

## Picnic & Nature Walk

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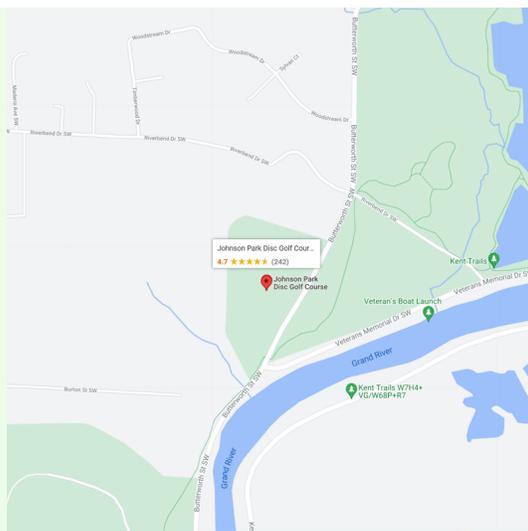
To ALL members. . . . please come if you can!

**Monday, 24 May 2021, at 2pm**

**Johnson Park**

**2600 Wilson Ave, Walker, MI 49534**

**(enter the parking area from Butterworth Street SW)**



As we announced in our May Newsletter, we are going to meet outdoors for **our first face-to-face get together of 2021!** Our selected location, Johnson Park, is in southwest Grand Rapids. Please join us at the open shelter off Butterworth Street SW at 2:00 pm. We will socialize, play some games, catch up with each other and take a leisurely nature walk!

We haven't met physically as a club since last September at Yankee Springs and we would love to see as many of you as possible at this event!

We are, of course, still sensitive to safety concerns, so this will not be a potluck. **Please BYOE.... Bring Your Own Everything (food and drink and comfortable chair).** We will attempt to secure the shelter, which does have picnic tables.

After our picnic and games, for those who want to relax and continue to socialize, just stay put and enjoy yourselves. For those members who want to further enjoy the natural beauty of this area, you can take a nice walk around the park perimeter. There is also a disc golf course at the park, which might be fun for us to try. So, if you have a frisbee, or disc, bring it along and we can give the course a good beating! There is even fishing along the Grand River!

Please note that Johnson Park is "down the road" just west of Millennium Park. Don't get the two parks confused. Watch for familiar and friendly FFWM faces and our banner for identification!

## Here are directions to Johnson Park:

- **From Kalamazoo:** (about 50 minutes)
  - Take US-131 north toward Grand Rapids
  - Take exit 81 for M-11 / 28th St toward Wyoming
  - Turn left onto M-11 W / 28th St SW
  - Continue straight on M-11 W / 28th St SW for about 4.6 miles (you will pass by a Little Caesars Pizza on the right)
  - Continue straight onto Wilson Ave SW for about 0.3 miles and Johnson Park will be coming up on the right
  - Before getting to the park, turn right onto Butterworth Street SW and then take a left into the parking area nearest the open shelter
- **From Holland:** (about 26 minutes)
  - Take Chicago Drive east onto I-196 Business Loop East
  - Continue to follow I-196 Business Loop East and then merge onto I-196 E via the ramp to Grand Rapids
  - Stay on I-196 E for about 14.5 miles then take exit 70B
  - Take exit 70B to merge onto M-11 W/28th St SW toward Wilson Ave/Walker
  - Continue to follow M-11 W
  - Continue straight onto Wilson Ave SW and Johnson Park will be coming up on the right
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**PLEASE COME JOIN US!!**

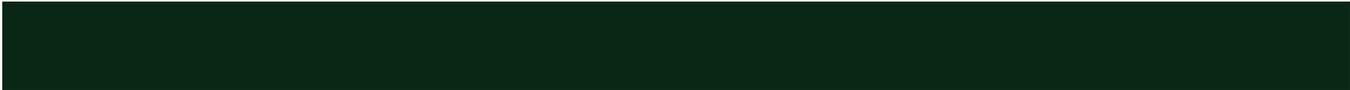
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