

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.

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

Saturday, November 17: *DNA Extraction Activity*, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join Ashley Collins, Western Iowa Coordinator of the Science Booster Clubs today for a fun hands-on activity demonstration. Participants have the opportunity to extract DNA from fruit using simple household ingredients, so you will see and touch DNA! She will be at the Nature Center throughout the afternoon to share this quick and fun demonstration.

Thursday, November 22: *Nature Center Closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday.*

Friday, November 23: *Nature Center is open shortened hours from 10am – 3pm.*

Wednesday, November 28: *A Brief History of the American Parks System*, 6:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join Stone State Park Ranger Jason Dykstra as he shares how early conservationists like John Muir, Stephen Mather and Theodore Roosevelt gave rise to our current parks system and how it led to the creation of Iowa State Parks and Stone State Park.

Tuesday, December 4: *Stone State Park Annual Public Meeting*, 6:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Stone State Park Ranger Jason Dykstra will share a brief history of the park including past and current operations, general funding and budgeting for the park. He will also discuss future goals, the Friends of Stone Park and challenges facing Stone State Park. Join us to learn more and to provide input on the Park.

Saturday, December 8: *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.

Tuesday, December 11: *Nature Tales*, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time about Deer. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Thursday, December 13: *Images Beneath our Feet: Archaeological Discoveries on Highway 20*, 6:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Megan Stroh Messerole, Archaeologist from the Sanford Museum and Planetarium in Cherokee will present about the 2014 archaeological exploration of the project area near Correctionville where U.S. Highway 20 would be expanded. During survey, archaeologists identified two important ceremonial sites that go back more than 1000 years ago. These sites have geoglyphs underneath the top soil. Geoglyphs are large designs formed on or in the ground. The designs that are displayed at these two sites include images of bison, stickmen or dragonflies, turtles, and a thunderbird. These sites are unique because few others have been identified in the Midwest.

Thursday, December 20: *Winter Solstice Snowshoe or Hike*, 3:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Take a walk or snowshoe in the woods on one of the shortest days 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 upcoming 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. Limit numbers are available.

Monday, December 24: *Nature Center Closed in observance of Christmas Eve holiday.*

Tuesday, December 25: *Nature Center Closed in observance of Christmas holiday.*

Tuesday, January 1: *Nature Center Closed in observance of New Year's Day.*

January 3 – April 1: The Nature Center's Heating and Cooling (HVAC) system and is being replaced. There may be limited access to classroom space during this time. Thus, programming and rental space will be limited.

Tuesday, January 8: *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.

Tuesday, February 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.