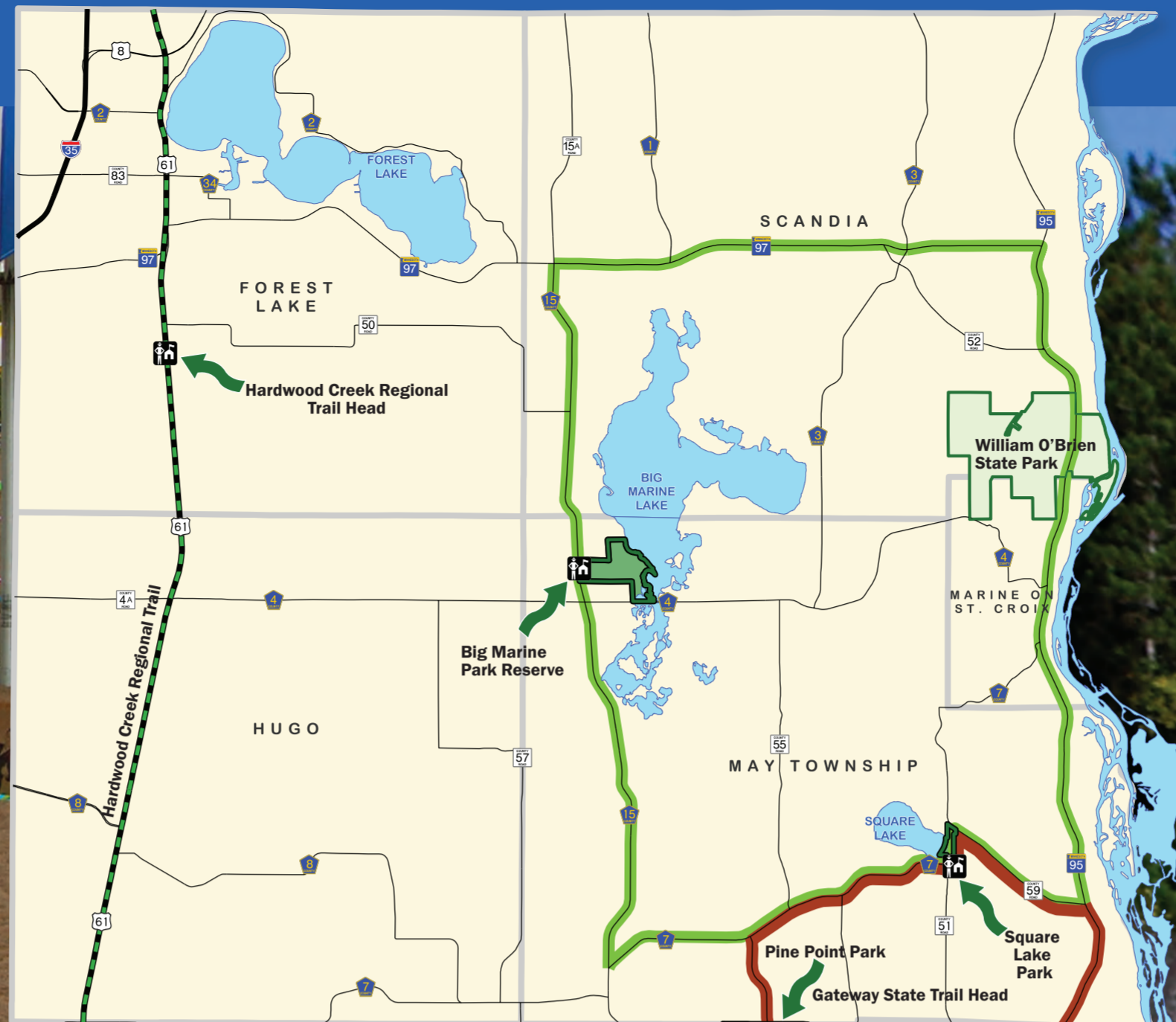




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BIKE LOOPS

Minnesota law requires bicyclists to obey the same regulations as automobile drivers when they use public streets and roads. Please observe all highway and traffic signs. State law requires cyclists to stay close to the street's right edge and to travel in the same direction as traffic.

LOOP 1 - 29.7 Miles Moderate terrain, some long, steep grades

This ride offers views of small towns, wooded areas, farmlands and the bluffs of the St. Croix River. Begin at Square Lake Park and travel west on the paved shoulders of County Road 7, to the junction of County Road 15 (Manning Avenue). Turn north on County Road 15 and pass by Big Marine Park Reserve on the way to Highway 97 and pass through Scandia to Highway 95. Turn south on Highway 95, and follow the off-road trail that takes riders through William O'Brien State Park and Marine on the St. Croix. Continue on the paved shoulder of highway 95 to County Road 59, then turn west on County Road 59 and follow to the park entrance.

LOOP 2 - 16.7 Miles Moderate terrain, some long, steep grades

This ride goes through farmland, wooded acres and offers views of the St. Croix River. Begin at Square Lake Park and travel east on the paved shoulders of County Road 59 to the junction of Highway 95. Ride south on the paved shoulders of Highway 95 to the intersection of Highway 96, and then go west on Highway 96. This route passes a historic site, a wayside rest and an overlook on the St. Croix River. At County Road 55, travel north past Pine Point Park to County Road 7 (The trail has paved shoulders from Highway 96 to County Road 61, then is off-road to County Road 7). Ride east on the paved shoulders of County Road 7 to the park entrance.

LOOP 3 - 17.1 Miles Moderate terrain, some steep grades

This route passes wooded areas, farmlands, ponds and the City of Stillwater. Begin at Pine Point Park and take the paved Gateway Trail for 6.8 miles to the intersection of County Road 12. Go east on County Road 12 (off-road trail) for 6.3 miles to County Road 5. Go north on the roadway (Owens Street/County Road 5) to Highway 96 (The trail is off-road for one mile before Highway 96.) As the route crosses Highway 96, it becomes County Road 55. Travel north on County Road 55 to the park (The trail has paved shoulders from Highway 96 to County Road 61, then is off-road to the park).

LOOP 4 - 9.8 Miles Rolling hills, flat terrain

This route is all paved shoulders and passes through the town of Lake Elmo, skirts the shores of Lake Elmo, and offers views of farmland and small towns. Begin at Lake Elmo Park Reserve and ride west on County Road 10 to County Road 13. Go north on County Road 13 to County Road 6. Follow County Road 6 northeast to Highway 5, and then follow Highway 5 into the City of Lake Elmo. At County Road 17, turn south and follow the road past the lake to County Road 10. Turn west on County Road 10 and follow to the park entrance.



	Big Marine Park Reserve 45° 12.13'N 92° 52.87'W	Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park 44° 48.11'N 92° 54.24'W	Lake Elmo Park Reserve 44° 56.24'N 92° 54.19'W	Pine Point Regional Park 45° 07.26'N 92° 50.21'W	Point Douglas Park 44° 44' 56.3"N 92° 48' 33.0"W	Square Lake Park 45° 09.37'N 92° 47.57'W	St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park 44° 48.08'N 92° 48.24'W	Hardwood Creek Regional Trail 45° 14' 21.73"N 92° 59' 8.11"W	Historic Courthouse 45° 03.09'N 92° 48.44'W
Acres	200	515	2165	296	7	27	579		
Modern Camping			80				73		
Hike-In Camping			3						
Equestrian Camping			20						
Group Camping			3				1		
Meeting Facilities									
Picnic Shelters	1	1	2				3		
Restrooms									
Beach Buildings									
Hiking/Walking Trails (Miles)	1.5	7	20	5			4	9.5	
Paved Bicycle Trails (Miles)	1.5	3	5				1	9.5	
Mountain Biking (Miles)			8						
Equestrian Trails (Miles)			8	5				9.5	
Lighted Cross-Country Ski Trails (Miles)			5.5						
Cross Country Skiing Trails (Miles)	1.2	5.2	10.8	4.1			6.2		
Winter Walking Trails									
Snowshoeing Trails (Miles)									
Boat/Canoe Launch									
Swimming Beach									
Fishing Pier									
Ice Fishing									
Play Structures									
Historic Information Site									
Special Programs and Events									
Picnic Tables									
Grills									
Archery									
Orienteering Course									
Geocaching									
Drinking Fountains									

Reservations

Washington County Parks offers reservations for **campsites, picnic shelters, banquet and meeting spaces and a conference cottage**. A reservation for these facilities can be made by contacting the appropriate park office directly. Reservations for campsites can be made by phone or online at www.co.washington.mn.us/parks.

Park Regulations

Park Hours: 7:00 A.M. - ½ hour after sunset
Boat Launch Hours: 6:00 A.M. - ½ hour after sunset

Alcoholic Beverages: The consumption of alcoholic beverages is not allowed in any general use area of a park (trails, beaches, play areas, general picnic areas, etc.). The consumption of limited quantities of beer and wine is allowed only on registered campsites and in reserved picnic shelters or banquet facilities. Hard liquor, kegs or the excessive consumption of alcohol is not allowed anywhere in the parks.

Washington County Vehicle Permits are required to enter all parks except Point Douglas Park, Hardwood Creek Regional Trail, and the Historic Courthouse.

Pets are only allowed in parking areas and on summer trails; they must be on a maximum, six-foot leash at all times. Pets are not allowed at Square Lake Park.

Please observe all posted regulations within the parks.

Vehicle Permits

Vehicles entering Washington County Parks must display a valid vehicle permit to avoid being issued a citation. A permit is sold as either a day use permit or an annual permit. Day use permits can be purchased at all park entrances. Annual permits are sold at Big Marine Park Reserve, Lake Elmo Park Reserve, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, and at all Washington County License Centers. An annual permit grants unlimited yearly access to all Washington, Anoka and Carver County Parks. Funds from permit sales are used to help manage park resources and facilities.



Washington County

Parks and Trails

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Washington County Parks

Parks

Discover the treasures of the great outdoors in Washington County Parks and Trails. Situated on the eastern edge of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, Washington County harbors some of the most unique natural landscapes in the region. Framed by the wild and scenic St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers, river adventures are easily accessible from Washington County's St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park. Heavily influenced by receding glaciers, the hilly countryside of northern Washington County boasts some of the cleanest lakes in Minnesota, attracting anglers and boaters to Big Marine Park Reserve and Square Lake Park. The central and southern portions of Washington County exhibit signs of glacial outwash and are home to unique natural features, like the ravines of Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park and the 120-foot deep lake in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve. These natural landscapes welcome park visitors and provide a backdrop for a host of outdoor pursuits. This year, find yourself at a Washington County Park or on a Washington County Park Trail.

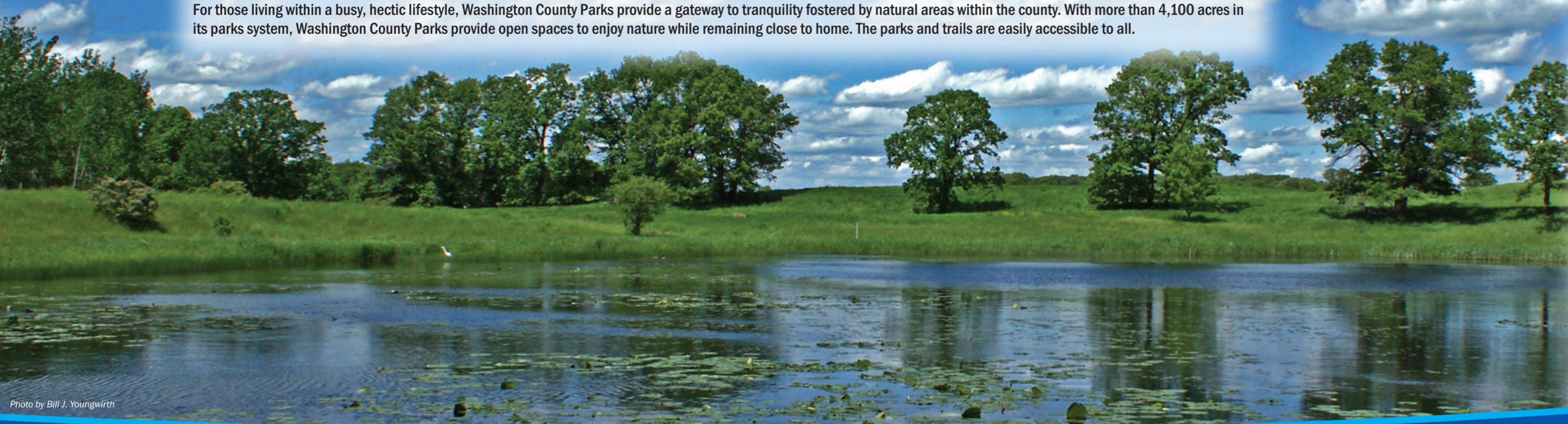
For those living within a busy, hectic lifestyle, Washington County Parks provide a gateway to tranquility fostered by natural areas within the county. With more than 4,100 acres in its parks system, Washington County Parks provide open spaces to enjoy nature while remaining close to home. The parks and trails are easily accessible to all.

Find us online at:
www.co.washington.mn.us/parks
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Big Marine Park Reserve 17495 Manning Trail North Marine on Saint Croix, MN 55047 Phone: 651-430-8200	Lake Elmo Park Reserve 1515 Keats Avenue North Lake Elmo, MN 55042 Phone: 651-430-8370
St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park 10191 St. Croix Trail South Hastings, MN 55033 Phone: 651-430-8240	Historic Courthouse 101 West Pine Street Stillwater, MN 55082 Phone: 651-275-7075
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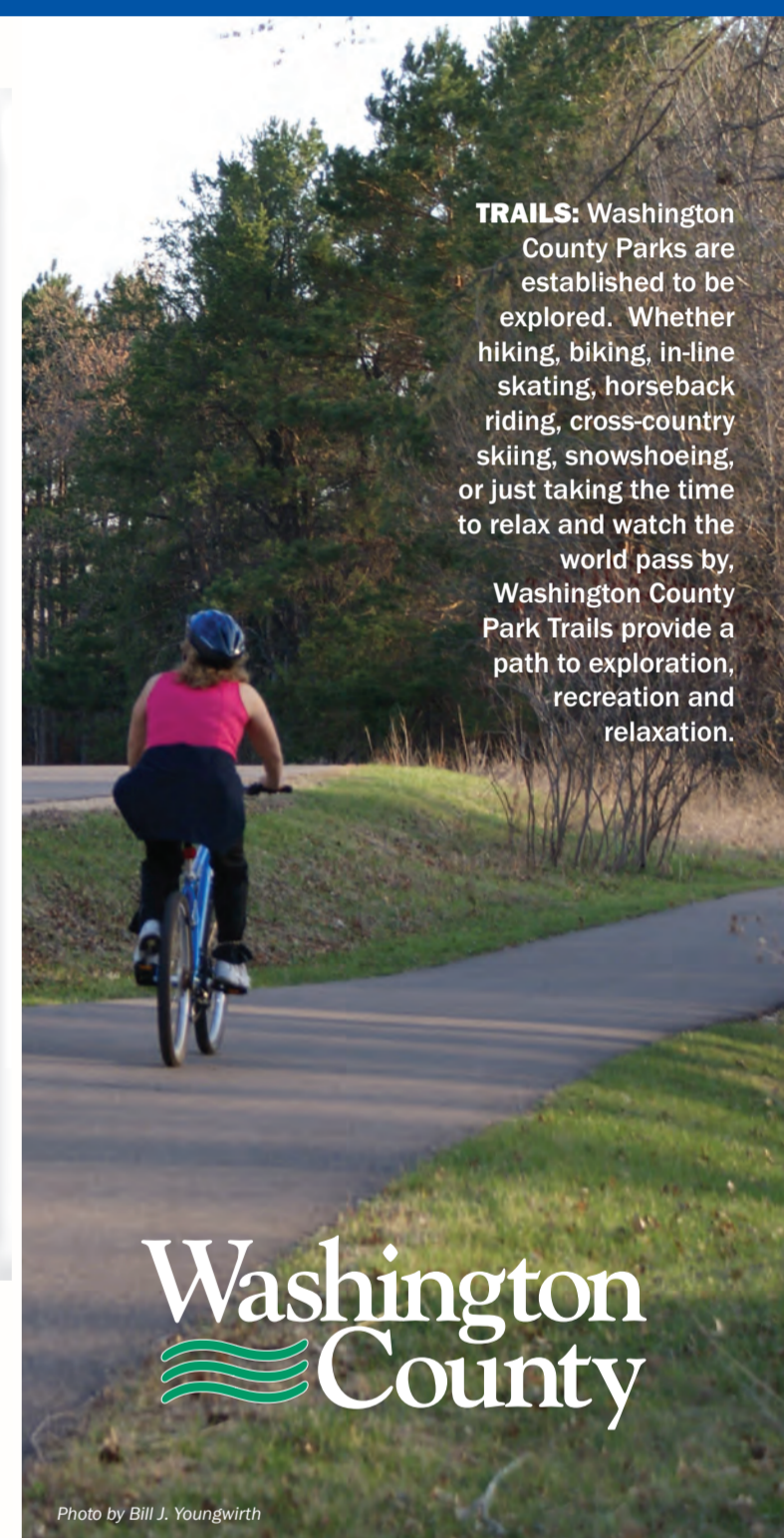


In a busy, hectic life, Washington County's parks are a gateway to the tranquility fostered by natural areas in the county. With more than 4,100 acres in its parks system, Washington County provides open spaces for retreats into nature that are close to home and the busy life of a growing population in Washington County.



NATURE: Washington County Parks are committed to the preservation of natural open spaces. These areas help to maintain wildlife habitat and clean water, and provide visitors refuge and a place to retreat from the

usual hustle and bustle of daily life. To find more information on how to enjoy these natural spaces, go to www.co.washington.mn.us/parks.



TRAILS: Washington County Parks are established to be explored. Whether hiking, biking, in-line skating, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or just taking the time to relax and watch the world pass by, Washington County Park Trails provide a path to exploration, recreation and relaxation.



CAMPGROUNDS: Come stay at a Washington County Park! One of the best ways to experience the outdoors is to spend a night in one of our park campgrounds. Located at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve and the St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, each campground features rustic, modern, and group camping. Equestrian camping is also available at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve.

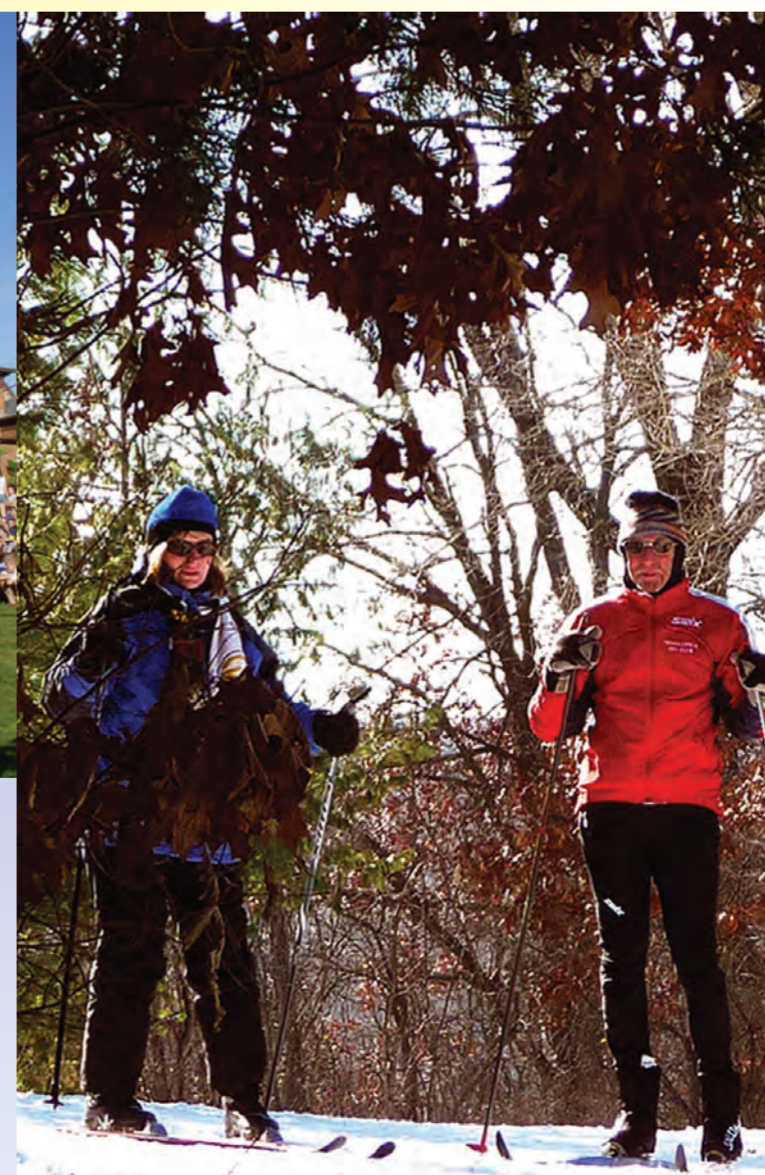
BEACHES: Featured at five Washington County Parks, swimming beaches are a great way to cool down in the summer heat. Offering clean, pristine waters, the county's swimming beaches are some of the best in the region.

PLAY AREAS: Free play in the outdoors is one of the greatest joys of childhood. Washington County Parks provide playground structures, ball fields, open fields, woods and beaches to keep youngsters intrigued and moving for many hours of free play.



HISTORIC COURTHOUSE: One of the highlights of the Washington County Parks System is the Historic Courthouse in Stillwater, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1870 and now retired from official county business, this architectural "Grand Dame" is well-maintained in its original Victorian glory. It's a perfect location for weddings, receptions, concerts, meetings and other special events. Tours of the building and former jailhouse are also available. To find more information on how to enjoy this unique place, go to www.co.washington.mn.us/hc.

FACILITIES USE: The Washington County Parks are home to a variety of facilities from picnic shelters and boat launches, to a conference cottage or a reception site. Reservations can be made by contacting a park office.



WINTER ACTIVITIES: Washington County Parks provide multiple opportunities to enjoy a Minnesota winter, whether skiing on groomed, lighted trails, snowshoeing, ice fishing, or engaging in other recreational activities.



PROGRAMMING: The outdoor settings of Washington County Parks are perfect places to explore and learn about nature. Numerous year-round programs are offered to introduce visitors to the intricacies and wonders of the natural world.