

**Friends of Rapid City Parks Board Announces Inaugural  
GREENWAY DAYS  
Media Release**

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*Our Mission to Protect, Share and Celebrate the Rapid City Greenway for the next generation!*

Friends of Rapid City Parks (FRCP) Board is launching a new Greenway Days event,  
Friday, June 7 to Sunday, June 9, 2024.

One of the largest outdoor activities for Rapid City will take place June 7 to June 9 with recognition at the Memorial Bandshell Sunday, June 9, 10 am. Over 14 family friendly outdoor events will take place over this weekend!

This new event is an outcome of the 50th 1972 Flood Anniversary held in 2022 and the FRCP mission that began in 2012. The Friends of the Rapid City Parks mission is to keep the floodplain free of development, celebrate the greenway and commemorate the lives lost.

During the 50th Anniversary, community members discussed the importance of annually collecting, sharing, and to never forget the lives lost in the 1972 Flood. And out of the tragedy the need to educate and celebrate the greenway as the heart of Rapid City.

One of the nation's deadliest floods happened in Rapid City on the evening of June 9, 1972 that killed 238 people. The FRCP Board will continue to encourage flood stories to be gathered each year through programming offered by the Rapid City Public Library and the Journey Museum.

The Greenway is a celebration of a priceless outdoor space that links 10 miles of bike path as the icon of our city. There are over thirty City of Rapid City Parks along the greenway and throughout the city for all generations!

Outdoor activities for Greenay Days, June 7 to 9 include:

**Friday, June 7**

- 5K sponsored and starting at Black Hills Running Company 5:30 pm
- Black Hills Photography Contest
- Journey Museum Flood Exhibit
- Rapid City Public Library Flood Archives Collection Gathering Stories

**Saturday June 8**

- Black Hills Disc Golf Tournament - [registration link](#)
- Black Hills Photography Contest - [info](#)
- Journey Museum Flood Exhibit
- Rapid City Public Library Flood Archives Collection Gathering Stories

**Sunday, June 9, 10:00 - 10:30 am Memorial Bandshell Partnership Recognition**

**Activities throughout the day include:**

- Black Hills Disc Golf Tournament - [registration link](#)
- Black Hills Photography Contest City of Rapid City Parks and Recreation Programming
- Creek Cleanup
- Ebike Rentals
- Golf courses Executive and Meadowbrook Golf open for Tee Times
- Hanson-Larsen Memorial Park Hiking and Biking Trails
- Journey Museum Flood Collection
- Memorial Walk 5k Friends of Rapid City Parks
- One Fly Fishing Contest sponsored by Black Hills Fly Fishers
- Paddlers of the Black Hills demonstration kayaks and paddleboards
- Rapid City Public Library Flood Archives Collection Gathering Stories
- Rapid Creek Watershed Action
- Storybook Island
- The Monument Greenway Storyboard (50 ft by 12 ft) Display

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