

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.

Recycle Your Christmas Trees! Bring your undecorated tree to the Nature Center after the holidays. We will chip them up for use on our trails. Drop your tree in the lower parking lot. Please no ornaments, lights, stands, wire or bags on the tree. **Last day to bring your tree is Sunday, January 14.**

January 1: Stub Gray Shooting Range Closed until March 1.

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@woodburyparks.org.

Sunday, January 14: Last day to drop off Christmas Trees to recycle. Bring your undecorated tree to the Nature Center after the holidays. We will chip them up for use on our trails. Drop your tree in the lower parking lot. Please no ornaments, lights, stands, wire or bags on the tree.

Thursday, January 18: Snowshoe or Hike, 3:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Take a walk or snowshoe in the woods at the Nature Center. 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. 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. For more information contact dsnyder@woodburyparks.org.

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. Cost is \$5 per person for materials.

Saturday, January 27: Why Fish Bamboo? 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Siouxland Fly Fishing Club meets and guest speaker is Larry Myhre. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, February 3: Saw-whet Owl Adventure, Moorehead Park, Ida Grove, Iowa. Meet at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Ida Grove for this owl-viewing adventure. Our gracious host Don Poggensee will meet us at Moorehead Park and be our guide for the day. These petite owls make their winter home in Moorehead Park, often roosting in evergreen trees. They are typically very cooperative and you are able to view and photograph them at close range. Bring your camera, tripod, binoculars and dress for the weather. This is an outdoor field trip. Please pre-register by calling the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center at 712-258-0838. We have limited space in our vehicles so call to claim your spot. If you prefer to drive on your own also pre-register so we can coordinate times and locations to meet. For more information contact dsnyder@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, February 10: Owls of Iowa, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Come meet Harlan the live Barred Owl and learn about the other owl species found in Iowa.

Tuesday, February 13: Nature Tales, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about owls. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

February 16 – 19: Great Backyard Bird Count. Information found at www.birdcount.org. Count birds at your feeder or in your yard to participate in one of the largest citizen science projects in the world. Go online to report your results.

Saturday, February 17: Camping Knots, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Ages 10 and up. It's better to know a knot and not need it, than to need a knot and not know it. From easily formed getaway knots to tensioning trucker's hitches, adjustable guy lines, hauling loops, simple pulley systems and more, you are guaranteed to leave this program feeling confident and ready to impress your campfire pals with your notable "knottiness." Program is free to attend. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. Contact Resource Naturalist, Tyler Flammang, with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Friday, February 23: Painting With Light, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Ages 18 and up. Ever had your name written in lights? Or wanted to capture fireworks? You'll learn the techniques and gear settings needed in this exciting, hands on program. **Attendees will need to provide their own camera, tripod, and shutter remote (optional). Digital SLRs with a full manual setting or digital cameras with a fireworks scene mode will work best.** Please bring your camera's owner's manual if you have one. Don't have your own gear, but still interested? Come join us anyway! Program is free to attend. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Contact Resource Naturalist, Tyler Flammang, with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, February 24: Woodbury County Pheasants Forever Banquet. Sergeant Bluff Community Center. For ticket information contact Scott Rustwick at 712-277-2263.

March 1: Stub Gray Shooting Range reopens March 1.

Friday, March 2: Full Moon Night Hike, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Take a hike? Don't mind if we do! Dress for the weather by wearing layers and sturdy footwear with good ankle support. We'll be hiking to several overlooks around the center to take in the evening air, the sounds of the forest, and hopefully a 99.9% illuminated moon that floats 229,237 miles away from us! Contact Resource Naturalist, Tyler Flammang, with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Tuesday, March 13: Nature Tales, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about turtles. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, March 17: Backcountry Fire Building Skills, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Ages 10 and up. **Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.** Whether you're into epic through hikes, quick weekend getaways, lazy weeklong campground stays, or relaxing backyard gatherings, knowing how to start a fire with various fuels and ignition sources is always knowledge worth having. Plus, it's just fun to impress your friends! Attendees will have their chance to work with ignition tools such as flint and steel, ferrocerium rods, bow drills, and more. Program is free to attend. Pre-registration is appreciated. Contact Resource Naturalist, Tyler Flammang, with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Thursday, March 22: Volunteer Awards Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Nature Center Volunteers mark your calendar for this date and plan to join us for dinner, conversation and awards. More information to follow.

Wednesday, April 4: Summer Day Camp Early Registration begins for Woodbury County Conservation Foundation Members. For more information contact camps@woodburyparks.org. To become a member go to <http://woodburyparks.org/membership>

Saturday, April 7: *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.

Tuesday, April 10: *Nature Tales*, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about raccoons. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Wednesday, April 13: *Summer Day Camp General Registration OPENS*. For more information contact camps@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, April 28: *Volunteer Work Day*, 9:00 a.m.– Noon, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Help us spruce up the trails, gardens, Nature Playscape and grounds this spring. Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Pre-registration is appreciated so we can plan our volunteer tasks.