

## 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](http://www.woodburyparks.org)

All events are free of charge unless noted.

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

**Friday, December 1: Evening 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. Join us on a hike and take in the sights and sounds of the loess hills after dark. Dress for the weather. Wearing comfortable hiking 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 with any questions at [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838) or [tflammang@woodburyparks.org](mailto: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@woodburycountyia.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyia.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.

**Sunday, December 24: Nature Center closed.**

**Monday, December 25: Nature Center closed.**

**Tuesday, December 26: Nature Center closed.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:tflammang@woodburyparks.org).

**Monday, January 1: Nature Center closed.**

**Tuesday, January 9: *Nature Tales***, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Snow. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email [tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:tkruid@woodburycountyiowa.gov).

**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](mailto:tkruid@woodburyparks.org). Cost is \$5 per person for materials.