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# 2015 Aquatics Brochure

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Visitors,

Welcome to the City of Bloomington’s aquatic facilities! We have two great aquatic recreational opportunities for your summer enjoyment - the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center and Bush Lake Beach. It is our goal to enrich the community through a variety of aquatic opportunities and promote safe water practices in all aquatic environments.

Safety is our top priority. We strive to maintain the highest standard of safety in all aspects of operating our aquatic facilities. At the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center and Bush Lake Beach you will find exceptional lifeguards who maintain and advance their skills through ongoing training. We are here to make your water experience fun, memorable, and safe!

Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you soon!

Ann Mosack  
Recreation Supervisor  
City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation



## CHOOSING A LIFEJACKET

Summers in Minnesota are traditionally filled with boating, floating, fishing, and splashing around in the many lakes and pools that fill our great state. As our Assistant Manager of Parks and Recreation likes to say, “you can barely take a step in Minnesota without tripping into some water.” Although the water can be cool and refreshing it can also be dangerous. One important step in ensuring your safety is choosing appropriate floatation for yourself and your loved ones. Our facilities only permit Coast Guard approved type I, II or III floatation devices. These devices are made to support the swimmer by ensuring that they flip onto their back. Some other floatation devices focus solely on floating and may further endanger wearers by keeping them face down in the water. Inflatables may burst and “noodles” may not be in reach. When choosing floatation devices this summer we urge you to check to make sure it is Coast Guard approved. If you do not have a Coast Guard approved floatation device, we have a limited supply at both Bush Lake Beach and the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center that are available on loan.

The City of Bloomington does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape, and/or computer disk.

## A NEW LOOK TO THE DIVING WELL AT THE BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

The Bloomington Family Aquatic Center will be making some new enhancements in our diving well this summer. You may notice only one new diving board rather than two. This is because we are making space for a new climbing wall that we hope to be part of our facility in 2016. As we look to make adjustments to the facility, we are continually looking for fun features to bring added excitement!

**AMERICAN RED CROSS  
CERTIFIED LIFEGUARDS  
ARE ON DUTY AT BOTH  
SITES  
DURING HOURS OF  
OPERATION.**

**THE BLOOMINGTON FAMILY  
AQUATIC CENTER WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
JULY 11—JULY 12, 2015**

Season pass holders are welcome to use the Richfield Outdoor Pool, located just east of Portland Avenue on 66th Street.

630 East 66th Street  
Richfield, MN 55423  
Phone: 952-861-9350

Please see the Richfield website at <http://www.cityofrichfield.org/>  
**Search: Outdoor Pool**  
For hours of operation, facility policies and rules, and amenities.

As the City of Bloomington we ask that our season pass holders are respectful of the staff, policies, and facility at the Richfield Outdoor Pool. Rules, policies, and procedures may be different than those at the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center.

# BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Come and enjoy a summer at the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center! Experience our zero-depth entry, tot-slides, tumble buckets, jet spray, driving board, drop slide, and the thrilling, looping waterslides. If you get hungry, come and visit our concessions stand.

**CONCESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH THE BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER AND BUSH LAKE BEACH.**

A key component of the Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Regional Park, Bush Lake Beach has provided exceptional recreation opportunities to millions of Minnesotans since 1856. Come feel the sand beneath your feet and enjoy one of Bloomington's treasures.

To ensure your visit is both safe and enjoyable please follow the rules

## SWIMSUIT POLICY:

All swimmers must have a swimsuit in order to swim in the pool

- Men must wear appropriate swim trunks without undergarments underneath their swimming attire.
- Women must wear an appropriate top and bottom.
- Swimming attire must be non-street clothes that are clean and worn for swimming purposes only.
- Swim Diapers are required for children that are not independently toilet trained.

## ADMISSION POLICY:

Children under 11 years of age will only be allowed into the BFAC if:

- They are accompanied by an adult (18 or older).
- The child is accompanied by a responsible party who is at least 16 years of age and has a completed "Guardian Permission Form" signed by the child's guardian on file at the facility. The party cannot be responsible for supervising more than four children between the ages of 5-10 at one time or more than one child under 5 years of age.

## GENERAL FACILITY RULES:

- Tobacco, alcohol, and e-cigarettes, are prohibited.
- Snorkels, fins, and other training devices are restricted to lap swim lanes only.
- Floatation equipment must be U.S. Coast Guard Type I-III approved, with an adult 18 years of age or older within arms reach at all times. Inflatables are prohibited.
- No running and/or horseplay.
- Diving is limited to the diving well.
- Swimming with open cuts, communicable diseases, or diarrhea is prohibited by state law.
- Animals of any kind cannot be brought into the facility.

## WATER SLIDE RULES:

- Rider height requirements are 42 inches for the open (green) slide and 48 inches for the enclosed (blue) slide.
- Patrons must follow all instructions of the slide attendants.
- One person at a time in each flume
- Riders must keep their hands and feet inside at all times.
- Riders must ride feet first on their back or bottom.
- Standing, kneeling, rotating, and stopping are prohibited.
- Exit the splash zone immediately, using the stairs closest to the slide or swimming under the rope.
- Riders should lay down with feet and arms crossed.

## DIVING WELL RULES:

- Patrons must exit the diving well using the closest ladder or swimming under the rope.
- One person on each board at a time.
- Each diver is allowed only one bounce.
- Inverted dives are prohibited.
- Users must be able to swim to the ladder independently. Patrons are not permitted to be caught on the drop slide or off the diving boards.

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY:

- Concessions are available for purchase inside the facility.
- Coolers and glass containers of any kind are not permitted within the facility.
- Picnic spaces are available outside of the pool fence.

## BUSH LAKE BEACH

To ensure your visit is both safe and enjoyable please follow the rules while at Bush Lake Beach

- Swimmers under 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- Swimming is only in the authorized beach area.
- Floatation equipment must be U.S. Coast Guard Type I-III approved, with an adult 18 years of age or older within arms reach at all times. Inflatables are prohibited.
- Glass containers are not allowed.
- Throwing rocks or sand is prohibited.
- No running or pushing from docks.
- Swimming under the docks is prohibited.
- Dogs are not permitted in beach area.
- Tobacco, alcohol, and e-cigarettes, are prohibited.

## A Healthy Beach

For the safety of our swimmers, certified microbiologists test Bush Lake Beach water several times per week. The beach may close if the level of bacteria becomes too high.

We can all do our part to continue to make Bush Lake Beach a healthy place to swim.

- Swim diapers are required for children that are not independently toilet trained.
- Showers should be taken before and after swimming.
- Avoid drinking or "spouting" beach water.
- Use safety breaks to use the restrooms, or as needed.
- Wash hands after using the restroom.
- Wash hands after swimming, especially before eating.

## BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

**DATES:** Saturday, June 6 - Sunday, August 23  
 Saturday, August 29 - Sunday, August 30  
 Saturday, September 5 - Monday, September 7

**HOURS:** Mon.-Fri.: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
 Sat. and Holidays: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
 Sun.: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**LAP SWIM HOURS:**

Mon.-Fri.: 11:00 - 1:00 PM, 5:00 - 7:45 PM  
 Sat. - Sun.: 11:00 - 1:00 PM

**ENTRANCE INFORMATION (Includes tax):**

Age	Daily Fee	Evening Fee (after 4 PM)
1 & under	FREE	FREE
2-5	\$7.50	\$6.50
6-54	\$9.50	\$7.50
55+	\$7.50	\$6.50
<b>Lap Swim:</b> \$6.50		<b>Pass of 5 Daily Visits:</b> \$42.50

**SEASONAL PASSES (Includes tax):**

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Adult (16-54)	\$55.50	\$80.00
Young Adult (11-15)	\$30.25	\$53.50
Senior/Child (2-10/55 & up)	\$18.50	\$41.50
Purchased prior to April 17	\$2.00 off	N/A
Purchased prior to June 5	\$1.00 off	N/A

\*\*Driver's License or State ID required for pass purchase to verify residency.

\*\*Must be purchased by a parent/guardian for children under 18 years of age.

**PURCHASING SEASONAL PASSES:**

Prior to the season:

- Parks and Recreation desk at Civic Plaza
- BFAC—June 3-5, 2015 from 4-7 PM

During the season:

- In person during normal business hours at the pool or Parks and Recreation.

In order to enter the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center, a daily or seasonal pass must be purchased. Season passes must be shown each day at entry. Daily passes are sold at the BFAC only. Season passes are available at either the BFAC or City Hall.

## BUSH LAKE BEACH

**DATES:** Saturday, June 6 - Sunday, August 23

**LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY DAILY:** 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**SEASONAL PARKING FEE PASS:** Required June 1 - August 31.  
 Prices include tax.

Daily Vehicle	\$7.00
Seasonal Vehicle (1st Vehicle)	\$35.00
2nd Vehicle - purchased at the same time	\$18.00
Daily Bus Admission	\$40.00
<b>*Group Fees (plus tax)</b>	
≤ 50 people	\$60.00
> 50 people	\$86.00

\*Group fee includes one bus parking pass. Groups of 20 or more require an approved reservation made 2 weeks in advance.

In order to park your car at Bush Lake Beach, a daily or seasonal parking permit must be purchased and affixed to the windshield of your car June 1 through August 31. Daily permits are sold at the beach only. Season permits are available at either the beach or City Hall.

## SUMMER AQUATICS PROGRAMS

### AQUA EXERCISE SAMPLER\*

Come do a variety of in-water exercises designed for all fitness abilities. We guarantee a great workout with this cardio and strength combo class!  
June 7, 14 & 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### PRESCHOOL WATER EXPLORATION\*

This class will provide participants age 2-5 and their parents a 30 minute guided lesson followed by 30 minutes of play time in our tot area.  
June 7, 14 & 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### BASIC WATER RESCUE AT THE BFAC\*

Learn basic water safety and have fun in the pool. You will earn a Red Cross certification during class!  
June 22 - 26, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

### "GET YOUR FACE WET" AT THE BFAC\*

A swimming class aimed at those entering middle school! We will teach the basic skills you will need to know for middle school swimming.  
August 17-21, 2015 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### LIVE MUSIC AT THE BFAC

Back by popular demand! Bob the Beachcomber will entertain with his cool moves and awesome grooves!  
Sunday, August 9, 2015 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### LIVE MUSIC AT BUSH LAKE BEACH

New this year at the beach, Bob the Beachcomber will entertain and get you dancing in the water and on the sand!  
Sunday, July 12, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

\*Sign up for all of our classes online at <https://webtrac.BloomingtonMN.gov>

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### JUNE EVENTS

- 6 - Opening day at BLB and BFAC
- 7, 14, & 21 - Aqua Exercise Sampler AND Preschool Water Exploration at BFAC 6:30pm (must pre-register)
- 22-26 - Basic Water Rescue (must pre-register)
- 28 - Sandcastles Event 12-3pm

### JULY EVENTS

- 11-12 - BFAC Closed for Swim Meet
- 12 - Live music at BLB 4-6pm

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### AUGUST EVENTS

- 2 - Family Fun Swim & Run at BFAC 6:30pm
- 9 - Live music at BFAC 2-4pm
- 17-21 - Get Your Face Wet (must pre-register)
- 23 - BLB and BFAC close for the season.
- 29-30 - BFAC open for extended season.

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 5-7 - BFAC Open for Extended Season.
- 7 - BFAC Officially Closes (Labor Day)

○ = Bloomington Family Aquatic Center Events  
 □ = Bush Lake Beach Events

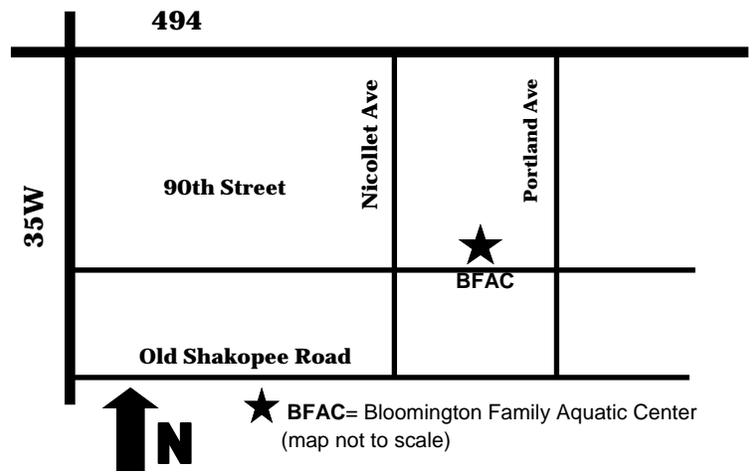
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## BLOOMINGTON FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER LOCATION INFORMATION

201 East 90th Street  
Bloomington, MN 55420  
Phone 952-563-4695 (during season)

From 35W:  
Exit at 90th Street and head east to Nicollet Avenue.

From 494:  
Exit on Nicollet Avenue and head south to 90th Street.

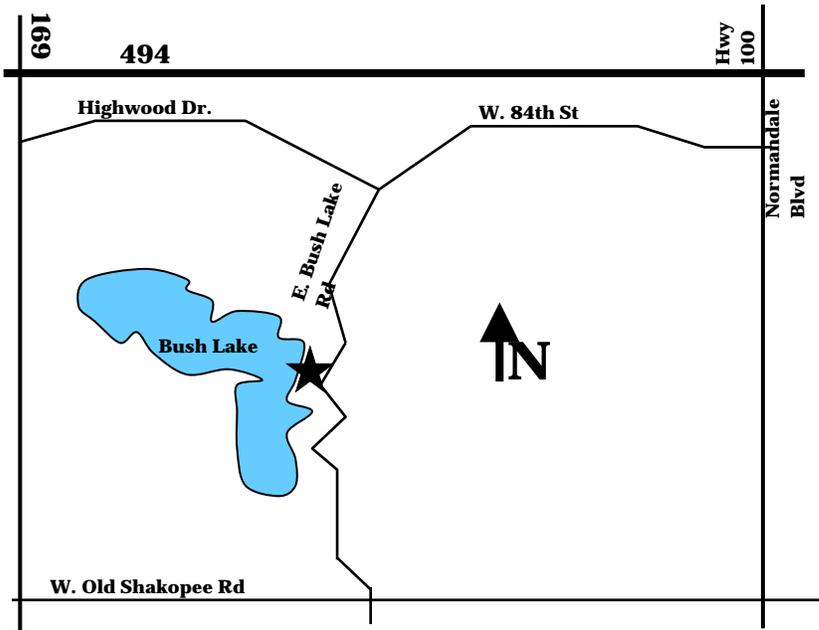


## BUSH LAKE BEACH LOCATION INFORMATION

9140 East Bush Lake Road  
Bloomington, MN 55438  
Phone 952-563-4731 (during season)

From 169:  
Exit at Old Shakopee Road and travel east to Bush Lake Road. Go north on Bush Lake Road. Follow Bush Lake Road to East Bush Lake Road, the beach is located on the left.

From 494:  
Exit on at highway 100 and travel south to 84th Street. Go west on 84th street. You will pass the ski jump and continue on the same road (becomes East Bush Lake Road). The beach is located on the right.



*The City of Bloomington actively supports the inclusion of all residents in our programs and services. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. Please call 952-563-8877 for more information.*

### Group Reservations and Birthday Parties at the Bloomington Family Aquatic Center

Special rates are available for swim groups over 20 people with a reservation made in advance. Make a reservation for a swim trip, birthday party, or private rental by visiting:

[www.BloomingtonMN.gov](http://www.BloomingtonMN.gov)  
Keyword: rentals and reservations

Birthday parties at the BFAC are a fun way to celebrate with family and friends. Birthday party groups will have a private pavilion for party guests and may bring a birthday cake to help celebrate!

The Bloomington Family Aquatic Center may also be rented for private events during non-open hours.

\*\*See our reservation brochure for more information.

### Group Reservations and Birthday Parties at Bush Lake Beach

All group swim trips of 20 or more people must register in advance to ensure adequate lifeguard coverage. All group reservations must be made by filling out the reservation form located online:

[www.BloomingtonMN.gov](http://www.BloomingtonMN.gov)  
Keyword: rentals and reservations

Large groups arriving the day of without a reservation may be turned away. Payment is requested prior to arrival.

Picnic shelters at Bush Lake Beach may be reserved for events by using the site listed above. We request that any group who will be using the beach gives an estimated head count of aquatic participants when their reservation is made.