

## For Immediate Release

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### COUNTY PARKS SET TO OPEN

***Sioux City -- Woodbury County park facilities will open for the 2016 season on Friday, April 29. Campgrounds, restrooms and shelters will all be available for public use beginning on that date. County parks opening on April 29 include Snyder Bend Park and Brown's Lake-Bigelow Park near Salix, Southwood Conservation Area and Fowler Forest Preserve near Smithland, and Little Sioux Park near Correctionville.***

***Cabin facilities at Snyder Bend Park and Little Sioux Park will also be available for rental beginning April 29. Reservations can be made year around by calling the Conservation Board office at 712/258-0838. Two new cabins are under construction at Southwood Conservation Area and should be available for rental later this summer. Beginning January 2017, cabin and enclosed shelter reservations will move to online only at [www.MyCountyParks.com](http://www.MyCountyParks.com).***

***Swimming beaches at Brown's Lake and Little Sioux Park will open for the 2016 season on Saturday May 28 at 11:00 AM. The public is reminded that the beaches are "Swim at Your Own Risk" and lifeguards are not provided. Parents and guardians are strongly advised to watch their children closely while in or near the water.***

***The Conservation Board encourages people to visit the local county parks this year for some great outdoor fun close to home. In addition to the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, the Board manages sixteen areas comprising more than 5,500 acres providing a variety of outdoor activities. For more information regarding***

*county parks, contact the conservation board office at 712/258-0838 or on line at [www.woodburyparks.org](http://www.woodburyparks.org).*

## **CAMPING KICKOFF WEEKEND**

*Sioux City -- Woodbury County Conservation Board will host a Camping Kickoff Weekend May 6-8. Campgrounds participating in the Kickoff Weekend include Southwood Conservation Area near Smithland, Little Sioux Park near Correctionville, and Snyder Bend Park and Brown's Lake-Bigelow Park near Salix.*

*Campers will be required to register and pay the appropriate fees for each night of camping. Registered camping units during the Kickoff Weekend will receive a coupon for one night free camping later during the 2016 season at any of the county's four campgrounds along with other promotional items. Cabins at Little Sioux Park and Snyder Bend Park are not included in the Kickoff Weekend promotion. Camping is available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

*For more information about county parks, contact the Conservation Board office at 712/258-0838 or on line at [www.woodburyparks.org](http://www.woodburyparks.org).*

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