Interactive Education For All Ages

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Lower Platte North NRD

- Locally-elected 19 member Board of Directors
- Approximately 1,031,000 acres
- More than 60,000 residents
- 28 communities: rural & urban
- Mission: Conservation, preservation, and wise use of our natural resources
- Water Management, Forestry & Wildlife, Watershed Improvement & Flood Damage Reduction, Soil Conservation & Land Treatment, Outdoor Recreation, Geographic Information System, Education
Lake Wanahoo NRD Recreation Area

- 55,000 acre Environmental Restoration Project
- 1,777 acre property
- Water surface area - 662 acres.
- Planning began in 1990 and the project was completed in the spring of 2010.
- Lake Wanahoo State Recreation Area (SRA) opened in 2012
- Beginning January 1, 2019 - the Lower Platte North NRD began recreation management responsibilities
Link to Community History
• In Nebraska, **1 in 4 jobs** are related to agriculture. (Nebraska Department of Agriculture)

• Green Time ➔ Screen Time

• Youth spend only **4-7 minutes outside per day** vs. average of 7.5 hours behind a screen. (National Recreation & Park Association)
Nature Education Trail/Disc Golf Course

• Wahoo Placek Park - 9 hole disc golf course
• Strong interest in additional outdoor recreation activities
• Connecting recreation with education
Hole Themes
1: Wildlife
2: Soil
3: Forestry
4: Wildflowers and Native Grasses
5: Bald Eagles
6: Poor Farm
7: Water
8: Wanahoo
9: Pollinators
Groundwater

Only 1% of the world's water is usable for humans.

Nebraska has more miles of rivers than any other state.

Groundwater is accessed through wells drilled through soil and rocks beneath the surface.

Groundwater fills the spaces between soil particles and fractured rock beneath the earth's surface.

Nebraska has the most irrigated acres in the United States.

Nebraska is home to the nation's largest aquifer, the Ogallala Aquifer.

Groundwater is one of our most valuable resources. Only 1% of the world's water is usable, and of that 1% over 95% is groundwater! Around 50% of Americans get their drinking water from groundwater. It is essential to protect the groundwater supply and follow water conservation practices whenever possible.
Education Components

• Hole 1- Nebraska Wildlife
  • Shadow Box
• Hole 2- Soil
  • Local Soil Core
• Hole 3- Forestry
  • Tree Ring Display
• Hole 4- Native Grasses & Wildflowers
  • Local Wildflower Flip Cards
• Hole 5- Bald Eagle
  • Eagle Nest Life-Size Replica
• Hole 6- Saunders County Poor Farm
  • Actual Site
• Hole 7- Groundwater
  • Scaled Down Water Well
• Hole 8- Lake Wanahoo
  • Viewing Platform with Site Tubes
• Hole 9- Pollinators
  • Pollination Cycle Wheel
**Funding**

- NRDF Grant
  - Natural Resources Commission - Nebraska Resources Development Fund
  - 60/40 cost share
- Local Support & Assistance
- Original Budget - $12,600

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Community Sponsorship

The Lower Platte North NRD is considering the development of a 9 hole disc golf course on the east side of the Lake Wanahoo State Recreation Area in the day use area. This unique course will be designed locally and include environmental education that is specific to the area. Each tee sign will include environmental topics specifically chosen by NRD staff. Scorecards will include educational information on the birds, trees, native grasses, and wildflowers of the area. Disc golf is a fast-growing popular sport with a large impact on healthier lifestyles. This family-friendly activity offers outdoor fun for all ages. Join the efforts and leave your mark on this fun, healthy, and educational community activity!

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

- **Discatcher Sponsorship**: $500
  Includes 4 Decals

- **Hole Sponsorship**: $600
  Includes Discatcher and Tee Sign Recognition

- **Tee Sign Sponsorship**: $350
  Includes Metal Plaque

**Sponsorship Pledge:**
- Discatcher Sponsorship
- Hole Sponsorship
- Tee Sign Sponsorship

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Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
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COURSE RULES
1. Do Not Litter. Please keep the park clean for other users to enjoy.
2. Disc Golf is played like hole golf except you use flying discs. Each throw is counted to determine a score. The winner is the player with the lowest score.
3. All throws must be completed within the course see map.
4. After retiring off, the player whose disc is farthest from the hole (including) always throws first. They then play the entire course ahead of you if you are out of range, and until the hole is completed before the next player.
5. The player with the least amount of throws on the previous hole is the first to tee-off on the next hole.
6. Threw after the tee shot must be made with one foot on the spot where the last throw came to rest. The other foot shall not be any closer to the hole.
7. A run-up and normal falling through after release is allowed. A disc shot higher than 18 inches above the ground (on grass) is considered as a fair 19th shot. No penalty if any.
8. A disc that comes to rest outside the disc golf basket or target constitutes a penalty of the nearest legal throw. The disc may be played from where it lies or where it is put on the next stroke, and a disc that crosses the boundary of the basket or target constitutes a penalty.
9. A disc that lands outside of bounds must be played one meter in from the point where the disc is dropped in accordance with a disc that is totally outside of bounds. Longer, rough, and penalty sides, as well as sand and rough areas are normal disc golf out of bounds measured.
10. Be courteous to other players. Look out for other disc players and their throw and pay attention to your surroundings while you throw.

Thank You Hole Sponsors:

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Most importantly - have fun and enjoy the game of Disc Golf!
Questions?

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