

# Friends Getting Together

## What We Do:

### Events

Have some ideas on how to get more folks out to enjoy this wonderful park? What kind of events would you like to see held here? Join us and help to plan and organize events of all kinds, from the annual Dam Hike and Hot Dog Day (Memorial Day weekend), spring and fall FOCW get-togethers and work days, volunteer groups that support the park staff, and many others. We're always looking for new ideas for happenings here at the park!

### Equestrian & Hiking Trails



For hikers and cross country skiers, there are over 15 miles of trails that cover a variety of interesting terrain. Help

in maintaining trails is always welcome.

Do you love horses and trail riding? Friends riders work on ensuring that over 8 miles of horse trails are kept in top condition and that signage is clear and easy to read from horseback. They also organize and participate in



various events, seminars and projects that benefit all riders in the park.

### General Volunteer Help

Like to build or fix stuff? If you have some skills to offer, such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, welding, roofing or others, join us to help park staff with various projects and maintenance needs. Even without special skills, your help with park staff and other volunteers is enjoyable and appreciated. The park staff provides training for many volunteer tasks.

### Prairie

Care about native wildlife? Help with prairie restoration and surveys of native plants, insects and birds. Or try seed collection and processing, hiking trail maintenance, prescription burns, invasive species control, avian recovery projects. Or lead prairie interpretive hikes and develop signage to help visitors identify lovely native plants.



### Fun on the Lake

If fishing, boating, paddling, swimming or making sand castles are your favorite pastimes, help us plan events and activities that will share your passion with your family, friends and others. Or help with beach upkeep or repair docks. There's no end of enjoyable things to do!

FRIENDS OF  
CHESTER WOODS

### DO YOU ENJOY THIS PARK?

#### Want to help make it even better?

Then join Friends and make a difference! Be a part of this special park and help to make it even better for you and your children (and their children, too!).



*Why should I join Friends since I already have to pay to enter the park?*

Because park entry fees go into the general Olmsted County budget and may be spent on any county budget item, even if it has nothing to do with parks.

*Donations to FOCW stay right here at the park to be used only for projects that benefit you, your family and friends.*

What makes this park so special?  
At Chester Woods, you can:

- ◆ Explore 1330 acres of precious open space - a large lake, miles of trails, native prairies, woodlands, and diverse habitat for wildlife.



- ◆ Enjoy the countless things to do here at low cost and just minutes from home.
- ◆ Experience the subtle soothing sounds of the natural world - a rare commodity in our busy, noisy lives!



- ◆ Get together with people who share your interests - whether fishing, kayaking, hiking, camping, riding horseback, cross country skiing and much more.

**Why volunteer at this park? Because it's a fabulous place to get away from it all while truly making a difference.**

**Some Friends accomplishments:**

- ◆ Helped survey and restore many acres of the native prairie so critical to the survival of our beautiful native birds, mammals and butterflies.
- ◆ Developed tree identification trails to help people learn about Minnesota trees.
- ◆ Built a convertible wagon for transporting less able people during events.



**Ongoing:**

- ◆ Sponsoring many events to bring people out to enjoy this wonder-full park.
- ◆ Renting out racks seasonally to store visitor's watercraft and raise funds for FOCW park projects.

**Please consider:**

*Would you like to ensure that your children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy this park the way you do?*

*Then make a tax deductible Legacy donation to Friends of Chester Woods a part of your estate plan.*



**Our Mission**

Friends of Chester Woods supports the educational, environmental and recreational goals of Chester Woods Park

If you would like to help this special park, please tear off and mail the membership form below. If you wish, we will contact you and see that you get more details.

*Yes! I want to help improve Chester Woods Park by becoming a member of Friends of Chester Woods*

Dues: \$15 per year

Name:

Address

Telephone

Call me, I have some questions

E-Mail Address:

I'd be interested in helping with:

Mail this form with your check to:

Chester Woods Park  
Attention: FOCW  
8378 Highway 14 East  
Eyota, MN 55934

**Don't forget to ask your employer if they will match your donation!**

Check us out at:

[www.friendsofchesterwoods.org](http://www.friendsofchesterwoods.org)

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