

# Lakewood Scavenger Hunt

Learn more about the biodiversity of Lakewood in this interactive scavenger hunt! Lakewood has over 250 acres of outdoor space in the heart of Minneapolis, and is home to all sorts of plants and wildlife.

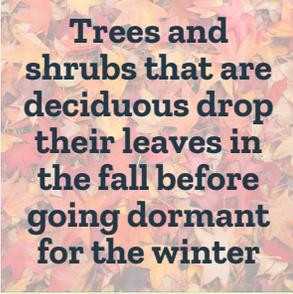
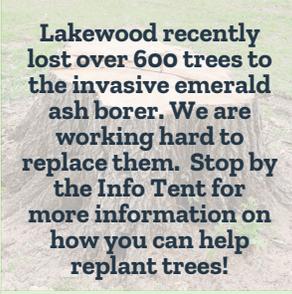
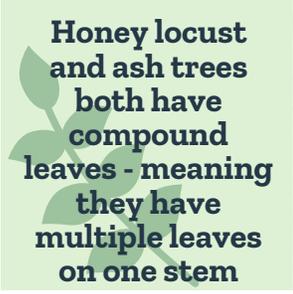
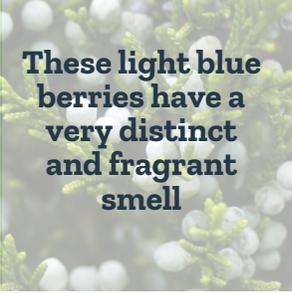
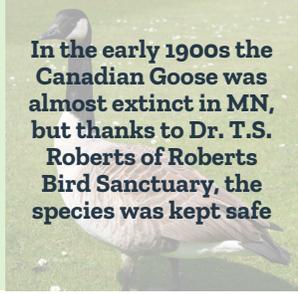


Lakewood is a peaceful place where you can reflect and mourn while surrounded by the beauty of nature, as you search, please:

- Be quiet and respectful as you search, many of our visitors come to Lakewood for peace and quiet, and we ask that everyone respects that
- Be mindful of where you are walking. Try to stay on the roads when possible. Do not lean on any markers or monuments.
- Do not touch or feed any animals and insects

# Helpful Hints

Grab a self-guided tour which contains a map of our 250 acres of outdoor space and make your way around the grounds. Many of the birds are easiest to find around Lakewood's onsite lake, Jo Pond.

<p><b>Watch your step!</b> Grasshoppers are usually found in the grass, but can sometimes be seen crossing sidewalks</p>	<p><b>Squirrels can be seen in the trees foraging and on the ground burying their food.</b></p> 	<p><b>Look near Lakewood's onsite lake for these tall and whipsy grasses</b></p>	<p><b>The most common red bird you will see is the northern cardinal</b></p> 	<p><b>Photosynthesis is the process of leaves changing color</b></p>
<p><b>Trees and shrubs that are deciduous drop their leaves in the fall before going dormant for the winter</b></p> 	<p><b>Listen closely!</b> Birds "sing" to attract a mate or warn other birds of danger</p>	<p><b>Ducks and geese are both swimming birds, so you can often find them near our onsite lake (Jo Pond)</b></p> 	<p><b>Many of the flowers you see are grown in Lakewood's onsite greenhouse</b></p>	<p><b>Lichen looks like splattered paint and can be found on trees and some monuments</b></p> 
<p><b>Oak trees can grow up to 70 feet tall. They often live about 200 years but have been able to live up to 1000 years!</b></p>	<p><b>Woodpeckers call MN home all year long. You can find them searching for grubs on the side of trees.</b></p> 		<p><b>Mushrooms can be found growing on the ground or on the trunks and branches of trees</b></p> 	<p><b>Look up!</b> Flying is the primary mode of travel for most bird species.</p> 
<p><b>The most common blue bird you will see is the blue jay</b></p> 	<p><b>Some nests look like bowls of twigs and feathers, others can be found hanging from trees</b></p> 	<p><b>Conifers, like pine trees, have leaves that are long, slender, and needle-like</b></p> 	<p><b>Maple trees can live for over 200 years.</b> <b>They are tapped in many areas to make maple syrup.</b></p> 	<p><b>Lakewood recently lost over 600 trees to the invasive emerald ash borer. We are working hard to replace them. Stop by the Info Tent for more information on how you can help replant trees!</b></p> 
<p><b>Honey locust and ash trees both have compound leaves - meaning they have multiple leaves on one stem</b></p> 	<p><b>These light blue berries have a very distinct and fragrant smell</b></p> 	<p><b>Did you know that Lakewood has over 30 people who come back every season to help take care of our grounds and plant these beautiful flowers?</b></p>	<p><b>In the early 1900s the Canadian Goose was almost extinct in MN, but thanks to Dr. T.S. Roberts of Roberts Bird Sanctuary, the species was kept safe</b></p> 	<p><b>Pine cones contain many tiny winged seeds that are released when the scales open</b></p> 

Interested in learning more about the wildlife at Lakewood? Sign up for our newsletter at:

[www.lakewoodcemetery.org/newsletter](http://www.lakewoodcemetery.org/newsletter)

Keep an eye out in the spring for the return of our popular Birding at Lakewood series!