

# Spring Lake Park Tour



Spring Lake Park was established around 150 years ago, but over time, it became overgrown and neglected instead of a community space. Now, the area has been wonderfully transformed by Clean Solutions for Omaha, Omaha's Park Department and local neighbors. It's a beautiful park for all families in Omaha to visit and learn more about stormwater!

**Directions to Spring Lake Park:** Turn north onto the access road near F Street and 20th Street.

**1** Look at the hills around the lake. The hills on each side mean this lake is in a valley.

**When it rains over a valley, where do you think the stormwater goes?**

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**2** In the parking lot, there's a rain garden. The plants in the rain garden help absorb and store stormwater, and help to reduce pollutants in the lake.

**How many different colors of flowers do you see in the rain garden?**

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**3** Right next to the parking lot, you'll see a wetland. This part of the lake slows down and filters storm water to help make sure it's clean and reduces pollution in the lake.

**Are there any ducks on the log today? How many do you see?**

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**4** As you start walking along the lake path, you'll see a sign with a map and information.

**Read the sign and talk about three things you learned.**

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**5** Once you reach the far point of the lake, you'll see some metal peeking through the grasses. That metal covers underground pipes full of moving water. The pipes move water out of the lake so it never gets too full, especially after heavy rain.

**Listen closely, can you hear the water rushing through the pipes?**

**6** The fountains in the lake aren't only pretty, they're helpful! They keep the water in motion to help prevent too much algae from growing, and they create air bubbles for fish to breathe.

**As you walk along the lake path, do you see a rainbow in the fountain?**

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