



# Adopt-A-Park

**Anyone can participate!** Volunteering for the Adopt-A-Park (AAP) is a chance to assist the Parks Department in maintaining clean, beautiful parks and trails throughout the city.

## What is expected of an AAP volunteer?

- \* A once-monthly commitment for one (or two) years (s), April through October.
- \* Responsible for cleaning their site of trash, debris, and downed tree limbs.
- \* Spread the word of PACK-IN, PACK-OUT, and leave no trace!
- \* Volunteers may undertake beautification efforts upon approval by the Park Director.

## The city provides:

- \* Trash bags, buckets and pickers for cleanup; safety vest if desired
- \* Coordinate pickup of trash, debris, limbs
- \* Materials required for approved improvements
- \* Recognition at each park and social media

## APPLICATION

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Name of Applicant (Group, organization, family, individual)

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Address

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E-mail Address

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Contact Person

Home Phone

Work Phone

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Name of Park, Trail, or Open Space Desired (first come, first served)

**OPTIONS:      2026 & 2027**

**2026 ONLY**

**Please return to Parks & Recreation, 540 West Hills Circle; Attention: Jesse Wilker**

**Questions? Contact Jesse Wilker or Mary Jo Knudson**

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## **AGREEMENT**

### **Adopt-A-Park (AAP) volunteer(s) agree to adhere to the following:**

1. Maintain their designated site for one or two years.
2. Notify the Park Director (507-774-7086) if any additional cleanup is necessary.
3. Place trash bags/tree limbs in or near the trash receptacle.
4. Wear gloves to avoid injuries as conditions require.
5. Designate a group Supervisor and Contact Person to supervise volunteers and manage equipment use.
6. Report any vandalism, graffiti, or broken or displaced equipment to the Park Director.
7. Advise Supervisors and volunteers of 911 emergency services.
8. Obtain signed parent or guardian consent for all volunteers under age 18 and provide responsible adult supervision for their participation.
9. Use sound judgment to ensure the safety of all AAPO participants and park patrons.
10. Not incur any debts in the name of the City of Owatonna.

I/we understand that all contributions and project assistance are intended to contribute to the overall park system but are generally not designed to offset or replace normal city budgets or maintenance operations. Any voluntary contribution or volunteer help or money may be accepted or declined by the City of Owatonna at its sole discretion.

### **VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

I wish to participate in ADOPT-A-PARK (the "Activity"). I state and affirm that:

1. My participation is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate.
2. I acknowledge the Activity is NOT an ESSENTIAL service the City provides.
3. I understand and acknowledge the Activity I am about to voluntarily engage in as a participant has certain risks, including but not limited to, injuries incident to yard work, including but not limited to hand injuries, head injuries, slip and fall injuries, muscle strain or sprains. I understand these risks known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated may result in injury, death, illness, disease or damage to myself or my property, or to other persons and their property.
4. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this Activity, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with this Activity. I hereby agree to hold the City, its officials, employees, agents and contractors harmless. I waive any right to make claims or bring lawsuits against the City or anyone working on behalf of the City for any injuries or damages related to the alleged negligence of the City.
5. This waiver does not apply to any injuries or damages that are the result of any willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct by the City or anyone acting on behalf of the City.
6. I understand that entering into and signing this agreement affects my legal rights and result in my giving up or waiving certain legal rights, and I accept this and sign this agreement of my own free will.
7. The terms of this agreement shall bind the members of my family, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives if I am deceased.
8. My signature indicates I have read and understand this entire document and that I have received a copy of this document. I understand it cannot be changed by oral representations but only in writing. I agree to be bound by its terms.

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Signature of Applicant (group, organization, family, individual)

Date



## ADOPT A PARK AVAILABLE SITES

### PARKS

Archery Park

Brown Park

Buecksler Park

Central Park

Countryview Park

Crocus Park

Daikin Soccer Complex

Dartts Park

Fairgrounds Park

Fremont Park

Hammann Park

Jaycee Park

Kaplan's Woods Park (& Trails)

Lake Chase

Lake Kohlmier

Leo Rudolph Nature Reserve

Manthey Park

Maple Creek

Mineral Springs Park

Morehouse Park

North Bluff Park

River Springs Water Park Area

Summer Park

Walter H. Gainey Park

West Hills

Willow Park

### TRAILS

~~26<sup>th</sup> Street Trail—E/W from Cashman Park to Kenyon Road~~

~~Cashman Park Trails~~

~~North Straight River Parkway—N/S from 26<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance to Park Shop; Lange Woods Trail & Wildung/Ihlenfeld Trails~~

~~Mineral Springs Area—Mineral Springs Road Trail from Dane Road to Mineral Springs North Trail Entrance; trails in Mineral Springs Park; Mineral Springs entrance to Brooktree entrance~~

~~Buxton Trail—E/W from Dartt's Park through Maple Creek area to Elm Avenue NE~~

~~Muckle Trail—N/S from Industrial Road/North Street to Bridge Street/Morehouse Dam~~

~~Kaplan's Woods Parkway—N/S from Bridge Street/Morehouse Dam to Kaplan's Woods~~

Cashman Crossing – E/W from Kaplan's Woods Parkway to Lemond Road & Walter H. Gainey Park

~~Lake Kohlmier Area—paths around Kohlmier and Boat Landing~~

~~18<sup>th</sup> Street Trail—E/W from Kaplan's Woods entrance to Linn Avenue~~

~~Leo Rudolph Nature Reserve Trails~~