

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.

Saturday, April 21: Roadside Cleanup, 10:00 a.m.– Noon, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center lower parking lot. Join the Friends of Stone Park pick up litter along Highway 12. Wear old clothes and sturdy shoes that can get dirty. Bring gloves if you have them. Safety vests and trash bags provided. For more information, call 712-255-4698 or friendsofstonepark@gmail.com.

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.

Monday, May 1: Woodbury County Conservation Board Campgrounds open for the Season. Pressurized water systems, restrooms and park facilities at Snyder Bend Park, Little Sioux Park, Bigelow Park and Southwood Conservation Area will open for the camping season. Camping is first-come, first-served. See more at: <http://woodburyparks.org/camping/>

May 4-6: Camping Kickoff Weekend in Woodbury County Conservation Board Campgrounds. Camp at Snyder Bend Park, Little Sioux Park, Bigelow Park and Southwood Conservation Area this weekend and earn a free camping pass for a night of camping later in the season.

Thursday, May 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!

Saturday, May 12: Wildflower Walk, 10:00 a.m., Fowler Forest Preserve. Celebrate Iowa Wildflower Month by joining us for a walk through this woodland to view the diversity of spring wildflowers. Fowler Forest is located one-half mile west of Smithland, Iowa, on State Highway 141. The event is free and open to the public. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather. Sponsored by Woodbury County Conservation, Loess Hills Wild Ones, and the Iowa Native Plant Society.

June 1-3: Loess Hills Prairie Seminar. Educational field sessions at the Loess Hills Wildlife Area near Turin, Iowa. For more information contact mccbnat@mononacounty.org or 712-433-2400. To register www.loesshillsprairieseminar.com.

Thursday, June 7: 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 8: 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!

Tuesday, June 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@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, June 23: First Day Hike, 10:30 a.m., Stone State Park. Join the Friends of Stone Park for a hike to welcome Summer. Meet at the parking lot at the East entrance of Stone Park off Memorial Drive. For more information, contact the Friends of Stone Park at friendsofstonepark@gmail.com for questions or check their Facebook page for updates.

Wednesday, July 4: *Nature Center Open shortened hours from 10am – 3pm.* Happy Independence Day!

Tuesday, July 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@woodburyparks.org.

Thursday, July 12: *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.

August 1-5: *Come see us at the Woodbury County Fair in Merville.* We will be in the Varied Industries Building.

Thursday, August 9: *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 10: *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!

Tuesday, August 14: *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@woodburyparks.org.

Friday, September 21: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls preparation.

Saturday, September 22: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls

Saturday, September 22: *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/>.

Sunday, September 23: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls