



WRIGHT COUNTY PARKS



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Winter Activities 2012

1) **Friday, January 6, 2012**

Program: Lantern Cross-Country Ski

Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Join us at Ney Park for a great night of cross-country skiing. Moonlight and lanterns will help provide light to the groomed trail. The Nature Center will be open for refreshments, and a fire outside will help warm your toes! Ski Rentals Available. (Limited Quantities.)



2) **Saturday, January 7, 2012**

Program: Lantern Snowshoe/Boot Hike

Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Experience a real winter getaway as you hike around Ney pond. The moonlit trail will be accented with lanterns to help you find your way. The Nature Center will be open for refreshments, and a fire outside will help warm your toes! Snowshoes Available. (Limited Quantities.)

3) **Thursday, January 12, 2012**

Program: Lost in the Woods

Speaker: Jeff Putnam

Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration Deadline: 1/6/2012, minimum class size 10, maximum 30.

Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us

Getting lost can happen to anyone, when it happens to you, the question is "now what!" Learn specific steps you should follow to survive and be rescued successfully. Also learn ways to prevent children from wandering off when enjoying the outdoors.



- 4) **Friday, January 20, 2012**
Program: Nighttime Dog Sledding
Speaker: "Dutch" Stoffel Reitsma
Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake
Time: 6:30 – 8:30p.m.
Cost: \$15/person
Pre-Registration Deadline: 1/13/2012, maximum 20 participant.
Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us
Learn about the exciting sport of dog sledding then head to the trails to experience the thrill of being pulled on a sled by a team of Siberian huskies through the woods. End your outing with a cup of hot cocoa or cider. **It is very important everyone come dressed for the weather!**
- 5) **Saturday, January 21, 2012**
Program: Dog Sledding
Speaker: "Dutch" Stoffel Reitsma
Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake
Times: (8:30-10:30) (11:00-1:00) (1:30-3:30)
Cost: \$15/person
Pre-Registration Deadline: 1/13/2012, maximum 20 participants per session.
Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us
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- 6) **Thursday, January 26, 2012**
Program: Birdfeeder Building for Families
Speaker: David Grack
Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake
Time: 6:30-7:45
Cost: \$5/Person
Pre-Registration Deadline: 1/20/2012, minimum class size 10, maximum 20.
Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us
Join us to build bird feeder habitat to help attract birds to your yards. We will discuss the feeding preferences of different bird species, and learn fun facts about birds. This program is designed for parent-child or grandparent-grandchild pairs. Each pair of participants will build a suet feeder and seed cone feeder to provide new habitat for birds in their yards.



- 7) **Sunday, February 5, 2012**
Program: Wolves and Wildlife
Speaker: Wildlife Science Center
Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake
Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Pre-Registration Deadline: 1/27/2012, minimum class size 15, maximum 40
Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us
Attend a presentation by the Wildlife Science Center, focusing on one of our areas most charismatic predators – grey wolves of the Western Great Lakes States. Skulls, pelts, and other artifacts are used to introduce the natural history of wolves and other predators focusing on identification, adaptation, and behavior. Radio telemetry demonstration included.
- 8) **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**
Program: Moonlit Snowshoe Adventure
Speaker: David Grack
Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5/Person
Pre-Registration Deadline: 1/27/2012, minimum class size 10, maximum 20
Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us
It's time to discover winter's wonders off the beaten path as we venture to and through areas accessible only by snowshoe in winter. Join local naturalist David Grack on this snowshoe trek through Ney County Park. Either bring your own snowshoes or reserve a pair when you register.
- 9) **Saturday, February 11, 2012**
Program: Candlelight Cross-Country Ski
Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake
Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Join us at Ney Park for a great night of cross-country skiing. Luminaries will help provide light to the groomed trail. The Nature Center will be open for refreshments, and a fire outside will help warm your toes!



10) **Sunday, February 12, 2012**

Program: Woodworking for Wildlife

Speaker: Kurt Eich, Wright County Parks Naturalist

Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake

Time: 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5/ birdhouse (Limit- two houses per family)

Pre-Registration Deadline: 2/3/2012, minimum class size 10, maximum 30

Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us

A great program for the whole family! You will have the opportunity to build your own **Gilbertson Bluebird House** and learn how to install and maintain it. Bring your own drill and a hammer or we'll provide one.

11) **Saturday, March 10, 2012**

Program: Buckthorn Hiking Sticks

Speaker: Kurt Eich, Wright County Parks Naturalist

Location: Robert Ney Regional Park, Maple Lake

Time: 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Ages 5 + (Class minimum 10, maximum 20)

Pre-Registration Deadline: 3/2/2012

Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us

Select, cut, and create a buckthorn hiking stick. Learn about invasive species, how to identify buckthorn shrubs, and why it's important to remove them from the Park District.

12) **Sunday, March 11, 2012**

Program: Make Tracks

Speaker: Kurt Eich, Wright County Parks Naturalist

Time: 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5/Person **Ages 5+**

Pre-Registration Deadline: 3/2/2012, minimum class size 10, maximum 25

Registration: Contact the Wright County Parks Office at (763) 682-7693 or marc.mattice@co.wright.mn.us

Who's making those tracks? Come learn about a variety of animals and the tracks they make. Make plaster of paris animal tracks and go on a hike to look for real tracks in the woods.

Robert Ney Regional Park Information

The Ney Nature Center is open to the Public on Saturday's
January 7th - March 10th from 12:00-4:00.

Ski Rentals: Traditional Skis—Ski Package includes skis, boots, and poles.

The Ney Nature Center is located 1.5 miles north of Maple Lake, just off County Road 8.
ADDRESS: 5212 73rd Street NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358