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[Duluth, MN] – Duluth parks connect people to fun, adventure and numerous opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with 129 parks, 6800 acres of city parkland, 85 miles of multi-use trails and 12 miles of paved accessible trails. As part of a national effort to get kids and adults out to explore parks, Duluth is declaring May 19, 2018 "Duluth Parks Day" and invites the public to come and explore free organized activities, give away items and a light healthy picnic lunch at Lester Park, Bayfront Festival, or Morgan Park. These events are free to all ages and abilities.

"Duluth Parks Day is an inaugural event to celebrate and encourage our residents to explore all of the wonderful treasures right outside their door. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by majestic trees, extensive trails, interactive playscapes and spectacular vistas. There is no shortage of things to do and see. I encourage everyone to participate in Duluth Parks Day but also to make time and get outdoors on a regular basis. Parks were created for people; so let's get out and enjoy!" said Mayor Emily Larson.

Duluth Parks Day will occur rain or shine and includes:

Hours: 10 am – 2 pm (Light picnic lunch provided at all three locations)

Morgan Park (1242 88th Ave West): disc golf, bike riding and crafts (first 50 youth get a free disc)

Bayfront Festival Park (350 Harbor Drive) replaces Park Point Beach: kite flying and bubble making (first 50 youth get a free kite) and crafts

Lester Park (61 Lester River Road): geocaching, interpretive hikes and crafts (first 50 youth get a free compass)

Duluth Parks Day is sponsored in partnership with Duluth Parks and Recreation, the Lake Superior Disc Golf Community, Youth Outdoors, and the Minnesota Geocachers Association.

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LESTER PARK:

(61 Lester River Rd) Hiking & geocaching Crafts Picnic

BAYFRONT PARK:

(350 Harbor Dr) Kite flying Bubble makin Picnic

MORGAN PARK: (1242,88th Ave W) Disc golf Picnic

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