

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

OHF-Related Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 25, 2026	Mantrap Wildlife Management Area Grand Opening Northern Waters Land Trust; Minnesota Land Trust	Mantrap WMA Jack Fish Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	Nelson Slough Groundbreaking Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District	East Park WMA Karlstad, MN 56732





Note: These events are not held by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Members may not discuss or act on official business. These events are not public meetings of the Council and are provided for informational purposes only.








**Thursday, June 25, 2026 | Begins at
2:00pm | Mantrap Lake Beach & Picnic Area**

Boat tours and hiking available prior to the event.
Space is limited. Please RSVP to attend.

[RSVP](#)

<p>Boat Tours & Hiking</p> <p>12:00pm</p> <p>Arrive early to enjoy boat tours or a guided hike before the ceremony.</p>  	<p>Grand Opening</p> <p>2:00pm</p> <p>Celebrate the official opening of the new Wildlife Management Area with a special ceremony at the lake!</p> 	<p>Social & Refreshments</p> <p>Starting at 2:00pm</p> <p>Enjoy light refreshments and time to connect following the ceremony.</p> 
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Funding was provided by the Outdoor Heritage Fund as part of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment and by the project Restoration of Common Loons in Minnesota, which was funded by the Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Group through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Deepwater Horizon settlement.

EVENT DETAILS



Thursday, June 25, 2026



Begins at 2:00pm

(Boat tours and birding hikes available beginning at 12:00pm)



Mantrap Lake Beach & Picnic Shelter

Jack Fish Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470

(See map below)



Free to attend!



RSVP appreciated

Join us for the grand opening celebration of the **Mantrap Lake Wildlife Management Area!** Recently acquired from 3M by Northern Waters Land Trust and the Minnesota Land Trust, this beautiful **449-acre property with more than 6 miles of shoreline is now protected forever**, managed by the MN DNR, and open to the public as a new Wildlife Management Area. [Read the full story here.](#)

This project was funded through the state's Outdoor Heritage Fund as part of the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment, with a matching contribution of federal funding through the Minnesota Loon Restoration Project.

This is a major win for water quality, wildlife habitat, and public access in the region. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Link to Google Maps: [Jack Fish Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470](#)

Nelson Slough Groundbreaking!



Join us as we celebrate an investment that proves Northwest Minnesota is every bit as important as any other corner of our state.

Stay Tuned Details forthcoming!

When: June 30th, 2026

10:30AM- 3PM

Where: Click [here](#) for Location

RSVP [Here](#)

Nelson Slough Groundbreaking
RSVP

