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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR NEW CABINS AT SOUTHWOOD CONSERVATION AREA

Smithland, IA – Woodbury County Conservation Board will celebrate the opening of two new camping cabin units at its Southwood Conservation Area near Smithland on Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 1 – 3 PM. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 1:00 with a brief program followed by public tours of the cabins.

The new rental cabins are located near the campground registration area. The one bedroom housekeeping units feature a fully equipped kitchenette, bathroom with shower, queen bed, bunk beds, queen size sleeper sofa, flat screen television and Blu-ray player. Furniture items were custom created by Loess Hills Custom Woodworks from local red cedar lumber. No two pieces of the rustic furniture are alike, making for a very unique setting. The cabins are partially handicap accessible and include a paved outside space with picnic table and grill along with a covered porch area.

A \$75,000 grant from MRHD helped fund nearly half the construction cost of the project. Remainder of the cost came from the Conservation Board's CIP fund. In keeping with a local flavor, the cabins have been named "Smokey Hollow" and "Stagecoach" after the nearby Smokey Hollow Subwatershed and the Stagecoach Loop of the Loess Hills Scenic Byway.

Rental reservations will begin on Friday, July 15, 2016. Rental rates will be \$65/night Sunday-Thursday and \$80/night Friday/Saturday (weekends) and holidays. The units are heated and cooled and may be available for rent most of the year. Reservations can be made by calling the Conservation Board office at 712-258-0838. All

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cabin and enclosed shelter reservations will switch to online only starting January 1, 2017 through www.MyCountyParks.com website.

If you have any questions, please contact the Southwood Conservation Area office at [\(712\) 889-2215](tel:7128892215) or the Woodbury County Conservation Board office at [\(712\) 258-0838](tel:7122580838).

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