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Spring/Summer 2025

WELCOME TO THE PRAIRIE DU CHIEN PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITY GUIDE!

Welcome to another exciting season of activities, programs, and opportunities provided by the Prairie du Chien Parks and Recreation Department! We are thrilled to offer a variety of options designed to bring a variety of communities together, promote wellness, and celebrate the natural beauty of our parks and facilities.

Whether you're looking to try something new, develop a skill, or spend quality time with family and friends, we have something for everyone. From fitness classes and sports leagues to arts and cultural events, we are committed to creating an inclusive and vibrant environment where all ages can thrive.

Our team works hard to create memorable experiences that foster a sense of community, and we hope that the programs and events featured in this guide inspire you to get involved, stay active, and make lasting memories.

As always, your health and safety are our top priorities. We've taken extra precautions to ensure that all of our programs are run in compliance with safety guidelines, so you can enjoy the outdoors and recreational opportunities with peace of mind.

We are excited to have you join us this season. Let's make this a season of adventure, connection, and growth!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you in the parks and our facilities!

Morgan CraryMike WallaceAquatics & Rec ManagerParks, Rec. & Forestry Director

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS



(L-R) Lydia Thies, Beth Wagner, Nick Pedretti, Kayla Ingham, Mike McCoy (Chair), and Katherine Achenbach.

LA RIVIERE PARK BOARD MEMBERS



L-R: Dave Troester (Chair), Dee Baker, Suzy Cooley, Patricia Olijnyk, and Mike Mara

JOB/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are accepted year-round for a variety of volunteer/part-time positions, including score keepers, instructors, lifeguards and officials. If you have talents that you're willing to share and would like some extra income, contact the Park & Rec Department at 608-326-7207.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION IS SIMPLE!

OPTION #1:

Online Registration begins May 1st Go to <u>https://pdc.recdesk.com/Community/</u> <u>Home</u> to sign up for easy registration.

OPTION #2:

Some programs are drop-in/pay on site the day of.

Swim Lesson: Registration is online beginning May 1st.

City of Prairie du Chien

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It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to keep our city such a great place to live and enjoy. We thank our Volunteers and Employees for all they do!

<mark>You are Outstanding!!!</mark>

www.pdc.recdesk.com/community/home 608-326-7207

COME JOIN THE FUN!

KIDS FISHING CAMP

This fun camp is geared to kids of all ages interested in learning how to fish or getting a few extra tips to help you catch more fish! Parents are also encouraged to attend. All equipment and bait are provided; however, you can bring your own also!

DATES: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 OR WEDNESDAY JUNE 25 (RAIN DATE JULY 2ND)



TIME: 5:30- 6:45 PM

LOCATION: Washington Street Park Shelter

COST: FREE, HOWEVER, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

REGISTER ONLINE

For information on Fishing Outings like this for youth clubs, organizations, or special events, please call Musky Mike at 608-412-4556

THE CITY OF PDC MAY UTILIZE PICTURES OF INDIVIDUALS IN PROGRAMS FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES.

Follow us on Facebook @pdcparks for updates and information

YOUTH PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

JR. GOLF PROGRAM

CO-SPONSORED BY THE PDC PARKS & REC DEPT. & THE PDC COUNTRY CLUB.

Open to Boys & Girls ages 7-14. (8 week program) Beginning June 16/17 ending August 4/5 **Ages 7-10:**

Mondays - 9am -11am **Ages 11-14:**

Tuesdays - 9am-11am Includes, instruction,

games, snack & on course play. All kids receive a free tee shirt & bag of range balls.

FEES: \$50 RES. • \$60 NON-RES. FOR MORE INFO: JAMEY PEDRETTI: 608-326-6707.

TOT LOT

This pre-school program is geared for ages 2-5 with parent/guardian. Emphasis on story time, physical activity, simple arts & crafts & fun! Begins June 18-July 23 every Wednesday from 9-9:45am at Lochner Park Large Shelter. RES. FEE: \$15 • NON-RES. FEES: \$25 MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS: 15 YOUTH

HOLD-YOUR-HORSES HORSE RIDES

Held at the Childrens Ranch on Monday nights starting June 2, 9, 30, July 7, 28, August 4, 11, 18 from 5pm-6pm.

Ideal for ages 3-12 years old. Each child that attends will have the opportunity for 2 horse rides. Horses are led around in an enclosed arena. Helmets required & provided.



The Childrens Ranch is located at 61011 Sebastian Lane. Cost \$3 per child/session or \$15 for a season. Call Gracie Ferries at 608-790-7104 for more information.

T-BALL BASEBALL

(FOR BOYS & GIRLS)

Begins June 11 - July 16, Including July 4th week Wednesdays from 8-9am at Lochner Park

This 6 week fun program is for ages 5-6 with an introduction to game skills using a safety ball. Participants will learn basic throwing, catching, and batting skills, with modified game play. Players need to bring their own gloves.

Res. Fees: \$15, Non-Res Fee \$25





REGISTER ONLINE AT: HTTPS://PDC. RECDESK.COM/COMMUNITY/HOME

BUS TRIP WED., AUGUST 13 • 1:10 PM GAME MILWAUKEE BREWERS vs. PITTSBURGH PIRATES



American Family Field • \$45.00 per person. This includes round trip coach bus and Loge Bleacher ticket. This is a family friendly trip geared for kids, so no alcohol on bus. Youth must have an adult chaperone. Bring your own food and drinks for trip, as well as money for souvenirs and snacks at the game. The bus will depart promptly at 8am from Hoffman Hall Recreation Center parking lot and will arrive back at Hoffman Hall at approximately 8pm. Seats will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Sign up and pay at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm.



Charles Evert Memorial Youth Fishing Program & Starks Sport Shop For more information please contact Sherry Slife 608-306-2864 or Mike Wallace 608-326-7207.

LEISURE FUN

KIDS IN THE GARDEN 🞺

FREE Summer Garden Program.

Sponsored by: Crawford County Master Gardeners, City of Prairie du Chien Park & Rec Department. Location: Memorial Gardens, St. Feriole Island.

Free for kids 5-14.

Parent or adult required to stay with children.







WEDNESDAYS 9:30am - 11am <u>or</u> 4pm - 5:30pm

June 18 - Filling Bug Condo & our Story Walk. We will explore who our bug guest in the Bug Condo might be.

July 2 - Monarch Butterflies. We'll enjoy our Story Walk, look for Monarch butterfly eggs & caterpillars.

July 16 - Turtles, Turtles, Turtles! Let's explore the wonderous world of freshwater Turtles and maybe have some special Show & Tell.

July 30 - Ants. Ever wonder what ants do below ground? Our amazing Story Walk will help us understand that.

August 13 - Birds. Our last link to Dinosaurs are everywhere, we will learn about those that live in our garden.



Call Donna with any questions at (608) 412-4661

CHESS BOARD TABLE

Kevin Stout from the Eagle Scout Troop 320 built and donated a Chess Board Picnic Table for the community to use. It is located on Blackhawk Ave. at Lucky Park. This table has two built-in boards with chess pieces provided. Enjoy the view of the river while playing chess. This project was funded by donations from the George Family Foundation and Deckorators.



OCTOBERFEST BUTTON DESIGN CONTEST

This contest is based on the best design that symbolizes our celebration of German heritage. Ideas could include German food, clothing, drinks, music, family, or any other thing related to Oktoberfest! Open to youth ages 17 and under.

Drop off or send your submission to Prairie Catholic School by May 20, 2025. The winner will be notified following the design selection and will receive a Grand Prize Gift Basket, a picture in the newspaper, and multiple web pages.





HOFFMAN HALL RECREATION CENTER

SUMMER SCHEDULE: MAY 31 - AUGUST 31 1600 S. WACOUTA AVE., PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI 608-326-2985 HTTPS://PDC.RECDESK.COM/COMMUNITY/HOME HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PDCPARKS

HOFFMAN HALL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 10am - 2pm Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am - 3pm

FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAYS	Cardio Mix: 5:15-6:15pm
TUESDAYS	Body Sculpting: 5:15-6:15pm
WEDNESDAYS	Yoga: 5:00-6:00pm
THURSDAYS	Pilates: 5:15-6:15pm

SATURDAYS Cardio Mix/Step & Sculpt 8:00-9:00am

	Monthly Pass	Non-Res. Monthly Pass	Annual Membership	Non-Res Annual Membership
Family/Senior Couples	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$420.00	\$520.00
Adult (Ages 19-62)	\$50.00	\$65.00	\$375.00	\$450.00
Senior/Youth/Student Corporate (10 or more)		\$50.00	\$325.00 \$325.00	\$375.00

DAILY PASS

Family Resident \$10.00...Non-Resident \$12.00 Adults Resident \$5.00....Non-Resident \$6.00 Senior/Youth/Student .. Resident \$3.00....Non-Resident \$4.00

WALKING PASSDaily \$2.00Monthly \$20.00

PUNCH PASSES

Adult......Resident \$50.00...Non-Resident \$60.00 Senior/Youth/Student...Resident \$30.00...Non-Resident \$40.00

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL COURTS

Enjoy the tennis & pickleball courts all summer! Tennis & pickleball racquets available for use if reserved at least 24 hours beforehand. Call Hoffman Hall to reserve.



RENTAL PICKLEBALL EQUIPMENT

You can rent pickleball equipment for a fee. Please contact Hoffman Hall at 608-326-2985 for more information.





The City of Prairie du Chien Parks & Recreation Department is committed to enhancing the quality of lives of Active Seniors & Adults over the age of 55 by providing recreation and leisure activities/programs to complement and improve your independent lifestyle while having fun!



The activities are provided with the collaborative efforts from the City of Prairie du Chien Parks & Recreation Department, the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Crawford County, Crossing Rivers Health, and Southwest Wisconsin Technical College.

ALL SESSIONS FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

ADRC MEAL SITE AT HOFFMAN HALL

Meals served Monday through Friday at 11:30am Call 608-326-0235 for reservations at least 24 hours in advance. Suggested donation is \$4.00 - \$6.00.

BINGO

Every Wednesday 1:30pm -3:30pm. Spring Session ends May 28. Summer Session runs June 11-Aug 27. Offering a fun & friendly bingo



experience for adults of all ages. Supplies are available & our volunteers are eager to help you learn the ropes. Check prizes, hard cards, paper specials.

AT HOFFMAN HALL REC CENTER. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 608-326-2985

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Crawford County Alzheimer's / Dementia Support Group: Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, from 10am – 11:30am Family care partners come together to share information, experiences, and support. Groups are facilitated by skilled and knowledgeable volunteers. This is free and open to the public year-round. For more information, please contact Jeanne Jordie at 608-306-2486.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Come join us at Hoffman Hall every Monday from 1pm – 3pm to explore, challenge, and hone in on your watercolor painting. Bring your own supplies. No cost. (We support each other with positivity.)



INDOOR PLAY ZONE

Children under the age 1 are welcome, but please be aware that the equipment is most appropriate for ages 1-5. Adult supervision is required.

Open Play Time: Monday–Fridays: 10am-2pm

Hoffman Hall's INDOOR Play Zone, is designed for children kindergarten-age and younger to play under parental/guardian supervision. A community partnership between the Prairie du Chien Park & Recreation Department, Crawford County Extension, Crossing Rivers Health, and PdC Rotary Club offers young children a safe, clean play space to burn off energy and have fun. In addition, parents and their kids can share in activities, meet with existing playgroups and make new friends.

Admission: \$2 per child per day

WACOUTA AQUATIC PARK

POOL ADMISSION

DAILY PASSES:	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	\$10.00	\$12.00
Adult Senior/Youth (Ages 3-1 /Student:	\$5.00 7) \$3.00	\$6.00 \$4.00
Youth (Ages 0-2)	Free	\$4.00
ANNUAL PASSES: Individual Family	Resident \$65.00 \$90.00	Non-Resident \$100.00 \$140.00

PUNCH PASSES:

Adult: Resident - \$50.00 Non-Resident - \$60.00

Senior/Youth/Student: Resident - \$30.00 Non-Resident - \$40.00

- Family includes yourself, a spouse, and your children in one immediate family, one household only. Children 18 and older cannot be considered for a Family Membership unless they are in college and can show a current registration receipt/ID.
- Seniors are considered age 63 and over.
- Full-time college students (12 credits undergraduate/6 credits graduate) will be required to show a recent report card or registration receipt/ID.

Pool Passes will be sold online or at Hoffman Hall Front Desk beginning April 23.

POOL SCHEDULE

June 7-August 17

LAP SWIM

Early Bird (M-F)....... 7-8:15am Evening (M-F)....... 5-6pm Weekend 12Noon-1pm

OPEN SWIM

M-F 1-5pm Sat & Sun 1-4pm

FAMILY FUN SWIMS





WATER AEROBICS

Morning (M-F)..... 8:15-9am Evening (T, & Th) 5:15-6pm

DEEP WATER AEROBICS (W)

SWIM LESSONS

Following an 8-lesson format over a two-week period. Lessons will be held Monday - Thursday with Fridays as a rain date. From 9-11:15am (*Times vary based on level.*)

Session 1: June 16-27 Session 2: July 7-18 Session 3: July 28-August 8

REGISTER ONLINE: Beginning May 1st https://pdc.recdesk.com/Community/Home

POOL PARTIES



Join us from 1pm-3pm For These Special Events!

SAVE THESE DATES! June 21, July 19, August 9

Themes will be announced prior to each party.

SWIM TEAM

Join the Prairie du Chien Waterhawks Swim Team! Our season runs from June 9th to July 26th. Practices are held Monday through Friday except on Meet Days. Improve your swimming strokes and technique while having fun and making new friends.



Ages 8 & Under and 13-18 practice 11:15am-12:10pm

Ages 9-10 & 11-12 practice 11:55am-12:45pm

Participants must have passed Level 3 swimming lessons and a deep-water test.

Open to all area communities. Cost: \$45/swimmer plus must purchase a season pool pass.

Follow the Prairie du Chien Waterhawks Facebook page for more information about the upcoming season.

POOL RENTAL TIMES

Fridays – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

FREE SWIM NIGHT

Sponsored by Peoples State Bank August 5 – 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM





MUSIC - SPECIAL EVENTS - OUTDOOR RECREATION

FREE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES CONCERTS ON THE RIVER

We will be offering free concerts with the area's top musical talents. Those planning on attending are encouraged to bring family and friends with blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks as you'll really enjoy these casual evenings of entertainment Thursday Nights 6:30-8pm at Lawler Park Gazebo South. For more information contact the PDC Parks & Recreation Dept. at 608-326-7207.



GREAT LOCAL MUSICIANS INCLUDE...

- JUNE 5: 16 STRINGS AND A STICK Crisse is back with her fiddle and Mark "Tunes" Glassbrenner with his guitar, and they will get your toes tapping and your hands clapping playing a mix of Country, Celtic, Bluegrass, and Gospel!
- JUNE 12: SMOKING GUN SHOWDOWN Established in 2015, Smoking Gun Showdown is a country/rock band performing all your favorites! This concert will be held at the Fire Association Shelter. (6:00 pm start)
- JUNE 19: GTP ROCK Get ready to ROCK with this three-piece band from lowa, as they bring you music, you're sure to know from the 70's, 80's, and 90's! You won't be able to resist jumping up and dancing as they crank it up and play your favorites!
- JUNE 26: 132D ARMY BAND Military bands have a long tradition of supporting and entertaining service members and civilians with music. In Wisconsin, the Army National Guard's 132D Army Band keeps the tradition alive and thriving with approximately 40 citizen-Soldier-musicians who travel the state, the country, and even the world with a variety of music.
- JULY 3: BIG BLUE SKY Their musical style includes the influence of folk, bluegrass, and reggae. This 4-piece band's musical writing comes from the inspiration of wild places and a celebration of our natural heritage.
- JULY 10: DYLAN HARRIS & GOOD COMPANY We all know Dylan Harris from introducing our bands and sponsors here at Concerts on the River. Many of us also know him for his energetic concerts and his busy schedule as an open jam host (at the Tavern here in Prairie and elsewhere, too). His special blend of rock, country, and American music is online, and he has a new album coming out – the release party is at the Sawmill Saloon on Saturday afternoon, July 12th!
- JULY 17: TAVERN STRING BAND "More Legend than Band." An eclectic mix of outlaw country, obscure classics, and clever originals performed by a group of local ne'er-do-wells. "Bring your dancing shoes!"
- JULY 24: JULIAN PRIMEAUX BAND Is a Grammy-nominated artist and has been inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame from Lafayette, Louisiana. This concert is part of Bluesfest and will be held at the grounds. This is free to the public with a 6:30 PM start. No carry-ins of food or drinks..
- JULY 31: NICE GUYS AND A DIRTY MIND The area's top Rock cover band plays a variety of your favorite songs by The Beatles, The Doobie Brothers, Eagles, Queen, and many more!
- AUGUST 7: DRIFTLESS MAGNOLIAS formed in June 2023, this duo consists of Chellanie and Tisha. This duo plays covers and original music, including old and new country, and interacts with the crowd.
- AUGUST 14: TED & ALICE MILLER An award-winning husband and wife Folk/Americana songwriting duo that hails from Northeast Nebraska. Living in the Midwest countryside lends itself to songwriting inspired by the native landscape and nature as much as it does the ebb and flow of life in rural communities.

CANOE/KAYAK CLASSES

Geared for recreational users 10 & older. Two hour clinics teach essentials of boat fitting, maneuvering, paddling skills and techniques. Ideal for new paddlers. No roll experience needed and no roll instruction provided. Must be a competent swimmer.



All sessions run on Thursdays, 4-6 pm at Washington St. Park. August 7th or 21st. Res. Fees: \$15 • Non-Res. Fees: \$20.

KAYAK, CANOE & BIKE RENTALS

Located at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Washington Street Park (North Main & Washington St.) Beginning June 21, rentals of kayaks, canoes & bikes will be available at Washington Street Park.

Open Saturdays & Sundays, 12-4pm

- Single kayak or canoe with paddle & PFD is \$10 for 2 hrs.
- Bike & helmet (required).
- Up to 4 bikes is \$5 for all / 2 hrs.

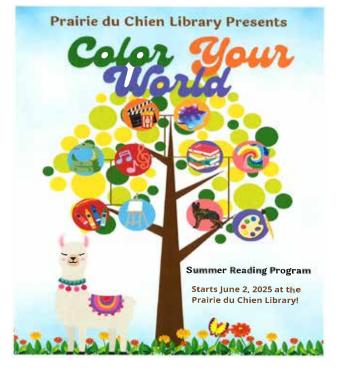
ROTARY DISC GOLF COURSE

As a result of the generosity of the Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien, an 18 hole disc golf course is now available on St. Feriole Island. No cost to utilize the course. Rent discs for \$2 from City Hall or the Outdoor Rec. Center (June-Aug). Don't forget to check in at the Rotary Disc Golf





Course on Facebook! For more information call 608-326-7207.



COOL PARK STUFF / VACATION FUN

CITY PARK SHELTERS

Park shelter reservations may be made for dates between May 1 & Oct 31.

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Park Shelter Name	Address	Resident	Resident
Fire Association Shelter	Blackhawk Ave. & Villa Louis Rd	\$75	\$85
LaRiviere Park Barn	62036 LaRiviere Lane	\$75	\$85
LaRiviere Park Shelter	62036 LaRiviere Lane	\$75	\$85
Fort Fun Shelter	1401 E. Wells St.	\$40	\$50
Fourth Ward Shelter	Fisher St. & Villa Louis Road	\$40	\$50
Jaycee Shelter	419 5th St.	\$40	\$50
Lawler Park Rock Building	430 N. Water St	\$40	\$50
Lawler Park South	430 N. Water St	\$40	\$50
Lawler Park North	430 N. Water St	\$40	\$50
Lessard Shelter	900 W. Blackhawk Ave.	\$40	\$50
Lochner Park Large Shelter	906 S. Wacouta Ave.	\$40	\$50
Lochner Park Small Shelter	906 S. Wacouta Ave.	\$40	\$50
Washington Street Park Shelter	401 N. Main St.	\$40	\$50
Island Gardens Gazebo	298 N. 4th St.	\$30	\$40
Frable Ulrich Shelter	N. Water St.	\$30	\$40
Peoples State Bank Shelter	N. Water St.	\$30	\$40
Leamy Shelter	520 N. Villa Louis Rd.	\$30	\$40
O'Brien Park Shelter	1100 E. Fowler St.	\$30	\$40

Reservation Procedure

Contact the receptionist in the City Hall office (608-326-6406) to reserve a shelter. Fee is per shelter per day and must be paid one week after making the reservation.

TREE CITY USA

We are proud to be recognized as one of 3000 communities in the country to hold this status. Thanks to efforts from city staff, many donors, and volunteers we continue to be able to offer a healthy sustainable urban forestry program. We are committed to keep our community environmentally healthy through education, innovative programs, and increased emphasis on planting and caring.



MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM



The Parks & Recreation Department works with many individuals to provide wonderful trees throughout the city parks. If you are interested in providing a tree in recognition of a person, location, or event, please call 608-326-7207. Because of many generous donations, we would like to thank everyone for their support in providing trees for all to enjoy for many years to come!

MEMORIAL PICNIC TABLE PROGRAM



The City of Prairie du Chien Parks and Recreation Department provides the opportunity to honor a loved one with the purchase of a picnic table and plaque. If you are interested in purchasing a picnic table, please call 608-326-7207 for more information.

SUMMER VACATION TICKET DISCOUNTS

ATTRACTIONS IN WISCONSIN DELLS

A great way to start your summer vacation while saving lots of money! Tickets can be purchased between 8am-4:30pm at City Hall (214 East Blackhawk Avenue). Cash only with exact amount appreciated. Call 608-326-6406 for questions.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

A zoo of renown with a reputation as a leader in animal management, conservation, research, and education with a wholesome recreational environment. Season: Open most days of the year. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's



Adult Ticket Gate Price: \$22.75, **We Sell At:** \$15.50, Customer Saves: \$7.25 Child Ticket (3-12) Gate Price: \$19.75, **We Sell At:** \$12.50, Customer Saves: \$7.25, Free Tickets for ages 2 & under.

MT. OLYMPUS THEME & WATER PARK

Unlimited go-karts, rollercoasters, water attractions, kiddie rides, and more! New for Summer 2025: Our indoor theme park is now open! Season: May 23, 2025 - September 1, 2025. Ticket Gate Price: \$35.00, We Sell At: \$16.00,



Customer Saves: \$19.00, Free Tickets for ages 2 & under.

NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK

America's largest and best outdoor waterpark is in the Waterpark Capital of the World. With over 50+ attractions including two wave pools, two lazy rivers, a water coaster, and multiple children's play areas. Season: May 24, 2025 - September 1, 2025 Adult Ticket Gate Price: \$59.99, We Sell At: \$37.35, Customer Saves: 22.64 Child Ticket Gate Price: \$49.99, We Sell At: \$37.35, Customer Saves: \$12.64 FREE: Children under 36"

PIRATE'S COVE ADVENTURE GOLF

Argh Mateys! Your treasure is at Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf in Wisconsin Dells, mini-golf at its finest. 5 different courses - 91 unique holes. Clean putting greens and beautiful landscaping. A gift store is in our lower ticket booth. Season: Open Mid-March Through Late October, Weather Permitting. Ticket Gate Price: \$11.50, We Sell At: \$8.50, Customer Saves: \$3.00 FREE: Age 4 and under are free.

LAND OF NATURA

America's largest floating water park. Experience the natural side of the Dells, for all ages through both active, fun, and refreshing relaxation in a beautiful and sustaining environment.

Season: May - September Adult Ticket Gate Price: \$44.99, We Sell At: \$19.99, Customer Saves: \$25.00 Child Ticket Gate Price: \$44.99, We Sell At: \$19.99, Customer Saves: \$25.00

LA RIVIERE PARK - A HIDDEN GEM IN PDC

We invite you to visit one of the most natural and scenic parks the City of Prairie du Chien has to offer, which is located only a few minutes outside of town, off Vineyard Coulee Road. This unique park was donated to the City of Prairie du Chien in 1976 by Dan LaRiveire as a public park and recreational area to benefit present and future generations that may have the pleasure of visiting and enjoying the area of wooded hills and wildlife living therein. The 300 acre park features over 6 miles of excellent hiking trails and approximately 10 miles of adjoining Horse Trails. The park is a mix of hardwood forest, grasslands and native prairies, but on a closer look, you will see much more.

LaRIVIERE HORSE PARK

During the summer of 1987, Dan Boom, a LaRiviere Park Board member and a good friend of Dan LaRiviere, invited equestrian riders to use the park for horse riding. Many Sunday afternoons were spent riding horses, developing trails,

using the park, and enjoying nature. All of this would have brought a smile to Dan LaRiviere's face. In August of 1988, the first Large Horse Ride was held and has been done each year since. Addition-



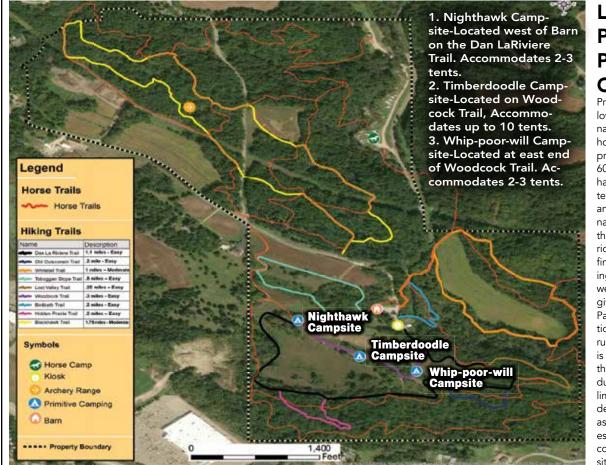
ally, in 2007 the LaRiviere Riders, Inc. was formed and signed a lease with the City of Prairie du Chien, with the goal of providing a fully operational free horse campground with equestrian trails within the park. This 100-unit Horse Park is one of the largest in the nation which is run by volunteers and entirely subsidized with donations.

LaRiviere PARK SPECIAL EVENTS

Horse Park Open	April 12
Horse Park Educational Presentation	May 24
Horse Riders Appreciation Weekend	June 14-15
Timberdoodle DanceBy reservat	ion 608-326-2718
World Migratory Bird Day Walk/Activities	May 10 @ 8am
Visit The Park in the Dark	ТВА
Horse Riders Park Appreciation Ride	August 29-31
PdC Middle/HS Cross Country Races	ТВА

FREE FIREWOOD PROGRAM

The City of Prairie du Chien allows the removal of firewood subject to conditions and restrictions. Permits can be obtained for free at City Hall. (214 Blackhawk Ave.) Permits are good for one year and must be carried with you. Only downed trees may be cut during daytime hours and conducted in assigned areas. For specific details on location and designated routes, please call 608-326-2718.



LA RIVIERE PARK PRIMITIVE CAMPING

Primitive camping only is allowed in the 3 walk-in designated sites. Camping is free, however, you must register prior to setting up by calling 608-326-6406. All campsites have fire rings & picnic shelters. Campers must carry in/ and out all items. Reservation names/dates will be posted at the Barn. This registration period will expire at 3pm on the final day of camping. Camping periods exceeding one week are not allowed unless given written permission from Park Board/Director. Violation of any city/state laws or rules of the park by campers is grounds for removal from the park. The City of Prairie du Chien reserves the right to limit camping capacity in order to protect other campers as well as the natural resources. For after hours questions, contact 608-326-2421. Campsites include:

THE PARKS OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

ST. FERIOLE ISLAND

Our busiest park! This park is the site of the earliest settlement and activity in Prairie du Chien.

- Site of the Battle of Prairie du Chien during the War of 1812 and of the First Fort Crawford, where three important Indian treaties were signed.

• Fourth Ward residential neighborhood, until it was relocated following the



record flood of 1965. • Home of the Villa Louis, the Dousman family estate built on the site Fort Crawford. • Contains Lawler Park, the riverfront, Mississippi River Sculpture Park, St. Feriole Island Garden & St. Feriole Island Ball Park and President Trees.

- Host to annual events including the Prairie Villa Rendezvous, PdC Fire Assoc. Flea Market, Prairie Dog Blues Fest, and Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Oktoberfest and so much more!
- Ideal for walking, biking & fishing.
- Good location for watching ducks and eagles in season.
- Boat landings & picnic areas.
- Two approaches to the island at Blackhawk Ave. & Washington St.
- 18 hole disc golf course.

Enjoy what the Island has to offer!

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SCULPTURE PARK

Located on historical St. Feriole Island along the Mississippi River and adjacent to the Villa Louis. This park includes life size bronze statues of Chief Blackhawk, Voyager Julian Coryer, and Emma Big Bear to name a few. Walking tours are available. Check out the new augmented reality where each sculpture comes alive and tells a story.



For more information call: 608-432-8848

ST. FERIOLE ISLAND GARDENS



Prairie du Chien's most picturesque and serene garden area emphasizes the natural beauty within the Memorial Gardens. The gardens consist of ten acres of various perennial and annual flowers

that adorn the pocket parks, multiple walking paths, memorials and over 50 species of historical trees. Also included are the Children's Activity Gardens, Shade Gardens, Patio Garden and Harmony Park.

Located at 200 N. 4th St. on St. Feriole Island. For more information, call 608-326-8602.

THE TRAIL OF PRESIDENTS

Very few small towns can say they have had 23 presidents that lived or visited their communities. We have researched each

United States President and have formed a list of the 23 Presidents that have visited Prairie du Chien. The Oak tree is America's National Tree. Oak trees are being planted because individual oaks have played a part in historical events. In



the annals of military history "Old Ironsides," the U.S. Constitution, took its nickname from the strength of its live oak hull, famous for repelling British cannonballs. President of Mexico, Vicente Fox was educated at the former Campion Boys School. Come visit this one-of-a-kind park to find out more!

PDC SKATE PARK



The Children's Advisory Board along with many supporters have added a great skateboard park to the Prairie du Chien Park system. With input from the young

people of Prairie du Chien, a design was developed to meet the needs of local skaters. There is no admission charge to the new park and it is open during park hours to skateboards, Rollerblades and BMX style bikes. It is located in the the Aquatic Park/Fort Fun complex.

PDC'S DOG PARK 400 West Lockwood



In June of 2021, the PDC Dog Park Committee held a dedication of a 1.9-acre dog park for all furry friends 6 months and older. This project was a reality due to the generosity of the community. The dog park is a fenced in facility with an agility course for increased challenge for the dogs. We ask that you take note of the posted regulations and enjoy the new addition to our city parks!



HOFFMAN HALL DONORS

Because of the support of various businesses, organizations, and individuals, we have been able to raise over \$1.8 Million to date for the improvements to Hoffman Hall Recreation Center. Because of this incredible support, we look forward to offering more quality activities and special event programming in the future. If you would like to get more information of how to assist with Hoffman Halls upgrades, please call Parks & Recreation Director, Mike Wallace at 608-326-7207.

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Because of their generous support, the community will be proudly providing a new Dog Park for years to come! We appreciate their pawsitive support in raising \$36,000 to make this happen!

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FRYDENLUND FAMILY DONATES TO LA RIVIERE PARK

The Frydenlund family recently presented a gift to the Prairie du Chien La Riviere Park Committee in memory of their parents, Art and Elaine Frydenlund, longtime members of the community. The do-



nation was used to construct a new welcome kiosk, which features park information, history, trail map, and a memorial plaque. La Riviere Park is intertwined with Frydenlund Family history and their passion for Prairie du Chien and its quality of life.

CECIL SMITH BALLFIELD RENOVATIONS

With \$41,000 in upgrades installed at Cecil Smith Ballfields, the park looks "Major League"! These renovations could have not been done without many people, businesses, and organizations involved including:



The PdC Little League, The Childrens Advisory Board, The PdC



ry Board, The PdC Kiwanis Club, Crossing Rivers Health, Peoples State Bank, Wisconsin Distributors, 3M, Prairie Sand and Gravel, Steger Fencing, Sports World, the PdC Rotary Club and many of the city of PdC Staff.

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