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Your Connection to Nature  Medina County Park District

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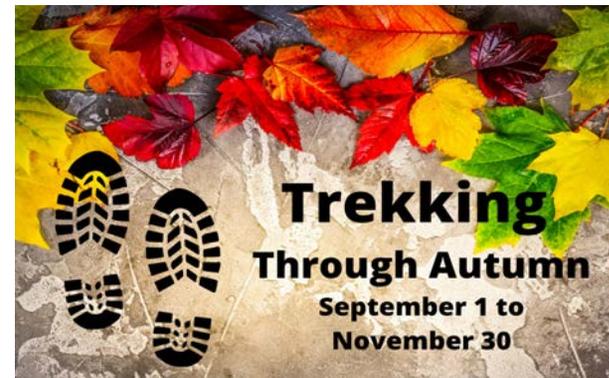
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## Experience the Rewards of Trekking Through Autumn

Medina County Park District's self-guided hiking program, Trekking Through Autumn, is the perfect opportunity for families and individuals of all abilities to get out and experience the crisp days and spectacular colors of fall.



Back for its 15th year, Medina County Park District's popular annual hiking program offers participants the opportunity to enjoy the splendor of the season and earn awards by completing at least eight designated hikes between September 1 and November 30.

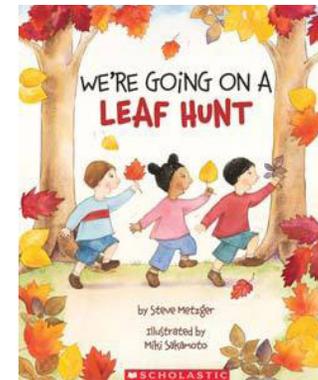
Trekking Through Autumn offers a choice of 14 different hiking trails in parks and nature preserves that show off the beauty and natural diversity of Medina County. Included on the form is the Hiker's Choice option. So, if a favorite Medina County park trail isn't on the form, participants can add it to the list.

Hikers complete the walks at their own pace and on their own schedules. Medina County park sites are open every day from 6 a.m. until one hour past sunset -- except Oenslager Nature Center, which is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The nature center is located in the Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary, so please keep in mind that pets are not permitted at this site. Dogs on leashes are welcome at all other park locations.

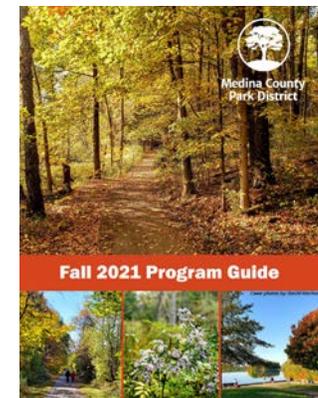
To participate, pick up a Trekking Through Autumn form at Medina County Park District Headquarters, Oenslager Nature Center, or simply print one at [www.MedinaCountyParks.com](http://www.MedinaCountyParks.com). Check trails off the list as you complete them. When you've hiked eight or more, bring your completed form to Oenslager Nature Center by December 17 to claim your reward. Backpacks are awarded to first-year participants. Hiking pins are awarded in successive years. Awards are free for Medina County residents. Out-of-county residents pay \$10 for backpacks and \$3 for hiking pins. Pins are not available to first-year hikers.

A new backpack or hiking pin isn't the only reward in store. Walking a trail on a fall day is a great way to experience nature, spend time with friends and family, get some outdoor exercise at a time when temperatures are at their most comfortable, and the season's beauty is at its peak.

Post your hiking photos on Instagram or Twitter using the tag #trekkingthroughautumn, and we'll share your picture with our followers on Medina County Park District social media.



Visit the StoryWalk at Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park for a new fall story. The park is located at 4985 Windfall Road in Medina.



Download the fall program guide at [www.medinacountyparks.com](http://www.medinacountyparks.com). Paper copies are available at the nature centers or park office.



Friends of Medina County Parks has another opportunity for you to get fabulous native plants for your landscaping. Stop by the native plant sale at the Oenslager Nature Center during business hours to pick up a few great natives for fall planting. A variety of species in limited quantities are available.

Cash or check are accepted for payment. Please bring your own box for carrying plants home.

**When:**  
Now through September 19 or when inventory runs out

**Oenslager Business Hours:**  
Tuesdays through Saturdays  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundays  
12 - 5 p.m.

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