**OUTDOOR RECREATION**

**OMAHA IS A HAVEN FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS.**

Plan for plenty of rejuvenating fresh-air experiences across the city thanks to miles and miles of tree-lined walking and biking trails, five area lakes and two rivers, and an array of parks, gardens and green spaces.

**Stop and Stay a While**

Omaha campgrounds and RV parks are conveniently located close to major interstates, highways, and on the outskirts of the city near rivers and lakes. Each one promises a peaceful and picturesque place to spend the night.\

**Give Your Fitbit a Workout, Too**

Recharge while taking in the sights and sounds of the great outdoors. **Fontenelle Forest**, a National Natural Landmark and a National Historic District, offers 19 miles of walking trails and 1,400 acres of more than 600 unique species of plants and animals. Visit its Raptor Wildlife Refuge and get up close and personal with hawks, owls, falcons and other birds of prey, and transverse swinging bridges – all thirty feet above the forest floor. Sunrise and sunset canoe rides offer a fabulous way to soak up the seasons. In the winter, rent snow-shoes on site and discover a nature wonderland filled with furry creatures.

More than 85 miles of paved, interconnected trails make it easy for the active traveler to transverse the city. If scenery’s important, find solace at trails around **Zorinsky, Carter** and **Glenn Cunningham Lakes**.

Thrill seekers should head to **Mount Crescent Ski Area**. In the winter, hit the slopes reaching up to 2,400 feet in length; sledders, snowboarders and spectators are welcome. In the summer and fall, zip down one of the country’s longest ziplines, the Screaming Eagle.

Find year round fun for the entire family in a lush setting at **Eugene T. Mahoney State Park.** Nestled along the Platte River, the 700-acre park offers warm weather activities like miniature golf and driving range, tennis, horseback riding, hiking, paddle boating and fishing, along with cold weather fun like cross-country skiing, sledding and tobogganing, ice skating and ice fishing.

**Leave the Boat at Home**

Water’s never far in Omaha. Check out **Driftwood Paddleboard Adventures** and its stand-up paddleboard tours, which are a fun way to explore Omaha lakes in a more active way. For a more leisurely experience, try tubing or tanking down the Elkhorn River. To figure out which way to float, first determine how wet you’re willing to get. Tanking entails riding in an 8-feet diameter stock tank complete with custom made picnic tables, while tubing is more of an all-in experience involving sitting in a commercial grade inner tube. Or hop aboard one of the **Bryson Airboat Tours** and take off on a 60 mph wind-in-your-hair trip down the river.

**A Birdwatching Paradise**

Located along the wooded Missouri River Valley and along a main migratory path, Omaha is a birding hotspot. Spring and fall are peak birding seasons, but because the area offers diverse birding habitat – lakes, prairies, woodlands and riverbanks – a variety of bird species can be found most any time of year. **Fontenelle Forest**, Omaha’s lakes, and **Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge** north of Omaha are great places to bring the binoculars for birding.

**GOLF**

Rolling hills and tree lined fairways punctuated with water hazards and sand traps ensure each course has its own character and competitive challenges. From executive style to championship courses, swing your way through Omaha’s unique golf landscape.

**27-HOLE GOLF COURSES**

* Indian Creek *Par 72*
* Stone Creek *Par 72*
* Tiburon *Par 72 (Semi-Private)*

**18-HOLE GOLF COURSES**

* Benson Championship *Par 72*
* Elmwood Park *Par 68*
* Johnny Goodman Championship *Par 72*
* Knolls *Par 72*
* Miracle Hills *Par 70*
* Pacific Springs *Par 70*
* Pines Country Club *Par 72 (Semi-Private)*

**9-HOLE GOLF COURSES**

* Eagle Run *Par 32*
* Elkhorn Ridge *Par 27*
* Milt’s *Par 27*
* Spring Lake *Par 33*
* Steve Hogan *Par 27*
* Warren Swigart *Par 27*
* Westwood *Par 27*

**For a complete list of outdoor activities go to VisitOmaha.com**