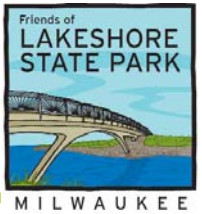


Water's Edge

Friends of Lakeshore State Park Newsletter - Summer 2008



Summer Opener

Check out amazing views of Lake Michigan and downtown Milwaukee from Lakeshore State Park at the second annual summer opening celebration!

Stroll the Park and enjoy a variety of free park activities for all ages!



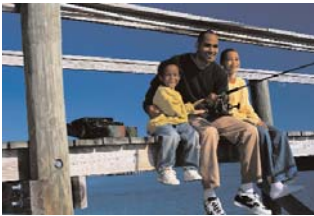
Saturday, June 21
Noon to 4pm
Lakeshore State Park
*** FREE ADMISSION***

More details on the back of this newsletter.

Hosted by Friends of Lakeshore State Park.

Fishing at the Park

If you like to fish, Lakeshore State Park is the perfect setting with great views of Downtown Milwaukee from the water and cool breezes on a hot summer day.



The lagoon is becoming a popular fishing spot. "It's exciting to see the variety and abundance of fish," says Eric Skindzelewski, President of Lakeshore Fishermen and former Friends of Lakeshore State Park board member. The DNR, Lakeshore Fishermen, the

Southeast Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Milwaukee Great Lakes Sports Fishermen have conducted many fishing clinics with kids at the Park since it opened in 2007.

Tom Burzynski, a Fisheries Technologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, said that, "since the construction of the protective breakwater and better water quality after the Park's construction, the lagoon's populations are on the rise." You can find large and small mouth bass, brown trout, northern pike, walleye, perch and coho and king salmon. Last fall, over 2,000 brown trout were released in the Park's lagoon. You can even find pan fish such as blue gill, sun fish and pumpkin seed. Ice fishing in the lagoon was also good this winter.

In April, the DNR, the Southeast Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Milwaukee Great Lakes Sports Fishermen held a fishing clinic with 22 kids. And earlier this month, Eric Skindzelewski and the Lakeshore Fishermen donated 25 reels and rods to the Friends group for fishing clinics in the future. Thanks Eric!

So bring your pole and enjoy a relaxing time fishing at Lakeshore State Park.

From the President

We are looking forward to seeing you again this summer at our June 21 Summer Opener at Lakeshore State Park. Check out all the activities on the back of the newsletter. There'll be great food and beverages while you stroll or skate around the park with thousands of other visitors.

The Friends of Lakeshore State Park are part of the statewide park and trail system as members of the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks (www.fwsp.org). Currently, there are over 70 groups representing parks and trails throughout the state, all with a partnership agreement with the State Parks of the Department of Natural Resources. The statewide organization has won national awards and recognition from several professional parks and recreation associations. Other friends groups in our area include: Friends of the Hank Aaron Trail, Havenwoods State Forest, Harrington Beach State Park, Lapham Peak, Kettle Moraine and Bong Naturalist Area. Friends groups make a tremendous impact on parks and trails. Here in Milwaukee, you can begin to see the role we play sponsoring events in the Park, bringing in resources to help with park projects like the new park benches that you will soon see. We are helping to raise awareness of the Park and how important it is to support all the lakefront users, and acting as a "catalyst" in helping the State Park system receive adequate financial support to keep the whole system strong.

Please volunteer with us and help build a strong and involved Friends group right here in Milwaukee. We love our park system. The DNR supports and encourages us to be involved. Together in partnership we can continue to build and maintain the best park system in the nation. See you in June.

Todd Montgomery

President, Friends of Lakeshore State Park

Iroquois Boat Cruise

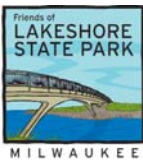
Take a Friday evening cruise on the Iroquois and help support the Friends of Lakeshore State Park! On Friday, June 20, the Iroquois will depart from its dock on the Milwaukee River at 9pm with music, food and cash bar. Tickets for the cruise are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. Proceeds will go to the Friends group to support public programs.



Founder's Circle Plaque

Stop by the June 21 event at the Park to see the new Founder's Circle Member plaque at the north entrance before the bridge. This plaque is a thank you to all the supporters of the dream to create an urban state park in Milwaukee. Stick around and see what the future holds for this great gathering place by the waters.

Visit the Friends online - www.friendslsp.org



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Summer Opener Activities

Join us at Lakeshore State Park's Second Annual Summer Opener on Saturday, June 21 from noon to 4pm. Stroll the Park and enjoy a variety of free park activities for all ages including:

- Canoeing and kayaking with Laacke & Joys
- Bike ride from Hank Aaron State Trail with bike safety and Wheel & Sprocket
- REI PEAK program for kids
- Live reptiles, amphibians & birds
- Fishing clinic and pontoon rides by Performance Yacht
- Kite flying with Gift of Wings, Segway rentals and Nordic Walking
- Solstice celebration - cultural traditions and solar energy displays
- Activities with Milwaukee Public Museum, Urban Ecology Center, Discovery World, Havenwoods State Forest & Milwaukee County Park's Wehr Nature Center
- MMSD and Great Lakes WATER Institute research vessels
- Coast Guard and Milwaukee Police and Fire Dept. vessels
- Park Passport - get a stamp at each booth and enter for the Grand Prize
- Music, vendors, door prizes and raffles
- Food by the new Harbor 550 restaurant and beer and other beverages



Also enjoy Polish Fest and Lakefront Festival of the Arts - our neighbors on the lakefront!

Please help our event be successful - donate door prize items. Call 414-588-0617 to donate. Your assistance is appreciated!

Lakeshore State Park Calendar of Events



June 8 - *Great Lakes Weather* presentation at Discovery World

June 21 - Summer Opener

July 3 - Fireworks

July 12 - *Ride the Rails* family bike ride sponsored by Alterra Mountain Biking Club

August 17 - *Critters in the City*, presentation by Naturalist from Kettle Moraine State Forest

August 28-29 - Harley Davidson 105th Anniversary

Bench Sponsorship

Looking for a unique way to memorialize a loved one or pet or to support your favorite lakefront park? Sponsor a beautiful Lakeshore State Park bench of renewable wood and metal with a name or saying on a plaque. Check out a bench at the June 21 Summer Opener or call 414.588.0617 for more details.



Ride the Rails to the Park



Be part of the family bike ride starting at 10am on Saturday, July 12 at Urban Ecology Center (1500 E. Park Place). Ride the former Northwestern Railroad corridor (now the Oak Leaf Trail) to the Park or join us at Lakeshore State Park at 11am for Safe Biking Tips. Sponsored by Alterra Mountain Biking Club.

Be sure to visit our Web site for the latest event information - www.friendslsp.org