



BIRCHWOOD

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GET OUTDOORS DAY

by Sgt. Kevin Jadwinski | Water, Parks & Trails

Start summer right with a free visit to any or all of Washington County's eight beautiful parks as part of National Get Outdoors Day, an annual event that this year falls on Tuesday, June 6.

But outdoor exploration doesn't have to end there! On the first Tuesday of every month, no vehicle permits are required at any Washington County Park. After National Get Outdoors Day, upcoming dates are July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. The Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24, will also be free.

The Water, Parks and Trails Unit at the Sheriff's Office thanks all of the Washington County Parks employees for providing this opportunity to explore nature. We appreciate their partnership in promoting outdoor safety, and we're grateful to share such a beautiful, accessible and extensive park system with the county's citizens.

NUMBER OF
INCIDENTS

9

TRAFFIC
STOPS

3

WC23017411

BEAR COMPLAINTS

JAY STREET/ BIRCHWOOD AVE.

On April 11th and 12th, Washington County Deputies received several calls of a bear sighting in the neighborhood. A deputy arriving on April 11 located the bear in a tree. The deputy waited nearby, observing the bear, which eventually climbed down from the tree and wandered out of the area. Deputies monitored the bear and his activities while reported in the area where it did not appear to be a threat to public safety. Residents were advised residents to call the DNR for further sightings.



MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



After the heartbreaking loss of four fellow Minnesota and Wisconsin officers during the last thirty days, this year's annual Law Enforcement Memorial Day will hold extra significance to the law enforcement community and the community that supports us.

We invite you to join us as we pay tribute to the brave men and women lost their lives in the line of duty at the Washington County Law Enforcement Memorial Day event on Monday, May 15. We will gather on the front lawn of the Historic Courthouse at noon to honor and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, including St. Croix County Deputy Kaitie Leising, Pope County Deputy Josh Owen, Chetek Police Officer Emily Breidenbach, and Cameron Police Officer Hunter Scheel.

As always, we thank you for your continued support — not only of our agency but of the law enforcement profession. The people of this county's towns and cities are why we do what we do, with pride.

In service,

Sheriff Dan Starry