

Tamarack Nature Center

Tamarack Nature Center is a 320-acre nature preserve located within Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park, owned and operated by Ramsey County. Tamarack Nature Center is dedicated to increasing awareness



and understanding of our natural environment and preserving our natural resources for future generations. We provide opportunities for outdoor recreation in a natural setting. We offer quality environmental education to schools and community groups. Professional environmental educators and trained volunteers staff all programs.

Building Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Please call to inquire about holiday hours.

Phone: (651) 407-5350

Fax: (651) 407-5354

E-mail: tamarack@co.ramsey.mn.us

Website: www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/tamarack

Please remember . . .

Stay on marked trails.

Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

Dispose of litter in appropriate containers.

Please do not release or remove animals, plants or other items to or from the preserve.

Tamarack Nature Center Programs

Environmental Education for Pre-school and School-age Groups

We offer environmental education and outdoor recreation programs for preschool through grade 12. Special home-school programs are available. Call (651) 407-5350 to request a schedule of this season's program availability.

Outreach Programs

Tamarack Nature Center's experienced staff can bring exciting nature-related programs to your site. Outreach programs are available for school and community groups, focusing on seasonal topics, and may include the use of live animals.

Public Programs

Experience nature by participating in a wide variety of environmental and recreational programs. Topics include:

- apple cidering
- snowshoeing
- maple syruping
- bird banding
- cross-country skiing
- moon walks
- pond study
- pre-school/adult child
- nature crafts
- and more!

Day Camp Programs

Summers and school breaks are excellent times to share Tamarack's tremendous natural resources with children of all ages. Each camp session focuses on a specific theme and includes exciting, hands-on environmental and recreational activities.

Scout Programs

We offer programs to help scouts complete the requirements needed to earn individual badges and patches. Tamarack offers a choice of programs to meet your needs.

Birthday Parties

Come celebrate your birthday in the wild at Tamarack Nature Center. We have many party themes to choose from. Parties may include the use of live animals.

Building Rental

Call for information.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers have an essential role at Tamarack Nature Center. Volunteers may be individuals (age 11 and up), families or groups. It is a great way to share your love of nature and we will train you! Volunteers may participate in annual recognition and awards and naturalist-led trips. It is a great way to meet people with similar interests. Volunteer options:

- trail guides
- program assistants
- animal care assistants
- jr. naturalists (daycamp assistants)
- special event assistants
- bluebird trail monitors
- trail management
- artists and crafts people
- and more!

The mission of Tamarack Nature Center is to foster stewardship and an increased understanding of our natural environment by providing enjoyable outdoor education and outdoor recreation programs and experiences.

Highlights

- Beautiful natural setting in an urban area
- Woodlands, wetlands and a restored prairie
- Improved facility with three indoor classrooms
- Approximately 5 miles of hiking trails
- 4K cross-country ski trails
- 1/2 mile wheelchair-accessible paved trail
- Cross-country ski rentals
- Picnic shelter
- Snowshoe programs
- Exciting programs

Hiking Trails

Wood-chipped paths, paved trails and boardwalks provide year-round access. In this diverse, natural community you will find red fox, deer, woodcock and other wildlife, as well as ever-changing seasonal foliage.

The floating dock serves as a scenic overlook onto Tamarack Lake, habitat for heron, turtle, mink and muskrat. The half-mile paved trail circling the restored prairie provides access to an observation deck overlooking Teal Pond.

The hiking trails are open daily from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Cross-country Ski Trails

Over 4 kilometers of marked and groomed cross-country ski trails provide access for winter recreation and wildlife viewing at Tamarack Nature Center. Cross-country ski equipment rental is available. (A Minnesota cross-country ski license is required.)

Tamarack Nature Center is provided by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners through its Parks and Recreation Department.



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