

# **HILLWOOD PARK**

## **W10353 880<sup>th</sup> Street**

### **PARK DESCRIPTION:**

Hillwood Park is a 6.59 acre Neighborhood Park of managed natural land, with the Mann Valley Creek along the east side. Private property surrounds the park. The main entrance is along 880<sup>th</sup> Street, also known as Hillwood Drive. A natural grass trail has been created making a .6 mile loop from the entrance. A park sign and split rail fence identify the only entrance to the park. The park is abundant with wildlife and many species of wild flowers. Mann Valley Creek has trout activity in the spring and summer when water levels are higher. The Park is open year round for hiking, cross country skiing, or snow shoeing. The park has a picnic table and benches along the trail.

### **SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

1. Hiking/walking, jogging.
2. Viewing the wild flower blooms.
3. Bird watching.

### **WINTER ACTIVITIES**

1. Hiking/walking/jogging.
2. Cross Country skiing/snow shoeing.

### **DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN RIVER FALLS:**

Drive North on North Main Street, turn left (West) on Division Street which changes to County Road M for 1.6 miles. Turn left on 880<sup>th</sup> Street/Hillwood Drive. Park is ¼ mile on the left.

## ADOPT-A-PARK:

Hillwood Park has local residents helping with the upkeep, maintenance, and protection of the park.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

- **Hillwood Park**– 2009-Sam Gehler's, Eagle Scout Project –addition of one bat house and three bird houses to the park.
- **Hillwood Park**–2009 thru 2103 Continue general trail improvement/ maintenance.

## SUGGESTED FUTURE PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Wild flower/wildlife identification signs.
2. Create an East entrance to the park, very steep access through ravine, create natural trail on 20' easement.
3. East entrance would need bridge to cross Mann Valley Creek.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The Town of River Falls and the Park and Recreation Committee want to extend their appreciation to area residents: Jim Stewart, Terry and Linda Halverson, David Woeste, Scott Reuter and Mike Hawkins for their many efforts in the development, care, and maintenance of this park. Special thanks to Mike Hawkins for his regular mowing of the trail and Jim Stewart for his monetary donations and the split rail fence. The concerted efforts of these local residents have helped to make this park possible.

### Eagle Scout Projects:

- 2007 Tim Buchholz-Troop #457 One picnic table and two park benches.
- 2009 Sam Gehler-Troop #457: One bat house and three bird houses.



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