

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

All events are free of charge unless noted.

Hours: Tues. – Sat. 9am-4:30pm; Sun. 1-4:30pm. Closed Mondays.

Saturday, October 14: Fall Fest, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Come celebrate fall and hike the trails, view the exhibits, and explore the Nature Playscape. There will be a **“Make It—Take It Craft”** and a trail scavenger hunt during this time so come out and enjoy your self-guided experience.

Wednesday, October 25: Regional REAP Assembly, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Correctionville Community Center, 312 Driftwood St., Correctionville. Citizens of Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth and Woodbury Counties are encouraged to attend this public meeting and learn about the benefits of the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program and share their vision for our State and region’s environmental needs.

Thursday, November 2: Bluebirds, 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Spend an evening recapping the 2016 and 2017 Bluebird nesting seasons with Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang. Enjoy stories and insights from the field, photography from inside the nest boxes, nest box building and mounting tips, website resources, and much more. Flammang will share his opinions and real-world application of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s “Nest Watch” app. You will also learn how to utilize this free and simple to use website and portable electronic application for your own backyard citizen science enjoyment. In conjunction with the Loess Hills Audubon Society meeting. All are welcome.

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. Don’t have your own boat? No problem! We will have 10 canoes, life jackets, and paddles available for reservation *for this event only*. Use the following contact information to reserve your canoe. Pre-registration for *all* attendees is appreciated—and necessary if you plan to reserve a canoe. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or tflammang@woodburyparks.org

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 about foxes and coyotes. We’ll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Friday, November 17: Painting with Light Photography, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Ever wondered how names, shapes, and designs are drawn with light in photographs? Well here’s your opportunity to find out! Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang will share tips and insights for creating beautiful and interesting light trail images. Bring your own digital camera, tripod, and trigger release (if available). Digital cameras with a *full manual mode* work best, but any camera will do. Pre-registration for attendees is appreciated. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, November 18: Appalachian Trail Adventures, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Have you read the book or seen the movie *A Walk in the Woods*? Have you ever dreamed of taking a hike? Tim and Christine Case, age 60-something amateur trail hikers, have recently hiked two sections of the Appalachian Trail together. In addition to sharing memorable experiences and photos of breathtaking views, they will discuss why they hiked, how they prepared, and what equipment they carried. Equipment and backpack contents will also be displayed. Weather permitting, “hike your own hike” afterwards on one of the Nature Center’s wonderful trails!

Thursday, November 23: Nature Center closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday, November 24: Nature Center opened shortened hours from 10am - 3pm.

Friday, December 1: *Snowshoe Hike*, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Come enjoy an evening of hiking by starlight through the hills of the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. If snow amounts are greater than 4 inches, we will strap on a pair of snowshoes and hit the trails. If the snow amounts are less than that, we will still go for a hike and take in the sights and sounds of the loess hills after dark. Dress for the weather. Wearing comfortable hiking or snow boots with good ankle support is encouraged. Other items you may wish to bring can include water, a headlamp, and a walking stick or trekking poles. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang to reserve snowshoes and with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, December 9: *Winter Fun Day and Artist Open House*, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join us for a fun day of winter activities. We plan to have recycled materials crafts for you to create for holiday gifts if you choose. We'll also have snowshoeing or hiking and other fun indoor and outdoor activities. Dress appropriately and join us for some family fun! Free! Area artists will also have their artwork on display and available to purchase. For more information or to be a vendor contact us at 712-258-0838. Limited vendor space is available.

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 about Animal Tracks. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Friday, December 15: *Retirement Open House for Director Rick Schneider*, 1 – 4 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Rick Schneider is retiring as Conservation Board Director after serving 42 years. Please attend this open house to greet, thank and wish him well during his retirement.

Thursday, December 21: *Winter Solstice Snowshoe or Hike*, 3:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Take a walk or snowshoe in the woods on the shortest day of the year. If snow amounts are greater than 4 inches, we will strap on a pair of snowshoes and hit the trails. If the snow amounts are less than that, we will still go for a hike to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Dress for the weather and in layers. Wear comfortable hiking or snow boots with good ankle support. Call 712-258-0838 to reserve a pair of snowshoes.

Thursday, December 28: *Survival Shelters*, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Ages 10 & up. Come learn multiple shelter styles and arrangements as well as useful rope and knot combinations. Dress for the weather, as we will be outdoors getting our hands dirty! Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Friday, December 29: *Fire Starters*, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Ages 10 & up. In this thrilling program, you will get the opportunity to try out multiple commercially made and homemade fire starters, using conventional and unconventional ignition methods. There will also be time available to make and take your very own fire starters for home and camping trip use. Pre-registration is required. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

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Saturday, January 20: *Wine Bottle Crafts*, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Ages 12 & up. Join us to create a great recycled décor item, keepsake or memento. You can choose to make a collage on your bottle with a variety of printed materials, paint with chalkboard paint or choose to decorate a bottle with ribbon, burlap or other materials. Bring personal quotes, articles, etc. to personalize your bottle if you would like. If you bring photos, please print digital photos on copy paper. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org. Cost is \$5 per person for materials.