

Scouts can fulfill badge requirements and personal interests during one of many scout program opportunities. They can also learn lifelong recreation skills and develop an understanding of science, the natural world, history, agriculture, and art.

Join a Scheduled Program

Registration opens July 24, 2019. Unless noted, adult leaders are free of charge and required to attend with scouts ages 3-11. Scouts ages 12-17 may attend unaccompanied with a completed health and behavior form. For more information and to register, visit ThreeRiversParks.org/programs or call 763.559.6700.

Create Your Own

For your troop, pack or service council, create a custom program on a topic of your choice and at a time and place that is convenient to you. Programs are hands-on experiences for scouts three years and older.

Golf

The Golf Academy offers camps, clinics, leagues, public and private lessons.

Baker National - 763.694.7673
Cleary Lake - 763.694.7778
Eagle Lake - 763.694.7697
Glen Lake - 763.694.7826

Nature Education

Astronomy, maple syruping, snowshoeing, insects, birds, wilderness skills, naturalist badge, geology badge, and more.

Baker Park Reserve –
Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement - 763.694.7724

Carver Park Reserve –
Lowry Nature Center - 763.694.7650

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park
becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park –
763.694.7693

Elm Creek Park Reserve –
Eastman Nature Center - 763.694.7700

Hyland Lake Park Reserve –
Richardson Nature Center - 763.694.7676

Outdoor Skills

Kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, river trips, teambuilding, cross-country skiing, camping, orienteering, and more.

Outdoor Recreation School - 763.694.7717

Other Group Opportunities

Alpine Ski/Snowboard
Hyland Hills Ski Area - 763.694.7800
Elm Creek Park Reserve –
Winter Recreation Area - 763.694.2050

Art Education
Silverwood Park - 763.694.7707

Farm Education
Gale Woods Farm - 763.694.2001

History Exploration
The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park -
763.694.7784

Volunteer Service Projects

Global Youth Service Day, invasive species removals, prairie seed collection, and more. Individuals and groups welcome. Service-award projects possible on a limited basis. Volunteer Resources - 763.559.6706

Newsletter

For more great program and activity suggestions, visit ThreeRiversParks.org/newsletters to sign up for the monthly Youth Programs newsletter.

ALL SCOUTS

CANOEING

Learn safety, entering and exiting a canoe, and paddle strokes while having fun on the water. Reservations required by two days prior. \$15. Ages: 8-17.

Cleary Lake Regional Park #6SCT5020
September 12 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

ANCIENT PROJECTILES

Learn about the development of hunting tools throughout history. Practice your aim with slingshots and hatchet throwing. Reservation required by two days prior. \$10. Ages: 8-17.

Fish Lake Regional Park #6REC5065
September 16 — Monday
4:30–6 PM

ARCHERY

Learn archery basics and elements of safety. Shoot at stationary targets and play games. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$10. Ages: 8-17.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5000
becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park
September 19 — Thursday: Girl Scouts
September 26 — Thursday: Cub Scouts
5–6:30 PM

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement
#6NWS5000
September 22 — Sunday
October 20 — Sunday
3–4:30 PM

The Landing #6SCT5000
October 3 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

Elm Creek Park Reserve #6REC5000
October 7 — Monday
4:30–6 PM

NEW MOON FLASHLIGHT HIKE

Engage your senses and your sense of adventure. Explore the dark woods with the nocturnal crowd and an added twist. Maximum six scouts per adult. Bring a flashlight. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 5-17.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5025
October 29 — Tuesday
6–8 PM

LIVING OUTSIDE SURVIVAL TRAINING (LOST)

Learn the life-saving skills of fire and shelter building, signaling, and wilderness safety with experienced instructors. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$6. Ages: 8-17.

French Regional Park #6REC5025
November 4 — Monday
4:30–6 PM

Cleary Lake Regional Park #6SCT5025
November 7 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

NATURE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

Hike to the scene of where a woodland squirrel went missing and learn how to identify tracks, scat and other animal signs. Review the evidence and determine which suspects to question. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required by three days prior. \$5/session. Ages: 9-17.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5000
November 9 — Saturday
10 AM–Noon or 1–3 PM

SNOWSHOE HIKE

Explore the winter landscape by snowshoe, stopping to notice animal signs along the way. Learn about the history and technique involved in this fun form of winter transportation and recreation. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 5-13.

French Regional Park #6REC5050
January 6 — Monday
4:30–6 PM

Cleary Lake Regional Park #6SCT5050
January 16 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

SNOWSHOE HIKE

Tromp through the woods on snowshoes. Explore the history of this important winter technology and search for animal tracks. We will hike if there is no snow. Reservations required by four days prior. \$5. Ages: 8-17.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5010
becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park
February 1 — Saturday
10 AM–Noon

FIRES AND FOOD

Start fires using modern and historical methods. Test your skills keeping a fire burning outside and enjoy a foil-baked campfire treat. Great for Webelos Cast Iron Chef Badge and Juniors Camper Badge. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required by three days prior. \$8. Ages: 7-17.

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement
#6NWS5005
February 2 — Sunday
2:30–5 PM
April 19 — Sunday
3–5:30 PM

All Scouts continued

KICKSLEDDING ADVENTURE

Learn about the history and techniques of how to ride a kicksled. Go on an adventure as a passenger or pilot, and maybe even participate in a race! Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 5-17.

French Regional Park #6REC5055
February 3 — Monday
4:30–6 PM

ICE FISHING

Learn about equipment, bait, local fish, and cold-water safety. See lures and bait, use an ice auger, and go inside a fish house. After instructions, fish from a freshly-cut hole in the ice. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$6. Ages: 5-17.

Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park #6SCT5010
February 6 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

SNOWSHOE UNDER THE FULL MOON

Enjoy the moonlit woods on a guided snowshoe hike. Review snowshoe history and types, and then venture outside. Warm up with hot cocoa and a treat. Snowshoes provided; we will hike if there is no snow. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 6-17.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5016
February 6 — Thursday
6–8 PM

NEW MOON SNOWSHOE HIKE

Explore the night on snowshoes. Listen for nocturnal animals and learn how eyes work at night through experiments and games. We will hike if there is no snow. Reservations required by four days prior. \$5. Ages: 8-17.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5006
becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park
February 24 — Monday
6–8 PM

ASTRONOMY

Explore the night sky and view winter constellations. Learn about stars, planets and other objects in the sky. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required by three days prior. \$5. Ages: 8-17.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5005
February 27 — Thursday
6–8 PM

MAPLE SYRUPING

Identify and tap maple trees. Collect the sap and cook it to make tasty maple syrup or sugar. This sweet sign of spring is full of history. Reservations required by two days prior. \$5. Ages: 5-17.

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement
#6NWS5010
March 1 — Sunday
3–5 PM

Lowry Nature Center #6LNC5000
March 12 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

French Regional Park #6REC5040
March 16 — Monday
4:30–6 PM

Cleary Lake Regional Park #6SCT5040
March 19 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

SKI AND SNOWBOARD DAY

Try skiing or snowboarding with reduced rates for scouts and their families. Lift tickets can be purchased anytime between 8 AM-3 PM and are valid until 9 PM. Reservations required by March 13 for ski or snowboard lesson (ages 8-17) and Boy Scouts Merit Badge test (bring a signed blue card; intermediate ski/snowboard skills required). \$19/person for lift ticket only; \$40/scout for lesson or Merit Badge test (includes lift ticket); \$21/person for equipment and helmet rental. Ages: 6+.

Hyland Hills Ski Area #6HHA5000
March 14 — Saturday
8 AM–3 PM: Discounted Lift Tickets & Rentals
9–10:30 AM: All Scouts Lesson
9–10:30 AM: Boy Scouts Merit Badge Test

GEOCACHING FOR S'MORES

Yummy, gooey s'mores! Learn geocaching basics and search for delicious treasure. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$8. Ages: 5-17.

French Regional Park #6REC5060
April 6 — Monday
4:30–6 PM

SLACKLINING

Develop coordination, increase endurance and concentration, and tone muscles as you balance across a two-inch-wide line. Discover why slacklining has been coined fun, safe and simply addictive. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 5-17.

Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park #6SCT5015
April 9 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

PLAYING IN THE PAST

Step back in time and explore a late 1800s German immigrant farm. Play games, help with chores, and learn how the Grimm family influenced dairy farming. All scouts welcome; perfect for Junior Girl Scouts. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 7-17.

Carver Park Reserve #6LNC5005
Historic Grimm Farmhouse
April 26 — Sunday
2:30–4:30 PM

SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Learn the science behind a changing climate's conditions. Create a model of the greenhouse effect and explore how excess carbon dioxide alters the atmosphere. Estimate the amount of carbon stored in trees and discover ways to have a positive effect on our planet. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required. \$5. Ages 10-16.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5035
April 28 — Tuesday
6–8 PM

FISHING

Learn about equipment, bait, local fish, and how to catch and release. Equipment provided. Reservations required. \$6. Ages: 5-17.

Fish Lake Regional Park #6REC5045
May 4 — Monday
4:30–6 PM

Cleary Lake Regional Park #6SCT5045
May 7 — Thursday
4:30–6 PM

SPRING WILD EDIBLES

Learn how to identify wild edibles on a hike with a naturalist. Discover which plants are tasty this time of year — and which to avoid. Reservations required by two days prior. \$5. Ages: 5-18.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5016
becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park
May 16 — Saturday
9:30-11:30 AM

CUB SCOUTS

BEARS – FEATHERS, FUR AND FERNS

Observe animals and plants through binoculars and magnifying lenses. Practice the outdoor code on a hike and meet an animal that is a threatened species. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-10.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5110
becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park
September 17 — Tuesday
6–7:30 PM

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5105
October 10 — Thursday
6:30–8 PM



WEBELOS – INTO THE WOODS

Learn how to identify trees and plants, and discuss how wildlife and humans use them. “Build” a tree from the inside out to explore tree functions and what ring patterns mean. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

#6NWS5100

November 10 — Sunday

January 26 — Sunday

2–4 PM

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5111

April 18 — Saturday

10 AM–Noon

WEBELOS – INTO THE WILD

Search for animals in their natural environment. Discover what can be found where, who eats whom, and where humans fit into it all. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 8-13.

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

#6NWS5105

December 8 — Sunday

2–4 PM

BEARS – A BEAR GOES FISHING

Learn and practice river fishing techniques. Discover what types of fish live in the upper Mississippi. Reservations required by three days prior. \$6. Ages: 8-10.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5111

becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park

May 19 — Tuesday

5–7 PM

GIRL SCOUTS

BROWNIES AND JUNIORS – DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BADGE

Learn about digital cameras and take lots of photos. Print out your favorite photo and decorate a frame to take home. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 7-14.

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

#6NWS5200

September 17 — Tuesday

6–8 PM

November 17 — Sunday

3–5 PM

February 9 — Sunday

3–5 PM

May 12 — Tuesday

6–8 PM

GET OUTDOORS – TREES

Explore trees on a short hike through the forest. Discuss how to tell them apart by their leaves, bark or twigs. Learn how to tell the age of a tree and what trees are used for. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 6-17.

Lowry Nature Center #6LNC5200

October 6 — Sunday

2:30–4:30 PM

CADETTES – NIGHT OWL BADGE

Explore the park after dark. Use all your senses and perform experiments about what is different in darkness. Investigate nocturnal animals and learn about constellations. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 10-16.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5210

becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park

October 22 — Tuesday

6–8 PM

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

#6NWS5205

February 11 — Tuesday

6–8 PM

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5230

March 24 — Tuesday

6–8 PM



BROWNIES AND JUNIORS – GEOCACHER BADGE

Learn how to use a GPS unit and search for points hidden in the woods. Make a trade item and look up a geobug. January program is on snowshoes if conditions allow. Reservations required. \$5.

Ages: 7-14.

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

#6NWS5210

October 27 — Sunday

3–5 PM

November 3 — Sunday

3–5 PM

January 12 — Sunday

1:30–3:30 PM

April 7 — Tuesday

6–8 PM

BROWNIES – OUTDOOR ADVENTURER

Adventure along the mighty Mississippi, play an exciting outdoor game, and learn camp skills. Reservations required by five days prior. \$5.

Ages: 6-10.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5200

becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park

October 29 — Tuesday

5:30–7 PM

CANDLE MAKING AND PIONEER CRAFTS

Step back in time to learn the art of candle making and crafting pioneer toys. Create hand-dipped and hand-rolled beeswax candles. Play with pioneer toys and make a yarn doll. Maximum three scouts per adult. Reservations required by seven days prior. \$10. Ages: 8-17.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5205

November 15 — Friday

6:30–8 PM

SWEET SCIENCE

Discover the science of maple syruping! Create tasty treats to explore the chemistry behind making candy and maple sap sugars. Maximum four scouts per adult. Reservations required by five days prior. \$5. Ages: 10-17.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5225

March 11 — Wednesday

6–8 PM

CABIN CAMPING

Enjoy a fun, overnight experience with other small scout groups in rustic cabins. Practice fire building, tree identification, outdoor cooking, and more. All meals included. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required by the Wednesday prior, by phone only; call 763.559.6700.

\$40/scout; \$25/adult. Ages: 8+.

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

#6NWS5215

March 21–22

May 2–3

2 PM Saturday–1 PM Sunday

CADETTES – TREES BADGE

Learn how to identify trees and use the forest for inspiration as you sketch and write about your observations. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 11-14.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5200

April 18 — Saturday

1–3 PM

JUNIORS – OUTDOOR ART

EXPLORER BADGE

Combine nature, art, music, and your creativity to design outdoor-inspired artwork to take home. Reservations required by three days prior. \$8. Ages: 9-17.

Baker Near-Wilderness Settlement

#6NWS5220

April 28 — Tuesday

May 14 — Thursday

6–8 PM

BROWNIES – HIKER

Learn new — or sharpen existing — hiking skills. Practice using a map and create a plan for a hike in the woods with fellow scouts. Reservations required by five days prior. \$5. Ages: 6-10.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park #6CRD5205

becoming Mississippi Gateway Regional Park

April 30 — Thursday

5:30–7 PM

BROWNIES – OUTDOOR

ADVENTURER BADGE

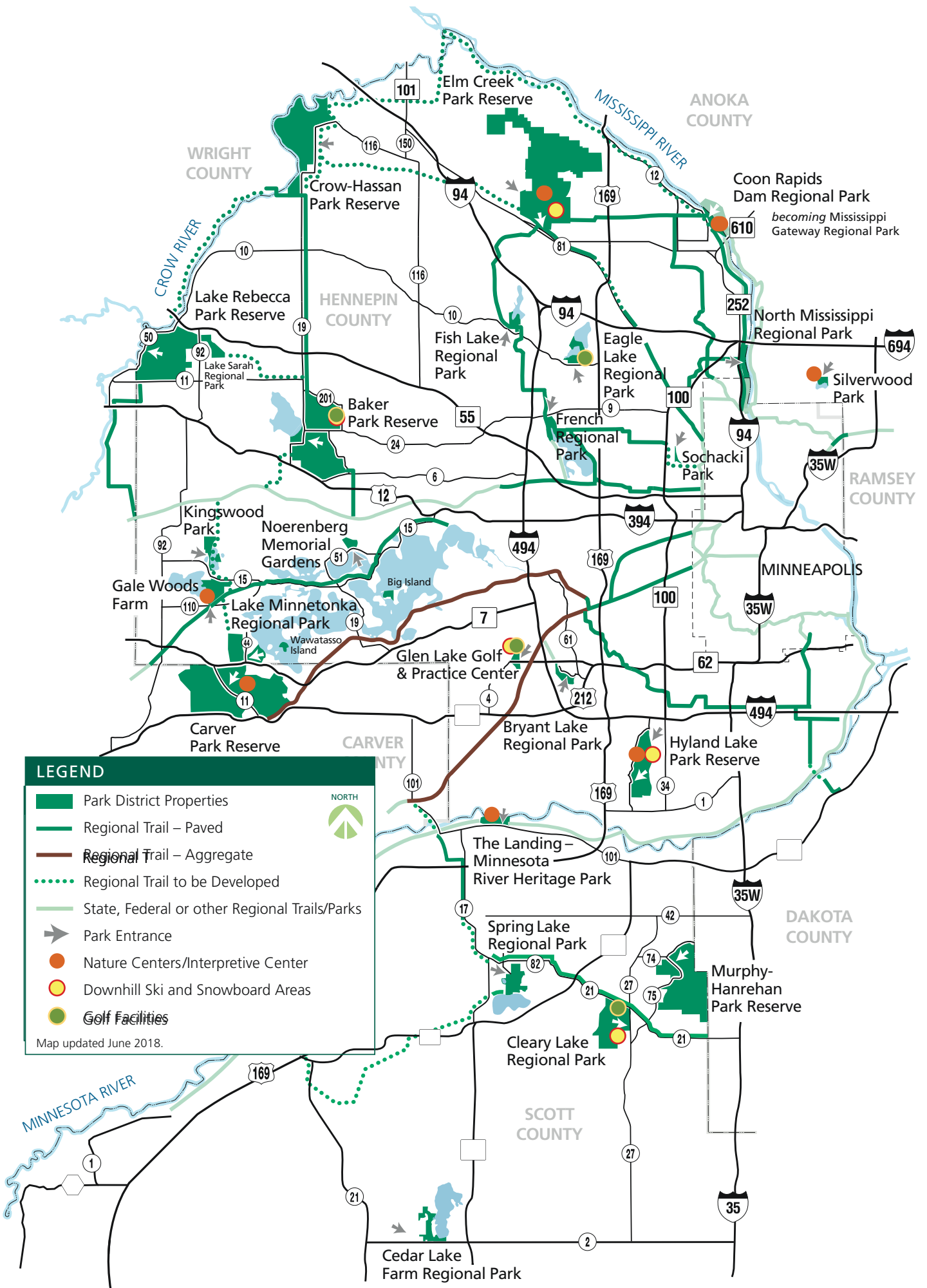
Explore by a creek, develop a camping skill, play a game in the woods, and more. Maximum six scouts per adult. Reservations required. \$5. Ages: 7-9.

Eastman Nature Center #6ENC5215

May 28 — Thursday

6–8 PM

Visit ThreeRiversParks.org/Programs for all programs and events offered by Three Rivers.



LEGEND

- Park District Properties
- Regional Trail – Paved
- Regional Trail – Aggregate
- Regional Trail to be Developed
- State, Federal or other Regional Trails/Parks
- Park Entrance
- Nature Centers/Interpretive Center
- Downhill Ski and Snowboard Areas
- Golf Facilities

Map updated June 2018.