumn reds, yellows, and oranges. In winter, the Park becomes an outdoor enthusiast's frosty paradise with miles of groomed cross-country ski trails and a spacious sledding hill.

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 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

- **Archery:** Range with targets and a raised platform.
- **Beach:** A 4-acre swimming pond with a beach and beach house. Offering Swim At Your Own Risk hours, pending weather and water quality. Hours are sunrise to sunset.
- **Beer Garden:** Open May - October! More information at www.thetapyards.com.
- **Dog Exercise Area:** Enjoy the fenced-in large or small breed areas where your dog is free to run off lead.
- **Fishing:** Cast a line from the bank of the pond. We encourage and support the catch-and-release of fish. You can catch trout, bass, bluegill, perch, and crappies. Minooka's pond is part of the DNR's Urban Fishing Program. Ice fishing can be enjoyed during the winter months.
- **Hiking:** Trails of varying difficulty and length for all enthusiasts. Some trails open during winter for hiking and snowshoeing (not permitted on groomed trails).
- **Horseback Riding:** Bridle trails throughout the park are available from May - November. Only on the Yellow Trail.
- **Mountain Biking:** A single-track, 5.5-mile trail designed for different skill levels, from beginner to advanced, covering a variety of terrain.
- **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.
- **Sledding:** Sleds, tubes, and snowboards allowed on designated sledding hill.
- **X-Country Skiing:** Groomed and tracked cross-country ski trails for both skating and diagonal techniques. There are 3 loops that total 6 miles on gently rolling terrain.

RENTAL FACILITIES

Picnic Areas: Five reservable picnic areas are available:

- **Areas 1, 2, & 5:** Covered area with concrete base, picnic tables, indoor restrooms, electric, water, large grill, and sandpit volleyball court with net.
- **Area 3:** Covered area with concrete base and see-through, roll-down garage doors for changes in weather. Includes picnic tables, indoor restrooms, electric, water, large grill, and sandpit volleyball court with net.

- **Area 4:** Covered area with concrete base, picnic tables, pit toilet, large grill, and sandpit volleyball court with net.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Minooka Park is home to 5.5 miles of single track mountain bike trails that are designed for different skill levels, from beginner to advanced.

The network is made up of three trails and cover a variety of terrain. The trails are also machine groomed in the winter months for fat bike riding.

All the loops start near Picnic Area 5 at the trailhead located on the southside of the Park. This is a single track mountain bike only trail, all riders should travel in a clockwise direction.




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