

The Great Outdoors

Here are a few special events that will get you out and moving!

▶ Trailblazer Poker Ryed

Sponsored by Labyrinth Brewing Company and South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways



Saturday, September 9, 2023
Rye St. Park • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Our annual Poker Ryed! Five trails, 13 miles, four laps, five or seven cards! Family Friendly routes also available.

This family-friendly event is not a race! All experience levels welcomed. Come and try your luck to create a winning hand! \$15 event fee includes one beer ticket, and one raffle ticket.

Various trails will offer each rider their preferred trail experience, from green trails to diamond. Everyone is welcome to explore the hidden treasure that is Rye Street Park. Experience SWPRD Parks Crew's passion for this park with its unmatched elements such as the eight bridges, six downhills and meandering terrain. The route will consist of single-track.

The best poker hand created by pulling cards at various stops along the trails will win top hand and be awarded a CASH prize. Other prizes and raffles will be available, food available on site.

Pre-registration is required.
(last rider must start course by 12:30 p.m.)

BIKING & HIKING EVENTS

▶ South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways

The South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways, a subcommittee of Parks & Recreation Commission, is a walking and bicycling volunteer advocacy group. The group is looking for volunteers to promote safe ways to bike, hike, walk and run for recreation or transportation. There are no fees or dues. Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. of each month at SW Parks & Recreation's new location at 350 Foster Street. Please stop by for a visit to see what they are all about or you can contact them at swwandww@cox.net.

▶ Fall Bike Ride – Adults

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Registration begins at 8:45am

Ride the East Coast Greenway from South Windsor to Bolton Notch State Park and back. The ride is 26-mile round trip on paved moderately hilly trails. Restrooms are available midway both ways. Bikes must be in good working order, helmets are required, bring water and snacks. The ride departs from the One Church parking lot at 855 Chapel Rd. at 9 a.m. Rain cancels the ride.

▶ Rye Street Park Hike

Wednesday Morning, September 27, 2023

Meet us at 10 a.m. at the Rye Street Park parking lot for a 4-mile hike on the mountain bike trail system. There are 8 bridges and six small downhill as the terrain meanders through the hills and valleys hidden in the woods of Rye Street Park. Bring water and snacks. Rain cancels the hike.

▶ Fall Adopt -A- Road Clean-up

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Rain date October 15, 2023

Join SW Walk & Wheel Ways for a roadside clean-up of Chapel Road. The Adopt-A-Road Program offers groups the opportunity to give back to our community by collecting trash along town owned roads, making them safer and more enjoyable. South Windsor Public Works supplies the trash bags, trash grabbers, safety vests, traffic signs.

Meet us at 1 p.m. at the CREC Academy of International Studies Elementary School parking lot (625 Chapel Rd.) for assignments and equipment. We usually work in groups of two to three people along Chapel Road. Please bring work gloves, water, and wear closed toed shoes. A backpack comes in handy to carry your items and extra trash bags. Children under 12 are not permitted to participate. Youth from ages 12 to 16 **must have a consenting signature of an adult parent or guardian.**

▶ Moonlight Walks

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Friday, January 26, 2024

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Meet at the Rotary Pavilion, 55 Chief Ryan Way at 6:45 p.m. for a 1.5-mile walk through Nevers Park. The walk begins at 7 p.m. All ages are welcome. Please bring a flashlight, family, and friends. If there's snow, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are both welcomed.

4th Grade Bicycle Safety Education Program Seeking Volunteers

Help 4th grade students master bicycle safety skills, hand signals, changing gears, and rules of the road. Volunteers are needed to spot, fit helmets, and assist instructors with the student bike rides in the neighborhood. This program is held in the spring & fall at SW elementary schools. For more information and to volunteer, contact swwandww@cox.net. Dates for the next classes are during the weeks of September 18th and October 2nd of 2023.