

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. Open until 7pm on Thursdays in June and July.

May 5-7: Camping Kickoff Weekend in Woodbury County Conservation Board Campgrounds. Camp at Snyder Bend Park, Little Sioux Park, Bigelow Park or Southwood Conservation Area this weekend and earn a free camping pass for a night of camping later in the season.

Thursday, May 11: 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!

Saturday, May 20: Honeybees in Iowa, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. The 2017 Iowa Honey Queen, Carly Raye Vannoy, will be sharing about honeybees, honey, beekeeping, and beyond during her presentation. Participants will learn about the superorganism of honeybees, how bees make mummies, the strange use of beehives in medieval Europe, the color of mystery honey, and so much more! Come find out why we want to save the bees, and how we can make that happen!

June 2 - 4: Loess Hills Prairie Seminar. Loess Hills Wildlife Management Area, Northeast of Onawa, Iowa. For more information contact Andrea Porter at Monona County Conservation Board at 712-433-2400 or mcchnat@longlines.com.

Thursday, June 8: 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 June and July.

Friday, June 9: Evening Campfire, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. 7:00 p.m. Join the Summer Naturalists and kick off a great summer of activities while we enjoy time around the campfire—complete with S'Mores. Free!

Saturday, June 10: Iowa Mammals, 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 our native Iowa mammals and how to identify them. Free!

Tuesday, June 13: 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, June 17: Pheasant's Forever Fishing Derby for Youth, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Youth up to age 18 are invited. Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult with a valid fishing license. Youth 16 and up must have a valid fishing license. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the shelter by the beach. Free. For more information and to pre-register contact 712-277-2263.

Saturday, June 17: Digital Photography. 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Bring your own camera and be prepared to go into the field to learn some basic digital photography techniques. Please pre-register. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov.

Saturday, June 17: 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, June 24: 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, June 24: *Camouflage Critters.* 6:30 p.m., Southwood Conservation Area, 1 mile S of Smithland, Iowa. Join a Summer Naturalist at the parking lot near the ponds for a program about animals and camouflage. Free!

Tuesday, June 27: *Riverside Bluffs Hike,* 6:30 p.m., Riverside Bluffs Prairie. Meet at the last parking lot on top of the hill in Kirk Hansen Park, along West 19th Street in Sioux City. Join the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation board members on this hike through this native prairie. We will search the hillsides for blooming prairie plants. Wear sturdy walking shoes. A rain date of June 28 at 6:30 p.m. is scheduled if the hike is canceled due to severe weather. Sponsored by WCCF.

Thursday, June 29: *Make a Paracord Dog Leash—Part One.* 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Create a handmade leash for your best four-legged friend! This is Part One of the two-part course. Cost is \$15.00/leash and all supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 10 participants. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov. Open until 7pm on Thursdays in June and July.

Saturday, July 1: *Play in the Park,* 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Join us for a day of fun at Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. There will be various activities set up throughout the park that may include: archery, water games, hikes and live animal programs. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

Thursday, July 6: *Make a Paracord Dog Leash—Part Two.* 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Create a handmade leash for your best four-legged friend! This is Part Two of the two-part course. Cost is \$15.00/leash and all supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 10 participants. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang if you didn't make it to Part One or with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or tflammang@woodburycountyiowa.gov. Open until 7pm on Thursdays in July.

Saturday, July 8: *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 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@woodburycountyiowa.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 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 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!

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.

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.

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. 3:00 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. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email 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!

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.

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.

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

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.

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.