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## **Military Vehicles on Display at Botanical Gardens Father's Day Activities in the Parks**

Milwaukee, WI (June 10, 2016) – To celebrate dads, Milwaukee County Parks is offering families plenty to see and do this Father's Day—from military vehicles, to golf, to Gemütlichkeit at the beer gardens.

**Boerner Botanical Gardens**, 9400 Boerner Drive (in Whitnall Park)

About a dozen military vehicles will be on display at Boerner Botanical Gardens on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Members of the Midwest Military Vehicle Association will show their restored, as well as unrestored, former military-transportation vehicles—from a Vietnam-Era ambulance to large-tracked, armored military vehicles.

“This event offers a rare opportunity to see these large vehicles and, of course, to celebrate Dad!” Gardens Director Shirley Walczak said.

Visitors may want to arrive early or stay late to discover early summer blooms. The Botanical Gardens are open from 8 a.m.–dusk. Flowering trees, daylilies, and roses will be in full bloom.

Regular admission to the Botanical Gardens is \$5.50 for adults age 18 and up; \$4.50 for students of any age with IDs, Milwaukee County seniors age 60 and up with IDs, and people with disabilities; and \$3.50 for youths age 6–17. Admission to the gardens requires wearing the official daily wristband. For more information, call the Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5601.

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Also at the Botanical Gardens, Zilli Hospitality Group, the on-site caterer, will offer a special Father's Day brunch, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The menu includes the popular Bloody Mary Bar, Smoked Salmon, Bourbon Sirloin and Chicken Alfredo, a poutine (french fry/cheese/gravy) station, made-to-order omelets, and mini desserts. Reservations and pricing are available at [zillihospitalitygroup.com/sunday-brunch-at-boerner](http://zillihospitalitygroup.com/sunday-brunch-at-boerner).

### **Traveling Beer Garden™ Tour**

**Grant Park, Picnic Area 5** – 100 E. Hawthorne Ave.

**Froemming Park** – 8801 S. 51 St.

Hard-working dads deserve some of Milwaukee's Gemütlichkeit! The Traveling Beer Gardens will be open from 11 a.m.–10 p.m., with the last beer served at 9 p.m.

Staffed by Parks Concessions Division employees, the beer gardens will offer 10 on-tap Sprecher beers, served in souvenir glass pints and steins, with refills offered at reduced prices. Souvenir cups can be reused at any of the Traveling Beer Garden stops. In addition, flights of five beer samples will be served. Other Sprecher beverages to be served include hard root beer, hard ginger ale, gourmet sodas, and root beer floats. Wine and food items will also be available.

Families are welcome to pack their own picnic lunches or suppers and non-alcoholic beverages. License restrictions prohibit the carry-in of any alcohol. Grilling is not allowed at the beer garden site or the immediate surrounding area.

Facilities offer shared-table seating, where families are encouraged to make new friends. Traveling Beer Garden stops are wheelchair accessible and have ample restroom and parking facilities nearby.

### **Golf & FootGolf in The Parks: Dads Play for Free**

A free round of golf or FootGolf, for dads accompanied by a paid player, will be offered at 15 golf courses, Sunday, for tee times after 1 p.m. To receive the special offer, children, spouses, or friends purchase a round, and a dad plays for free.

The golf offer is available at courses at Brown Deer, 7625 N. Range Line Rd.; Currie, 3535 N. Mayfair Rd.; Dretzka, 12020 W. Bradley Rd.; Grant, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave; Greenfield, 12035 W. Greenfield Ave.; Hansen, 9800 W. Underwood Creek Parkway; Lincoln (also offering FootGolf), 1000 W. Hampton Ave.; Oakwood, 3600 W. Oakwood Rd.; Warnimont, 5400 S. Lake Drive; and Whitnall, 6751 S. 92 St. Golf cars may be rented at these courses, subject to availability. Soccer balls may be rented for FootGolf at Lincoln.

The deal is also offered at the Par 3 courses at Doyne (also offering FootGolf), 5300 W, Wells St.; Lake Park, Newberry and Lake drives; Madison, 9800 W. Glendale Ave.; Noyes (also offering FootGolf), 8235 W. Good Hope Road; and Zablocki (also offering FootGolf), 3717 W. Howard Ave. Golf cars are not available at the Par 3 courses. Soccer balls may be rented for FootGolf at Doyne, Noyes, and Zablocki.

For more information, call the Milwaukee County Parks Golf Office at (414) 257-8024. For reservations, call (414) 475-6222 or visit [countyparks.com](http://countyparks.com) and follow the golf links.

**Wehr Nature Center**, 9701 W. College Ave. (in Whitnall Park)

From 8 a.m. –4:30 p.m., families can go on self-guided hikes of the prairie, woodlands, wetlands, an oak savanna, and Mallard Lake—the natural communities contained within Wehr's 200 acres. Over five miles of trails loop through and link these communities and provide opportunities to see the homes and habits of Wisconsin wildlife. For extra fun on the trails, families can check out Summer Ziggy Packs. The packs contain everything from binoculars and bug boxes to field guides and activity sheets. A journal in the pack lets families share their experiences with others on future treks.

The \$3 parking fee includes admission for the carload to the Nature Center. For more information, call Wehr at (414) 425-8550.

**The Mitchell Park Domes**, 524 S. Layton Blvd.

“Summer on Olympus,” the seasonal floral display, offers families the experience of strolling through a Greek garden filled with aromatic Mediterranean herbs and fruit-filled citrus trees, providing a beautiful backdrop for casual photos with Dad and Grandpa.

Featured summer flowers include dahlias, helenium, yarrow, nasturtium, and petunias. Interpretive signage throughout the show explains the significance of these plants in Greek culture.

Amid the summer blooms, classic sculptures with the appearance of white marble bring Greek mythology to life. Busts of the gods Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, and Athena, as well as Dionysus and Aphrodite, are interspersed throughout the landscape. Artifacts and other mythological figures such as Medusa are also included.

Giving visitors the opportunity to ponder, a miniature labyrinth, constructed of plant material and concrete, lets visitors wander visually.

General admission to the Show Dome is \$3 per person. Children age 5 and under are admitted free.

The Tropical and Desert domes remain closed.

For more information, call the Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

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