



WELCOME

At Westwood Hills Nature Center you'll find an oasis of nature nestled at the edge of the city.

Trails lead you along a wooded hillside, through a cattail marsh and around picturesque Westwood Lake offering anything from a short quarter-mile stroll to a 3-mile hike.

An award-winning interpretive center building offers opportunities for you to engage in learning and discovery. A nature playground and nearby picnic area provide space for you to play, explore and picnic.

If it's venturing into the woods, sparking your curiosity or taking time to rejuvenate, you'll find your perfect outdoor experience at Westwood Hills Nature Center.



Features

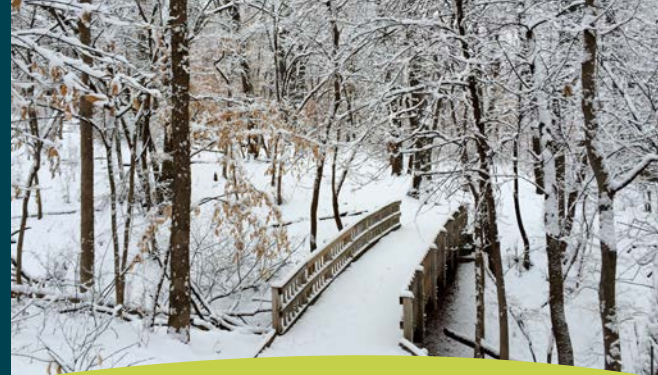
- Award-winning, zero-energy designed interpretive center building with exhibits, live animals, raptors, multipurpose rooms, lounge, electric fireplace and restrooms
- Outdoor patios with a bog and educational water feature
- Three miles of hiking trails, including paved, boardwalk, wood-chipped and crushed concrete surfaces
- Nature playground, climbing rocks and picnic tables
- Honeybee apiary with observation hive

Rentals

- Multipurpose rooms
- Conference room
- Lower picnic building
- Upper picnic pavilion
- Waterfall observation deck
- Water garden area
- Canoes
- Snowshoes and kicksleds
- Free use of park packs full of nature activities


Programs

- Early childhood through adult
- Special events
- Camps
- Puppet shows
- Birthday parties
- School field trips
- Home schools
- Scouts
- Community groups
- Outreach
- Volunteers



Westwood Hills Nature Center

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www.stlouispark.org/whnc

 @westwoodhillsnaturecenter

Interpretive center hours

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.

The interpretive center will be closed on city holidays. Visit www.stlouispark.org/whnc or call 952.924.2544 for more information.

Park hours

The trails, parking lot, playground and picnic area along with the restroom in the interpretive center vestibule are open daily, sunrise to sunset.

Directions

From Highway 169: Exit at Cedar Lake Road then go east. Turn left on Texas Avenue. Turn left on Franklin Avenue. The entrance will be on the right.

From Interstate 394: Exit at Louisiana Avenue then go south. Turn right on Wayzata Boulevard (frontage road). Turn left on Texas Avenue. Turn right on Franklin Avenue. The entrance will be on the right.

**NO PETS ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON
WESTWOOD HILLS NATURE CENTER PROPERTY**



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NATURE CENTER



Park guide and trail map



Looking for more to do while you're here?

- Hike around the lake or up to the ravine bridge
- Learn about bogs by the interpretive center
- Relax by the waterfall on the overlook deck
- Visit the raptors, live animals and exhibits at the interpretive center
- Watch for wildlife throughout the park
- Observe the honeybees at the apiary building
- Admire the public art inside and outside the interpretive center

Rules

- No pets allowed anywhere on park property
- Stay on the trails
- No bikes on the trails beyond the bike racks
- No foraging of fruits, plants and mushrooms
- No collection of natural materials
- No alcoholic beverages
- No fires
- Park closes at sunset

