



**Owatonna is known as *The City of Friendliness and Beautiful Parks!***

Volunteering for the Adopt-A-Park (AAP) is a chance to assist the Parks Department to maintain a clean, beautiful area and communicate any issues associated with a specific park, trail or open space.

**Anyone can participate!** Community or church groups, organizations, businesses, school clubs, families or individuals!

**What is expected of an AAP volunteer?**

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

**What the city provides:**

- \* Trash bags for cleanup
- \* Coordinate pickup of trash, debris, limbs
- \* Materials required for approved improvements
- \* Recognition on City website 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:**

**2021 & 2022**

**2021 ONLY**

**Please return preferably by April 15<sup>th</sup> to: Parks & Recreation, 540 West Hills Circle; Attention: Jesse Wilker**

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

[Jesse.Wilker@ci.owatonna.mn.us](mailto:Jesse.Wilker@ci.owatonna.mn.us) / 507-774-7086 or [MaryJo.Knudson@ci.owatonna.mn.us](mailto:MaryJo.Knudson@ci.owatonna.mn.us) / 507-774-7364

## 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 Park Director (507-774-7086) if any additional cleanup is necessary.
3. Place trash bags/tree limbs in or near 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, broken or displaced equipment to Park Director.
7. Advise Supervisors and volunteers of 911 emergency services.
8. Obtain signed consent of parent or guardian for all volunteers under age 18 and provide responsible adult supervision for their participation.
9. Use good judgment to ensure safety of all AAPO participants and park patrons.
10. Not incur any debts in the name of the City of Owatonna.

I/we understand all contributions and project assistance are intended to contribute to the overall park system but are generally not intended to offset, nor 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 in 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 provided by the City.
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 and I hereby agree to hold the City, its officials, employees, agents and contractors harmless and 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  
Owatonna Soccer Complex  
River Springs Water Park Area  
Sid Kinyon Courts  
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  
  
City Property – North & South ditches from State Avenue to Aldi's