

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. Open until 7pm on Thursdays in June and July.

June 1 – July 31: *Be a Tourist in Your Own Town!* Pick up a Passport at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and then visit other local attractions to collect additional stamps. Get 8 stamps and be eligible to win prizes. This is free and fun for the entire family! More at: <http://visitsiouxcity.org/event/tourist-in-your-own-town/>

Thursday, June 14: *Public Meeting at Brown's Lake*, 6:00 p.m., Bell Memorial Shelter. Learn about the construction project for shoreline enhancements at Brown's Lake.

Friday, June 15: *Reptiles*, 1:00 p.m. Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Learn about these scaled animals and meet a live turtle and snake. Meet at the small open shelter by the boat ramp. Free!

Saturday, June 16: *Pond Life*, 7:00 p.m. Southwood Conservation Area, 1 mile S of Smithland, Iowa. Join the Summer Naturalists to search for aquatic life in the pond. Plan to get wet and muddy. Meet at the last parking lot by the ponds. Free!

Saturday, June 23: *Animal Tracks*, 10:00 a.m., Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Join the Summer Naturalists at the open shelter by the boat ramp to learn about animal tracks and our local mammals. Free!

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.

Saturday, June 23: *Raptors*, 7:00 p.m., Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Learn about birds of prey and view some live raptors up close to witness their amazing adaptations. Meet at the open shelter near the cabins overlooking the river. Free!

Wednesday, June 27: *Riverside Bluffs Prairie Hike*, 6:30 p.m., Riverside Bluffs Prairie. Meet at the last parking lot on top of the hill in Kirk Hansen Park, along West 19th Street in Sioux City. Join the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation (WCCF) board members on this hike through this native prairie. We will search the hillsides for blooming prairie plants. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Sponsored by WCCF.

Friday, June 29: *Kindness Rocks!* 1:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join a naturalist for an afternoon of rock painting. Wear a pair of sturdy walking shoes, hit the trail, and stash one of your creations to inspire kindness to our other hikers! Free!

Friday, June 29: *Guided Nature Hike*, 7:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Come explore the sights and sounds of the Loess Hill's nature guided by a naturalist. Wear a pair of sturdy walking shoes and feel free to bring any binoculars, field guides, or bug spray of your choosing. Free!

Saturday, June 30: *Insect Investigations*, 10:00 a.m. Brown's Lake, 2 miles west of Salix, Iowa. Join the Summer Naturalists at the open play area near the playground to search for insects. We'll use nets and hope to catch a few for closer study. Free!

Tuesday, July 3: *Meet the Animals*, 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Stop in to meet our feathered and scaled live animals. This will give you an opportunity to view the salamanders, turtles, snakes and birds of prey up close and personal. Free!

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

Thursday, July 5: *Canoeing on the Lake*, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Meet near the beach area. Learn about canoeing basics and then practice your skills on the lake. All equipment provided. This program is free and pre-registration is appreciated by calling 712-258-0838 or bmartens@woodburyparks.org.

Friday, July 6: *Raptors*, 10:00 a.m., Brown's Lake, 2 miles west of Salix, Iowa. Learn about birds of prey and view some live raptors up close to witness their amazing adaptations. Meet at the open shelter near the beach. Free!

Saturday, July 7: *Reptiles*, 7:00 p.m. Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Join the Summer Naturalists at the open shelter near the cabins overlooking the river to learn about these scaled animals and meet a live turtle and snake. Free!

Tuesday, July 10: *Nature Tales at the Playscape*, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time featuring *Going on a Bear Hunt*. 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.

Friday, July 13: *Raptors*, 7:00 p.m., Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Learn about birds of prey and view some live raptors up close to witness their amazing adaptations. Meet at the open shelter near the boat ramp. Free!

Friday, July 20: *Critters of the Wetland*, 7:00 p.m. Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Swans, beavers, dragonflies, and more! Learn about life in the wetland. Meet by open shelter near the beach.

Saturday, July 21: *Reptiles*, 7:00 p.m. Brown's Lake, 2 miles west of Salix, Iowa. Join the Summer Naturalists at the open play area near the playground to learn about these scaled animals and meet a live turtle and snake. Free!

Friday, July 27: *Turtles Rock*, 10:00 a.m. Fowler Forest Preserve, half mile west of Smithland, Iowa. Join a naturalist and a few turtle friends in a fun rock painting activity. Learn about turtles of Iowa, meet a live animal, and experience a short hike.

Saturday, July 28: *Owls*, 7:00 p.m., Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Join the Summer Naturalists at the open shelter by the boat ramp to learn all about owls. Free!

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 & Music*, 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. The local band *Central Time* will be present to play some Folk and Bluegrass tunes around the campfire. Free!

Saturday, August 11: *Perseid Meteor Showers*, 9:30 p.m., Southwood Conservation Area, 1 mile S of Smithland, Iowa. Take a walk in the Loess Hills and follow it up with a stop to watch the Perseid meteor showers. Perseid meteor showers occur in August and create what most consider the best and most reliable meteor display for Northern Hemisphere observers. Meet at the far parking lot by the ponds and wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring a blanket to sit on and insect repellent, if desired. 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 about butterflies. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Tuesday, September 11: *Monarch Butterfly Tagging in the Prairie*, 6:00 p.m. We will search for any migrating monarchs and hope to tag them on their journey to Mexico. Wear sturdy walking shoes and meet at the Talbot Road entrance to the Sioux City Prairie. Free! The prairie is located approximately ½ mile north of the Military Road & Talbot Road intersection in Sioux City.

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

Saturday, October 6: *Broken Toe Run*, Stone State Park. Sponsored by Friends of Stone Park. For more information, contact the Friends of Stone Park at friendsofstonepark@gmail.com for questions or check their Facebook page for updates.