

## Calendar of Events

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road, Sioux City, Iowa 51109

Exit 151 I-29, Take State Road 12 north for 4 miles to the Nature Center.

To register for events or for more information call 712-258-0838 Or check our website – [www.woodburyparks.org](http://www.woodburyparks.org)

All events are free of charge unless noted.

**Hours: Tues. – Sat. 9am-4:30pm; Sun. 1-4:30pm. Closed Mondays. Open until 7pm on Thursdays in June and July.**

**Be a Tourist in Your Own Town!** Pick up a Passport at the Nature Center and other local attractions, visit attractions during June and July to stamp your passport and get registered to win some fun prizes!

**Saturday, July 8: *Edible Plants Nature Hike.*** 1:30 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join a Summer Naturalist Intern on a guided hike on the Nature Center's trails and learn about some common wild edible plants. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

**Saturday, July 8: *Reptiles.*** 6:30 p.m. Brown's Lake, 2 miles west of Salix, Iowa. Join a Summer Naturalist at the open play area near the playground to learn about our scaled animals such as turtles and snakes. Free!

**Tuesday, July 11: *Nature Tales,*** 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time at the Nature Playscape, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyia.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyia.gov).

**Thursday, July 13: *Live Animal Lunchtime,*** 4:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Come and watch our live animals eat. Learn about their habitat needs and adaptations. Free! Open until 7pm on Thursdays in July.

**Thursday, July 13: *Campfire and S'Mores,*** 6:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. After viewing the live animals come to the campfire and have a tasty snack. There will be a S'mores Smorgasboard and a chance to hike the trails. Free!

**Thursday, July 20: *Map & Compass.*** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Learn some basic orienteering skills using a map and compass. Bring your own compass if you have one.

**Saturday, July 22: *Nature Journaling.*** 11:30 a.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join Summer Naturalist Intern Katelyn to learn some tips about nature journaling and spend some time journaling on the trails. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

**Saturday, July 22: *Nature Hike.*** 1:30 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join a Summer Naturalist Intern on a guided hike on the Nature Center's trails. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather.

**Saturday, July 22: *All About Birds.*** 6:30 p.m. Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Join a Summer Naturalist at the open shelter by the boat ramp to learn about birds and tips on how to identify them. Bring binoculars if you have them. Free!

**Tuesday, July 25: *Using Essential Oils: Supporting Health & Wellness.*** 7:00 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Learn about the benefits of essential oils and how they can be used in everyday life to help decrease the use of chemicals, detoxify your home and live a healthier lifestyle. Free educational program provided by Brenda Downs of Sioux Center. For more information contact 712-722-0832.

**Thursday, July 27: *Meet the Animals.*** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Stop in to meet our feathered and scaled live animals. This will give you an opportunity to view the salamanders, turtles, snakes and birds of prey up close and personal. Free! Open until 7pm on Thursdays in July.

**Thursday, July 27: *Basic Archery*.** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Learn how to shoot a basic compound bow in this hands-on program. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Meet by the playground area. Free!

**Saturday, July 29: *Canoeing & Water Safety*.** 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Meet at the beach area. Learn about sun and water safety and canoeing basics and then practice your skills on the lake. All equipment provided. This program is free and pre-registration is appreciated by calling 712-258-0838 or [tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**August 2-6: *Come see us at the Woodbury County Fair in Merville*.** We will be in the Varied Industries Building.

**Thursday, August 3: *Reptiles at the Fair*.** 1:00 p.m. Old Town area. Meet some live reptiles up close when you are at the Woodbury County Fair. Free!

**Tuesday, August 8: *Nature Tales*,** 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about frogs & toads. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Thursday, August 10: *Live Animal Lunchtime*,** 4:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Come and watch our live animals eat. Learn about their habitat needs and adaptations. Free!

**Friday, August 11: *Evening Campfire*,** Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 7:00 p.m. Join the Summer Naturalists and celebrate a great summer of activities while we enjoy time around the campfire—complete with S'Mores. Free!

***Loess Hills Heritage Youth Poster Contest for Grades K-12 Opens*.** Download instructions, application and information at <http://www.visitloesshills.org/>. Or call Dawn Snyder at 712-258-0838 or [dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov) for more information. See alternate sites for each county in the Loess Hills at <http://www.visitloesshills.org/>. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top winner in each age category.

**Thursday, August 24: *Sunset Photography*.** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Bring your camera, tripod and shutter release to capture the setting sun. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 20 people. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or [tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Wednesday, September 6: *Akron Farmer's Market Conservation Night*,** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Local conservation organizations will host information booths at the Akron City Park as well as local grown foods.

**Friday, September 8: *Monarch Butterfly Tagging in the Prairie*,** 6:00 p.m. We will search for any migrating monarchs and hope to tag them on their journey to Mexico. Wear sturdy walking shoes and meet at the Talbot Road entrance to the Sioux City Prairie. Free! The prairie is located approximately ½ mile north of the Military Road & Talbot Road intersection in Sioux City. Event is sponsored by The Nature Conservancy in Iowa and Woodbury County Conservation Board.

**Tuesday, September 12: *Nature Tales*,** 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Friday, September 22: *Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls preparation*.**

**September 22: *Loess Hills Heritage Youth Poster Contest applications due*.** 4:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Rd., Sioux City, IA 51109. [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838). Dawn Snyder, [dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov). See alternate sites for each county in the Loess Hills at <http://www.visitloesshills.org/>.

### **Saturday, September 23: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls**

**Saturday, September 23: *Nature Calls***, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Sioux City Convention Center. Fundraiser featuring beer & wine tasting, nature art & charity auction to raise funds for the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Call 712-258-0838 for tickets or purchase online after August 1 at <http://woodburyparks.org/>.

**September 23 – October 1: *Loess Hills and Heritage Week***. Celebrate the Loess Hills! Check online at <http://www.visitloesshills.org/> for a listing of activities found throughout the seven county Loess Hills region in Iowa.

### **Sunday, September 24: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls**

**Sunday, October 1: *Prairie Wildflower Walk***, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Mount Talbot State Preserve, Stone State Park. Celebrate Iowa's Loess Hills and Heritage Week! Join wildflower enthusiast Rich Pope as he leads us on a walk to find fall prairie bloomers and grasses. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather. Meet at the east entrance of Stone State Park to travel north along Talbot Road to Mount Talbot State Preserve. Pre-registration is appreciated. Contact Dawn Snyder with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or [dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**October 2: Loess Hills Heritage Youth Poster Contest Winners Announced.** [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838). Dawn Snyder, [dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:dsnyder@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Tuesday, October 10: *Nature Tales***, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Sunday, October 15: *Sauntering with Jack Phillips/The Naturalist's School***, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. A Saunter is a way of walking in wild places that creates space within ourselves as nature opens before us. A Saunter is for human adults, for the nourishment of body and soul. Our method of sauntering seeks to deepen native intimacy and contemplation of nature. For a contribution of \$20, participants will receive a copy of *A Pocket Guide to Sauntering*, and an afternoon of walking contemplation, writing, and inspiration in the rugged Loess Hills. Wear good boots and bring a notebook. Please register by Monday, October 9th by contacting the center at [712.258.0803](tel:712.258.0803). For more information, contact [jackphillipsrca@gmail.com](mailto:jackphillipsrca@gmail.com) or visit [www.thenaturalistschool.org](http://www.thenaturalistschool.org).

**Saturday, November 4: *Float the Little Sioux River from Walling Access to Little Sioux Park***. Noon – 5:00 p.m. Meet at Walling Access, 1 mile north of Correctionville off Highway 31. Come float with us on this scenic stretch of the river, which takes about 4 hours. Bring your own kayak or canoe, paddles, personal floatation device (PFD) and transportation. Meet at Walling Access at Noon and we will organize a shuttle on site. Pre-registration is appreciated. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or [tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Tuesday, November 14: *Nature Tales***, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**Tuesday, December 12: *Nature Tales***, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).