



FRIENDS OF WILD RIVER STATE PARK

# *Upcoming Events*



A community organization devoted to preserving and enhancing the experience of Wild River State Park

***Winter 2025***



**Pancake Breakfast  
& Annual Meeting**

Saturday, March 8th

**Maple Syrup Open  
House**

Saturday, April 5th

**EarthFest 2025**

Saturday, April 26th

**FREE** to all!

*You are invited to the Friends of Wild River's*

# Pancake Breakfast & Annual Meeting

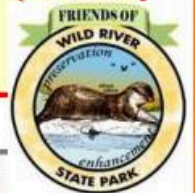
**Saturday March 8, 2025: 9 – 11 a.m.**

**Location for the 2025 breakfast and meeting:**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**37515 Park Trail -- Almelund, MN**

*Directions:* take MN-95 to the Wild River State Park turnoff in Almelund. This is Park Trail or County Road 12. The church is just a block north on the right side. Turn right onto Maple Lane and enter on the east side just past Rod's Country Corner/Minnoco gas station.



Enter on  
this side –  
off of  
Maple Lane



We will start at 9:00 with the delicious Pancake Breakfast featuring:

- Famous secret recipe organic buttermilk pancakes
- Wild River State Park's home-made Maple Syrup tapped from the park "sugar bush"
- Fresh sausage, hot coffee and juice

The Annual Meeting will follow at 10:00. Topics to include:

- Last year's programs and initiatives
- Reports from the Friends Board of Directors and park staff
- Plans for the upcoming year and beyond
- Presentation of the annual "Wild Friend" award

- Our special guest speaker will be:  
**Park Artist JG Everest**



## Renew or Join NOW!

Now is the time to join the Friends of Wild River State Park or to renew your existing membership. There are two easy ways to do this:

**Option 1:** Pick up a membership form at the Pancake Breakfast and follow the instructions and mail it back to us.

**Option 2:** Sign-up online and use your credit card at:

**[www.FriendsOfWildRiver.org](http://www.FriendsOfWildRiver.org)**

*Thank you for your support!*

This event is FREE to not only the current members of the Friends but also to everyone! If you are not a member, we encourage you to please sign up at the door and enjoy the great food and company.

**Join us for a morning of friendship, food, and fun! And please bring any friends who might be interested in joining us and supporting Wild River State Park.**



Find us on Facebook: Friends of Wild River State Park



**Join or renew your membership today  
to help make this work possible!**

*Thank you for your support!*

*Fill out the membership form on the back of this page to renew or join.*



## Maple Syrup Open House

Saturday, April 5th

Come out to the visitor center between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to get a free maple syrup passport and begin your quest for a sweet treat. Visit all the stations and celebrate by drizzling maple syrup over ice cream. The special event is great for all ages. Find event details on the park's webpage.



## Park Naturalist Programs

Various Dates



Check out these upcoming programs with Park Naturalist Sean Hoppes:

- **Animal Tracking Workshop** - March 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Homemade Maple Syrup** - March 22, 29, and April 12 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Bird Walk** - April 19 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and April 30 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Find event details on the park's webpage. Register for free by contacting Sean at [sean.hoppes@state.mn.us](mailto:sean.hoppes@state.mn.us) or 651-583-2125 x227.



## EarthFest 2025

Saturday, April 26th



EarthFest 2025 celebrates oak savannas, and will highlight a 10-acre restoration project at the park. Activities include:

- Keynote presentation by Laurie Allmann, an award-winning author and former program director at Carpenter Nature Center
- Sound garden by the park's artist, JG Everest
- Storytime with a craft
- Early morning bird walk
- Nature walks and talks that celebrate oak savannas and the animals that depend on them
- Service projects to continue the restoration work

April 26, 2025 is also a free park entrance day! All ages are welcome. We hope you'll join us for this celebration of spring!



## Friends of Wild River State Park Membership Options

Thank you for your  
membership!

- ☐ **Junior Friend** (12 and under).....\$5/year  
*Includes an "Action Guide" and other benefits*
- ☐ **Individual Friend** .....\$20/year
- ☐ **Family Friend** .....\$35/year
- ☐ **Silver Friend**.....\$50/year
- ☐ **Gold Friend**.....\$100/year
- ☐ **Platinum Friend**.....\$250/year

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*We will never sell or trade your email address.*

### Option 1: Mail above with check to:

Jan Kozlovsky, FWRSP Treasurer  
(make check out to "Friends of Wild River State Park")  
17190 410th St. North Branch, MN 55056

### Option 2: Sign up online and use your credit card

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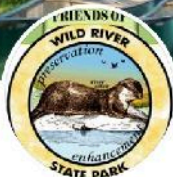


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