

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.

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 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.

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. Dawn Snyder, 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 at the horse trailer parking lot on Talbot Road to carpool 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.

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

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"** during this time so come out and enjoy your self-guided experience.

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 or visit www.thenaturalistschool.org.

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's environmental needs.

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.

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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.

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