



Oxbow Park

2017 Programs

October - November

Oxbow Park
5731 County Road 105 NW, Byron, MN 55920
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Saturday, October 7th at 1:00 p.m. – Fall Colors Hike

Fall can be the one of the most colorful seasons in Minnesota. Take a hike with a naturalist and find out what makes leaves change from green to yellow, orange, red and brown. Afterwards, gather in the Nature Center to create your own leaf print.

Saturday, October 14th at 2:00 p.m. – Feed the Raptors

Meet at the raptor exhibit to learn more about some of Minnesota's most common birds of prey. Not only will you enjoy hearing interesting facts, but you'll also enjoy watching them eat.

Saturday, October 21st at 2:00 p.m. – Feed the Otters

River otters are a curious animal with many adaptations for hunting on land and fishing in the water. Watch a staff member feed the river otter at Zollman Zoo and learn fun facts about river otters.

Saturday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. – Pumpkin Party

Halloween is here, and the animals like to play with pumpkins too! Watch a naturalist place pumpkins in some of the animal exhibits. The animals might play with or even eat their pumpkins!

Saturday, November 4th at 1:00 p.m. – Feed the Bison

Bring the entire family out for a closer look at the majestic Plains Bison. You'll learn interesting facts about these marvelous creatures and get a close-up look as they are fed. A short hike is involved and accommodations can be made for folks needing to drive to the bison pen.

Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. – Deer and Elk

A short hike over to the elk and deer pens will allow participants to get a closer look at these spectacular creatures. Learn more about antlers, deer and elk behavior, and see them eat! (Accommodations CAN be made for non-hikers, seniors, etc.)

Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 a.m. – Wild Turkeys

This bird is on almost everyone's mind this time of year! Come to Oxbow and learn more about these fascinating creatures and their links to our nation's past.

Saturday, November 25th at 1:00 p.m. – All About Porcupines

This small mammal has many fascinating features! Learn how to separate fact from fiction when it comes to the porcupines' quills.

December 8th and December 9th at 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – ZooDazzle

Join Friends of Oxbow for the annual ZooDazzle. During this celebration you will see Zollman Zoo all lit up with holiday lights at night! There will also be treats and activities. This event is admission free. Rumor has it that Santa may even be there!

December 15th and 16th at 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – ZooDazzle (lights only, not activities)



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Chester Woods Park

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Saturday, October 7 at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m. – Fall Colors Wagon Ride

What better way to enjoy a fall afternoon than to hop on the park wagon and take a ride through Chester Woods' prairies and woodlands and observe nature's beautiful colors of the season. Reservations encouraged, call 287-2624. Meet at shelter #1.

Saturday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. – Seed Processing

Meet at the Park office where you will learn how the staff and volunteer at Chester Woods Park process the native prairie seed that has been harvested. You will then be given the opportunity to get "hands on" and process some of the seed yourself!

Saturday, October 28 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Friends of Chester Woods Work Day

Meet at the park office at 10:30 for the Friends of Chester Woods' meeting followed by a pot luck lunch at noon. After lunch, staff and volunteers will head out into the park for a fun afternoon of volunteer projects and tasks.

Chester Woods Park will be closed the following dates in November...

November 9-12 for the Disabled Veterans Hunt
November 18-26 for the controlled management hunt