

# WELCOME

We're so excited to bring you our biggest NightFalls ever! At 440,900+ lights, there are more than ever before and this year, we own them all! We are very grateful to Kiwanis Holiday Lights for their years of support and we're so proud of our community for supporting us with donations to build up our light inventory and make us independent.

As we celebrate our 12<sup>th</sup> NightFalls event, we are joined by 25 organizations and over 100 volunteers in bringing you this amazing display of lights in beautiful Ramsey Park. Event Sound and Lighting is back creating the music and light display by the historic swayback bridge. If you're looking for a bite to eat, returning favorite Sweet Kettle Madness has all the sweet treats and new this year is Scotty Biggs BBQ Company serving up delicious food!

All you kids who enjoy spying the spooks, animals, dinos, and fairies will be excited to see we've added a dragon trail too! They're spread throughout the park so keep your eyes open! Be sure to take the Beecher Trail to Bridge 1 over Ramsey Creek to see another new addition—we're excited to see how it turns out!

Please consider a donation to help fund event expenses and to keep us going and growing—any amount helps! Drop it in the donation barrel, Venmo @CelebrateRF, mail a check to PO Box 221, or donate on our website.

We get amazing support from so many people who generously share their resources to help make NightFalls possible. Thank you to all who make this event amazing, we are grateful for your support! On behalf of the Celebrate Redwood Falls volunteer board, thank you for coming to NightFalls!

President

Craig La Brie



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#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

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May 1-3, 2025 from 8:30 - 11:00 PM

**Drive Thru and Walk Thru Event** 

Over 440,900+ lights on display

4 miles of lighted trails

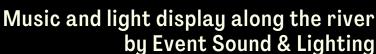
2 Lighted waterfalls, 8 lighted bridges

Kid's themed trails of dinos, fairies, spooks and animals along with a new area featuring a weyr of dragons!

Radio broadcast: Tune in to 88.7 FM as you drive through

25 Light displays from local organizations and businesses

Area south of Swayback Bridge honoring Eldon "Butch" Fluck, past board member and forever friend



LSIC dancers and singers on Friday Night

RVHS Drumline on Saturday night Every 15 minutes starting at 9pm near Ramsey Zoo

> Food from Sweet Kettle Madness and Scotty Biggs BBQ Company Friday and Saturday





## 1 First Presbyterian Church

- 2 HomeTown Bank
- 3 E-Free & Redwood Alliance Church Youth Groups
- 4 Minnwest Bank
- **4A** Dakota Wicohan
- 5 Cornerstone Christian Church
- **6** Friends of the Park
- **7** Farmers Union Industries
- 8 Redwood Area Animal Shelter
- The Golden Rule Coffee House and Truly Home Real Estate
- 10 Schult Homes
- 11 American Legion Post 38
- 12 RE/MAX Realty Plus
- 13 Discover Downtown Redwood Falls
- 14 CentraCare Home Health and Hospice
- 15 Redwood Falls Rotary Club
- 16 Sweetman Sanitation
- 17 Lower Sioux Indian Community
- **18** P.R.O.T.E.C.T.S.
- 19 Audacia Study Club
- **20** WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs (WRAP)
- 21 Redwood County Big Buddies of UCAP
- 22 Redwood Falls Lions Club
- 23 State Farm Ryan Esse
- 24 Gertsema Family





# SPECIAL TRAILS

Get ready for an epic quest! Follow the map or keep your eyes peeled for signs as you embark on a fascinating journey through enchanted trails filled with fairies, dinosaurs, and animals waiting to be discovered. For the brave at heart, dare to wander deeper into the shadows where a trail of spooks awaits if you're bold enough to face it. And new this year, prepare to be amazed as we unveil a weyr of dragons in the park!

With over 10 spooks, 24 animals, 15 dinosaurs, 16 fairies, and 5 dragons hidden along the way, there's no telling what fantastic creatures you'll find next!



## **NIGHTFALLS**

- Number of lights used: 440,900 +
- Miles of trails illuminated: 4
- Number of lighted bridges: 8
- Number of lighted waterfalls: 2
- Number of business & organizations decorating areas: 25
- Number of generators used: 46
- 2024 attendance: 7,780 including 1,450 vehicles driving through and 3853 walkers.
- NightFalls began as Founders Day in 2014 during Redwood Falls Sesquicentennial.

## **RAMSEY PARK**

- Ramsey Park is 256+ acres which makes it the largest municipal park in the state
- The unique swayback bridge built in 1938 is on the National Register of Historic Places
- Home to 2 waterways Redwood River which creates the Falls of the Redwood and Ramsey Creek which creates Ramsey Falls
- 5 Bridges cross Ramsey Creek and 2 cross the Redwood River





NightFalls keeps growing!
Please continue to help us purchase lights and special features to illuminate 4 miles of trails, bridges, and scenery in Ramsey Park!

#### **WAYS TO DONATE:**

Mail Your Donation To:
Celebrate Redwood Falls
PO Box 221, Redwood Falls, MN 56283

At the Entrances During the Event

On Our Website CelebrateRedwoodFalls.com

Venmo to Celebrate Redwood Falls



# WHAT CAN MY DONATION HELP LIGHT UP?

It can help with adding to displays and replacing lights annually due to wear and tear.

\$40 - Small Tree

\$60 - Medium Tree

\$75 - Large Tree

\$240 - Trail Crossing Canopy

\$480 - Swayback Bridge

\$600 - Trail per 10th of a Mile

\$1,000 - Decorated Area or Walk Bridge

## **NIGHTFALLS SPONSORS**

Thank you to the businesses, organizations, & individuals who continue to make NightFalls a success each year!

## TRAILBLAZERS



## **ILLUMINATORS**











**Ventsound &** 



## **SPARKLERS**

- Chuck Lussenhop
- Bob Wetmore
- Daktronics
- Dan Schmid Photography
- Dave & Corrine Gertsema
- Henle Printing Company
- Jason Garman
- Jay Johanneck
- Jesse Bell
- Klabunde Electric
- Leon King
- Lee Davis

- Lonnie Leske
- Mark & Brenda Dressen
- MnDOT District 8
- Redwood Falls Golf Club
- Rick Morris
- RVHS Drumline
- Scott Johanneck
- S & S Rental
- Steve Medrud
- Thrivent Financial
- Tiffany Farms
- West Central Sanitation





## **COME BACK TO RAMSEY PARK FOR MORE EVENTS THIS YEAR!**



Photo Contest: May 7- 28, 2025 Medallion Hunt: May 29 - June 4, 2025

Drive-Thru Picnic Dinner: June 4, 2025 from 4:30-6:30pm in the Campground

Follow the Friends of the Park Facebook page for details & chances to win prizes!

# MORE FAMILY FUN THROUGHOUT REDWOOD FALLS





#### June 20-22, 2025

Summer Splash is a family-friendly festival that encompasses a variety of events over 3 days. Join us for a huge community parade, pool party, food, root beer floats, music, mini-golf, lawn games, an outdoor movie, fireworks, and a fly-in pancake breakfast.



#### October 24, 25, & 31, 2025

The Francois Haunted Hotel is a chilling Halloween attraction in downtown Redwood Falls. This eerie experience invites brave souls aged 13+ to navigate the haunted halls and the newly unveiled Speakeasy. Prepare to be scared in a maze of darkness, unexpected twists, and lurking horrors while you test your courage!



#### October 25, 2025

For younger guests, Monsters on Main is a gentle introduction to Halloween fun. It offers an afternoon of games, trick-or-treating, and special no-scare and low-scare tours of the Francois Haunted Hotel. Local organizations are invited to participate by hosting activities or distributing treats in downtown Redwood Falls.



#### February 7, 2026

The Fire & Ice Festival is held on Lake Redwood. All ages can enjoy warm beverages, food, and s'mores by a bonfire. The event features mini golf, broom ball, bean bag toss, and Bobski racing. Explore the Tiki Torch Trail and go on a hayride or sled rides. The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks display.



#### May 7-9, 2026

We hope you enjoyed exploring the illuminated wonders of Ramsey Park this year! With over 440,000 lights displayed on trails, bridges, and waterfalls, this year's event was truly magical. Mark your calendars for May 2026, and join us again to explore the park in the dark and create more unforgettable memories!

# THANK YOU FOR COMING!



Celebrate Redwood Falls is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to creating and promoting events in Redwood Falls which celebrate the city's history and showcase the many amenities available within our community. We are 100% volunteer driven and host four annual events: Fire & Ice Festival in February, NightFalls in May, Summer Splash in June and The Francois Haunted Hotel/Monsters on Main Street in October.

Celebrate Redwood Falls is a subsidiary of the Redwood Area Communities Foundation (EIN 36-3611923).

In Memory of Butch Fluck, colleague and friend.
His energy, kindness, and unwavering dedication shaped
Celebrate Redwood Falls in countless ways. Butch was the
heart of every event and a long-time board member. Thank you,
Butch, for everything—you'll always be part of us.

