

## Parks

The communities of New Richmond and Star Prairie offer a variety of parks and recreational facilities. Each year, changes, renovations and additions are made to area parks, making the recreation opportunities even more plentiful.

**Cherokee Park** is a small neighborhood park with pine trees and green space located at 241 E. River Drive.

**Citizens Field**, 419 Sports Center Road, has a regulation baseball field that is home to the New Richmond Millers, American Legion Baseball and the New Richmond Baseball Club games. Stop out, grab some food and enjoy a game at one of the area's premiere baseball fields.

**Cyclone Memorial Park**, located on Highway 65 and Campus Drive, was established in 1999 by the New Richmond Preservation Society to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of lives that were lost in the New Richmond Cyclone of 1899. The 5.5-acre linear park features an open green space; 117 trees were planted by volunteers to symbolize those who died, and the park is currently used by the Chamber of Commerce for the annual "Fun Fest" days in July.

**Doar Prairie Restoration**, located at 1755 115th St., was donated to the city by Tom Doar in 2006. This 14.6-acre parcel was recently restored to a prairie by using native plants and grasses. The site includes 1 mile of paved paths and a parking area.

**Freedom Park**, 1310 County Highway CC, is home to the City of New Richmond's public athletic fields. In 2012, the name of the park was changed from Hatfield Lake Regional Park to Freedom Park in recognition of our service men and women. This 105-acre park is continually being developed since the purchase of the land in 2005. Freedom Park currently includes six irrigated regulation soccer/football fields, two sand volleyball courts, two picnic shelters and a 2.4-mile trail loop around the park; one mile paved and 1.4 miles grass.

**Glover Park**, 156 E. First St. is home to the Friday Memorial Library and is located along the banks of the Willow River in the heart of downtown New Richmond. The 1.5-acre parcel was donated to the city in 1913 by the Honorable John E. Glover. Picnic tables, Wi-Fi reception, and views of the Willow River make this a community gathering location. Check the library's website for exciting events hosted in this park throughout the summer.

**Greaton Park**, 1230 Legacy Parkway, is a neighborhood park that provides a picnic shelter, green space and a playground.

**Hatfield Park**, 1321 Jerry Frey Drive, is home to the New Richmond Softball Association. The association facilitates adult leagues for more than 60 softball teams on three fields. Hatfield Park also has three shelters, playground equipment, access to nearby walking trails, and is home to the New Richmond Skate Park. The park offers 16 full hook-up campsites along Hatfield Lake. A nightly camping fee is required, as well as a fee to use the dump station. For campsite reservations or more information, call 715-246-4268. A carry-in boat landing for non-motorized boats and winter access to Hatfield Lake is also in the park.

**Hemenway Park**, 140 Park Ave., was donated to the city in 1916 by Mrs. Oscar Hemenway. Hemenway Park is 1.25 acres and borders a backwater pond off the Willow River. Used primarily for relaxing at park benches and picnic tables, this green space also attracts some fisherman.

**Irv & Mary Skylark Skate Park**, adjacent to Hatfield Park, is an all concrete skate park with ramps, hips, rails, and bowl. Finished in the fall of 2016, the park offers users a unique skate park experience with all

the different apparatuses and flows.

**John Doar History Trail**, located at 215 N. Knowles Ave. by the dam, celebrates the life of New Richmond native, John Doar. Walk this .10 mile trail along, the downtown mill pond and read the six panels depicting Doar's life, beginning with his childhood and ending with him receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. This area also provides fishing above and below the dam, scenic views and picnicking. There is a lighted fountain in the pond throughout the summer months. The park also connects to the Doughboy Trail, which meanders along the Willow River.

**L.G. Peterson Park**, 800 W. Fourth St., was developed in the 1950s. This .6-acre park features green space and a large flower bed. It was named in 1987 in honor of Leonard Peterson, who served as mayor from 1972-74.

**MaRita Park**, 325 Minnesota Ave., was donated to the city by Mrs. W.F. (Stella) McNally in 1930. This .6-acre park served as a welcoming scenic area for visitors riding on the C&W Railroad. It now provides open space with picnic tables close to the downtown area. The city-sponsored Farmers Market is held at this location.

**Mary Park**, 401 N. Green Ave., is one of the largest and most scenic parks in New Richmond. Donated to the city of New Richmond by Mrs. W.F (Stella) McNally in 1930, this 9-acre parcel lies along the banks of the Willow River. The park has two tennis/pickleball courts, two half-basketball courts, a fishing pier, boat launch, winter access to the river for ice fishing and local natural art pieces. Mary Park also offers a scenic paved walking trail along the Willow River and play-ground equipment. A new addition to the park is a children's picture book series called a "Story Walk," located along the paved trail and is sponsored by the Friday Memorial Library and New Richmond Area Community Foundation. Mary Park is also home to the annual Park Art Fair, the annual VFW Car Show, and several other events. Two large picnic shelters and one performance shelter with water and electricity may be rented at Mary Park. 'There is also a smaller picnic shelter with attached bathrooms available on a first come first use basis.

Proposed improvements coming to Mary Park include a new boat ramp, a lighted and looped walking trail, a pedestrian bridge and a universal playground.

**Monette Park**, 610 W. Fifth St., includes playground equipment, a paved basketball court, trails and a Little League-sized baseball field for public use.

**Nature Center**, 327 County Road A, at the junction of Highway 64 and County Highway A, features a picnic shelter, one-half mile of rustic walking trails along the scenic Willow River and a newly installed canoe launch allowing river enthusiasts to paddle from New Richmond to the Richmond 'Town Hall. Parking is available.

**New Richmond Dog Park**, corner of 115th Street (Old Dump Road) and 185th Avenue (North Fourth Street), was built on top of an old city landfill. The park offers 11.5 fenced-in acres for dogs to run and play, a new shelter and multiple benches. A portion of the park has been segmented for small dogs and a fenced-in gateway area is available for unleashing and re-leashing pets. Plastic bags are available at multiple locations in the park for 80 owners to clean up after their dogs. Pet owners who bring dogs to the park must first buy a \$15 annual membership at the Civic Center or purchase a \$3 daily pass at the park.

**Northside Park**, 602 Utah Ave., has playground equipment, a small basketball court, and green space.

**Paperjack Park**, 574 E. 11th St., has playground equipment, a large picnic shelter with water and electricity, bathrooms and a walking path that is connected to the Paperjack Greenway trail system.

**Paperjack Greenway**, located off County Road GG and Highway 65, is a paved trail connected to

**Paperjack Park.** The greenway is 11 acres and features a nature trail with native plantings and prairie restoration. The Paperjack Creek paved trail runs through the park with a pedestrian bridge, benches, educational markers and local natural art pieces. The area is leased to the New Richmond Preservation Society, which operates the Heritage Center Museum located in the Bell Tierney Farmhouse.

**Paperjack Creek Nature Way,** located between 140th Street and Paperjack Drive, is 5 acres and features an undeveloped natural area along Paperjack Creek. The Paperjack Creek Trail borders the east edge of the land. There is one memorial bench overlooking the scenic view.

**Sports Center,** 416 Sports Center Road, is the home of the New Richmond Hockey Association, which provides an indoor and outdoor hockey rink. Open skate times are Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (not available when schools are closed). Call 715-246-5896 or visit [www.nryha.net](http://www.nryha.net)

**Ted McCabe Park,** West Fourth Street and Washington Avenue, is a .2-acre park with a flower garden along Business 64.

**Victoria Park,** 942 W. Fourth St., is a 4.9-acre parcel that is home to the New Richmond Armed Services Memorial developed in the early 1940's as part of the country club park residential development.

**Woodland Creek Park,** 1138 Pinewood Trail, is a 7.8/-acre park that features paved trails, playground equipment, picnic tables, a wooded nature area and two fenced in basketball courts.

#### **Winter recreation.**

**Starr Elementary Skating Rink,** 967 Starr Ave. S., open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from mid-December to late February.

**Cross country skiing:** 3-mile cross country ski trail at the New Richmond Golf Club, as conditions allow. The city has more than 14 miles of off-road multi-purpose trails.

For more information about city trails and parks, visit the city website at [newrichmondwi.gov](http://newrichmondwi.gov), or call the New Richmond Public Works Department at 715-244-0449,

#### **Star Prairie.**

**River Island Park,** located along the Apple River, is an ideal location for fishing. Members of the Star Prairie Fish & Game Association have built pavilions, picnic shelters, a handicap-accessible fishing dock and other facilities. Other amenities include a walking path along the river lined with benches, an arched bridge over a spring-fed creek, a shelter with electricity, 14 picnic tables and two charcoal post grills. An existing foundation which supported a pre-1860 grist/flour mill contains memorial stones of past community members.

**Saratoga Park** (on Saratoga Avenue) boasts 25 acres, a brook and natural springs, three bridges, a pine plantation and a maze of scenic trails for walking and, in the winter, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The picturesque Saratoga Springs rise in the eastern portion of the park, flowing in a scenic gorge toward the Apple River. This unique park was donated to the village of Star Prairie by Margaret Lyngass in 1989 in memory of her late husband Matt. Some history that remains in this park are a day crock in the spring brook used for food storage, an old hotel foundation, car drive shafts used as fence posts and part of a dam that held spring water back for recreation.

**South Cedar Bay Landing,** at the southwest end of Cedar Lake off County Highway H, provides access to Cedar Lake as well as a boardwalk to facilitate wildlife viewing and fishing opportunities.

**Star Prairie Town Park** on County Road C, just across from The Outpost Bar and Grill, boasts a small place to go for a dip. It is open to the public from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. and offers a 15-foot dirt entry into the Apple River at one of its calm and shallow spots. Parking is available on the shoulder of the highway, and there are three stone tables and benches on site, as well as a Port-a-Potti. The spot is good for wading, as the middle of the section isn't deeper than about 3 feet.

**Village Park**, 170 Hill Ave., features one of the finest softball diamonds in the area used for Little League baseball and both fastpitch and slowpitch softball games. The 40-by-80-foot shelter (and stage) is available to rent from April through October and features 10 double electrical outlets, 34 picnic tables and a small charcoal post grill. The park also features volleyball courts. For more information on renting the ball field or shelter, visit [villageofstarprairie.com](http://villageofstarprairie.com). Other amenities include a playground, bathrooms and more.