

Winter Park Ideas

With summer at an end the camping area and Lakeview Center has closed at Benton Beach. However, the parks remain open and for use all throughout the winter. Benton Beach and St. Regis Beach provide access to the Little Rock Lake for ice fishing and Mayhew Lake Park provides access to Mayhew Lake for ice fishing. The disc golf course remains open to use throughout the winter at Benton Beach. Benton Beach and Bend in the River Regional Parks can also be used for snow-showing or cross country skiing. Please note that the County does not currently groom trails and you would need to blaze your own. The County does however maintain the parking areas for the parks to ensure access throughout the winter. For more information about the County parks please go contact William Mayland at 968-5065 or go to <http://www.co.benton.mn.us/Parks/index.htm>.

For those modern day treasure hunters there are 9 geocaches located in the County parks. What is a “geocache” some may be asking? Geocaching is a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. A geocacher can place a geocache in the world, pinpoint its location using GPS technology and then share the geocache’s existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS unit can then try to locate the geocache. Go to www.geocaching.com for more information and the location of the caches.

If you have any suggestions for parks improvements or would like to be more involved please contact William Mayland or feel free to attend a Parks Commission meeting. They meet the first Wednesday of the Month. In the summer the Parks Commission meets at the Lake View Center at Benton Beach and in the winter in the Commissioner’s room in Foley.