



Park Programs

January - February – March 2019

Oxbow Park

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Saturday, January 19th at 1:00 p.m. – Beginning Snowshoe

Experience the Park as a winter wonderland! Learn the importance of snowshoes and how some animals have their own version of snowshoes. Bring your own or rent snowshoes for \$3.00 from Oxbow. Ages 5 and up. Snow permitting.

Sunday, January 27th at 1:00 p.m. – Beginning Cross-Country Skiing

Join park staff for a ski through the Oxbow Valley. Bring your own skis or rent skis for \$5.00 from Oxbow. If you have never skied, this is the time to start on our groomed trails. Recommended ages 6 and up. Snow permitting.

Saturday, February 2nd at 11:00 a.m. – All About Woodchucks

The month of February starts out all about woodchucks and whether or not that famous Pennsylvania groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, will see his shadow. Come learn more about this often seen, but little understood mammal.

Saturday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. - Build a Blue Bird Box

This program begins with a short video about the natural history of the Eastern Bluebird. Don't forget a hammer, because after the video we'll get you started on building your own nest box, and teach you where to place it. Only 20 boxes (\$5.00 each) are available, so call 328-7340 to reserve one soon! Ages 5 and up.

Saturday, February 16th at 11:00 a.m. - Animal Tracks and Signs

Join us to learn how to look for signs and identify clues of animal life around us. This fun class will promote life-long interest and curiosity about our natural world. A great activity for the whole family!

Saturday, February 23rd at 11:00 a.m. – All About Owls

It's owl courtship time! Let us show you WHOO they are, where they live, and how they live in our natural world. Live birds will be displayed in the zoo and meet one of the zoo's residents in the program.

Saturday, March 2nd at 11:00 a.m. – Wolves

Learn about the largest canine species in North America, the gray wolf a.k.a. timber wolf. Observe the natural behaviors and social interactions of wolves.

Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 p.m. – Feed the Raptors

Meet at the raptor exhibit to learn more about some of Minnesota's most common birds of prey. Not only will you enjoy hearing interesting facts, but you'll also enjoy watching them eat.

Saturday, March 16th & 23rd at 1:00 p.m. – Maple Syruping

Join park staff for a brief history of maple syruping then hike to Oxbow's sugar bush as we demonstrate how we tap our sugar maples. This program ends with a small sample of Oxbow Parks' maple syrup! Dress for the weather and expect mud.

Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 a.m. – All About Porcupines

This small mammal has many fascinating features! Learn how to separate fact from fiction when it comes to the porcupines' quills.