



# blaine wetland sanctuary



Come and explore the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary.  
This 500 acre dedicated open space is now  
accessible for the public to escape the urban  
landscape and reconnect with nature.

An extensive boardwalk meanders through the wetland, allowing you to experience a serene and natural environment. The boardwalk extends from the trailhead on Lexington Avenue through both wetland and upland habitats connecting to East Lake Park.

Future plans for the BWS include additional trails (exact locations are yet to be determined) and a nature center at the Lexington Avenue trailhead.

Management of the wetland site will continue into the future to accomplish the plan approved by the regulatory agencies.

During spring and summer, crews will be out applying herbicides to control the invasive species which inhibit the growth of the native vegetation.

Prescribed burns and over-seeding with native herbaceous species will allow the area to thrive and provide important habitat for birds and wildlife.

The health of a wetland takes maintenance and care. The City of Blaine is committed to preserve this area for the enjoyment of the community and the future of our environment.



**may is american wetlands month**



**Blaine Wetland Sanctuary**

**11980 Lexington Avenue**

**[www.blainemn.gov/blaine-wetland-sanctuary](http://www.blainemn.gov/blaine-wetland-sanctuary)**



The City of Blaine has partnered with Growing Green Hearts and Wargo Nature Center to bring you a variety of programs for families of all ages to discover and appreciate this valued Blaine resource. All programs are held at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary at the Lexington Avenue trailhead located at 11980 Lexington Avenue and will include walking.

## growing green hearts

### BLAINE WETLAND SANCTUARY SPRINGS ALIVE! all ages

Water is on the move and so are the creatures as spring arrives at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary. Hike, learn and play at the fen- a specialized wetland. Guided activities will open your eyes to the unique geology and biology- that we are still working to conserve, restore, and understand. From frogs to filters, we'll use environmental STEM to experience nature springing alive in the unique habitats along the boardwalk and trails. Activities are designed for all ages.

**Saturday, April 21.....\$5 per person; \$10 per family  
10:30 - 11:30 AM..... Activity #5542**

### WELCOME HIKE & BELLY BIOLOGY all ages

What's underground (and under the boardwalk) will surprise you! Come and meet our new neighbor, the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary. Together we will explore how water, land, air, and living things interact with each other in this special place. Throughout the nature hike participants will dazzle the senses with belly biology, systems bingo, and BWS nature trivia. Activities are designed for all ages.

**Saturday, May 12.....\$5 per person; \$10 per family  
10:30 - 11:30 AM..... Activity #5542**

### SUPERHEROES & SYSTEMS AT THE BWS all ages

The fen at Blaine Wetland Sanctuary is a water superhero! Hike the boardwalk with us to learn the story: How does the fen battle the water pollutant villains? Which plants are signs of health in the system? Where is there evidence of change at the fen? Together we will explore examples of how water, air, land, and living things are interconnected at the site. Activities for all ages include: connecting maps with core sampling, use-your-senses bingo, and an engineering design challenge.

**Wednesday, June 13.....\$5 per person; \$10 per family  
10:30 - 11:30 AM..... Activity #5542**



## wargo nature center

### INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING all ages

With its unique ecosystem the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary is home to a variety of birds. Under the guidance of an experienced birder, you will spot many types of birds and learn all about them. Binoculars available to use.

**Wednesday, May 16.....\$5 per person; \$10 per family  
9 - 11 AM..... Activity #5542**



### WETLAND HABITAT HIKE all ages

Get an up close and personal look at plants that make up a wetland and discover the importance these plants and wetlands serve. We will walk the boardwalk and trails.

**Wednesday, June 20.....\$5 per person; \$10 per family  
6-8 PM..... Activity #5542**

### INSECT HUNT all ages

Join a naturalist from Wargo Nature Center on an insect hunt at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary. We are going to catch, identify, and observe insects of the wetland.

**Wednesday, July 18.....\$5 per person; \$10 per family  
6-8 PM..... Activity #5542**

### WETLAND ECOSYSTEM DIVERSITY all ages

Discover why wetlands are such important and unique ecosystems. This guided tour of the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary will be led by a naturalist from Wargo Nature Center.

**Wednesday, Aug. 15.....\$5 per person; \$10 per family  
6-8 PM..... Activity #5542**