







## 2023 ULCH Recreation Activities

Date/Time	Event	Location	Organizer Email	Description	Photo
<p>Sunday January 22, 2023</p> <p>Start time 1:00 pm</p>	River Walk	<p>Mississippi River Flats Trail</p> <p><a href="#">351 East River Parkway</a></p> <p>Google Plus Code: XQC8+5H4</p>	<p>Kathy Kufus <a href="mailto:kathykufus3@yahoo.com">kathykufus3@yahoo.com</a> 651-890-9117</p>	<p>Please join us after church this coming Sunday January 22 at 1:00 for a river walk. Come with or without snowshoes to the U of M East Bank boat house parking lot for a short walk. This will be a gentle family friendly walk estimated time 1 to 1 1/2 hours.</p> <p>The code below inserted into your phone's search window will give you a gps location for this parking lot. Please call or text Kathy Kufus at 651-890-9117 with an rsvp or if you have questions.</p>	
<p>Saturday March 4, 2023</p> <p>Start time 1:00 pm</p> <p>Meet at the Eastman Nature Center parking lot</p>	Snowshoe, Ski, Hike	<p>Elm Creek Regional Park</p> <p><a href="https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/elm-creek-park-reserve">https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/elm-creek-park-reserve</a></p> <p>Google Plus Code:</p> <p>Google Maps</p>	<p>John Beane <a href="mailto:pilgrim.beane@gmail.com">pilgrim.beane@gmail.com</a> 651-338-4492</p>	<p>Come and join us for a cross-country skiing/snowshoeing event at Elm Creek Regional Park on Saturday, March 4th at 1pm. Elm Creek has 11.6 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails (both skate and classic). A Three Rivers cross-country daily or annual ski pass is required. Ski rental is available online. An alternative activity is to use the 6.5 miles of snowshoe trails around Eastman Nature Center. No pass required. Snowshoe rental is available online. We will meet at the Eastman Nature Center parking lot, 13351 Elm Creek Rd, Maple Grove, MN 55369. If you plan on coming or have questions, contact John Beane.</p> <p>Elm Creek Park Reserve features amenities for almost every outdoor activity, including the Eastman Nature Center, hiking and biking trails. Elm Creek is also home to wildlife such as eagles, sandhill cranes, deer, bluebirds, beavers, loons, trumpeter swans and hawks.</p>	 

<p>Sunday May 7, 2023</p> <p>Start Times: 12:00 Picnic 1:00 Hike</p>	<p>Picnic/Hike</p>	<p><a href="#">Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary</a></p> <p>1 Theodore Wirth Pkwy</p> <p><a href="#">Google Maps</a></p>	<p>Deb Bordsen <a href="mailto:hvestmoon@gmail.com">hvestmoon@gmail.com</a> 651-270-2128</p>	<p>Join in on the beauty as we experience together the <b>Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary</b> - a 15-acre native plant reserve established in 1907. The garden is the oldest public wildflower garden in the US. The Wildflower Garden consists of three main ecosystems; a wetland complex referred to as the "Woodland Garden," upland hardwood forest and oak savanna with some open prairie, together referred to as the "Upland Garden." With over 600 plant species and more than 130 species of resident and migratory birds found in the Wildflower Garden, this delightful public native plant reserve is a true haven for the flora and fauna of our region, as well as for the many people who visit it.</p> <p>We will meet at 12pm for a picnic just outside the garden and then wander through the gardens together starting at 1pm.</p> <p>Address is 1 Theodore Wirth Pkwy. If you plan on coming or have questions, contact Deb Bordsen.</p>	
<p>June 15-17, 2023</p> <p>Start Time</p> <p>Campground details to follow</p>	<p>Camping at Wm O'Brien St. Pk and Paddling on the St. Croix River; RV and Tent camping options 6/15,6/16 Group</p>	<p><a href="#">Wm O'Brien St. Park</a> Taylors Falls,MN</p> <p>Google Plus Code 66FV+C7 Scandia, Minnesota</p> <p><a href="#">Google Maps</a></p>	<p>Bryan Kufus <a href="mailto:bkufus462@icloud.com">bkufus462@icloud.com</a> 612-685-0402</p>	<p>There are many options at this favorite ULCH outdoor event: paddling, picnicking, hiking, or camping. Enjoy the beautiful St. Croix River and Wm O'Brien St. Park. It's not far from the metro and is some of the most accessible and best paddling in Minnesota plus optional group camping!. Group Camping evening of 6/16; Paddling both 6/16 and 17; boat rental available; picnic on Saturday; hiking and biking available. The camping is free, just bring your tent, sleeping bag, and cooking gear. Come for the three days or just for the</p>	

	camping 6/16			<p>picnic on Saturday. Anyone interested in extending the time camping either in tents or RV's please make reservations for 6/15 and 6/16 at Riverway campground in Wm O'Brien State Park</p> <p>Those who need boat rental contact Taylors Falls Canoe and Kayak Rental. To get a group discount I need to hear you'll be renting however you still make your own reservation. Please send RSVP or questions via text to Bryan Kufus at 612-685-0402.</p>	
<p>July 18, 2023</p> <p>Start Time: 6:30 pm</p>	Biking	<p>Harriet Island 200 Dr Justus Ohage Blvd, St Paul, MN 55107</p> <p>Google Plus Code: WWP3+X9 St Paul, Minnesota</p>	<p>Ann Beane <a href="mailto:spiritbeane@gmail.com">spiritbeane@gmail.com</a> 651-245-8226</p>	<p>Join us for a wonderful evening bike ride along the Mississippi River on paved trails. We will meet at the parking lot of Harriet Island in St. Paul. There are some historical signs along the way acknowledging that this area was the homeland of the Dakotah people of the area. The sun setting will help determine how far we get, perhaps all the way to the village of Mendota - 5.2 miles and back. If you plan on coming or have questions, contact Ann Beane.</p>	
<p>Sept. 16, 2023</p> <p>Start Time:</p> <p>(Last year's info) Meet at 11:00 AM at the Welch, MN trail stop. Option to join us for lunch at 12:30 with or without the biking</p>	Cannon Valley Trail Bike Ride	<p><a href="#">Cannon Valley Trail</a> at Welch, MN Google Plus Code: H776+54 Welch, Minnesota</p> <p><a href="#">Google Maps</a></p>	<p>Bryan Kufus <a href="mailto:bkufus462@icloud.com">bkufus462@icloud.com</a> 612-685-0402</p>	<p>This paved rail trail offers a rural views and a babbling brook as it follows the Cannon River on a former railroad bed Join us at Welch, MN at 11:00 for the ride or come just for the picnic at 12:30</p> <p>5-20 miles   Paved</p>	