

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.

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.

February 1-17: *Iowa Junior Duck Stamps Exhibit on display during open hours.*

Sunday, February 10: Woodbury County Conservation Foundation Annual Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Briar Cliff University, Saint Francis Center. The Annual Meeting will be followed by a program on the Raptors of the Midwest by Ty Smedes. **Note venue change.**

Sunday, February 10: Raptors of the Midwest by Ty Smedes, 2:00 p.m., Briar Cliff University, Saint Francis Center. Learn about the hawks, falcons, eagles, owls, and vultures that live in Iowa or migrate through on their way to nesting or wintering areas. Ty Smedes, Wildlife Photographer & author has spent countless hours in the field studying and capturing the natural history of these birds of prey. He will share tips for identifying and locating these fascinating birds. In addition, there will be many colorful photos to help with identification. We will also have a visit from the Nature Center's live birds of prey. This program is free, open to all and part of the Annual Meeting of the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation. For more information dsnyder@woodburyparks.org or 712-258-0838. **Note venue change.** Thanks to Center for Prairie Studies at Briar Cliff University for hosting this event.

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 about turtles. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Wednesday, February 13: Internship Applications Due for Summer Naturalist & Habitat Intern. For more info and application: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/woodburycountyiowa>

Saturday, February 16: Great Backyard Bird Count, 9:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Participate in the Great Back Yard Bird Count. View and count birds at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center bird feeders and learn the basics of birdwatching and attracting birds to your feeders. This program is free of charge and open to the public. Please pre-register. For more information contact the nature center at 712-258-0838 or oparks@woodburyparks.org. For more information pertaining to the Great Backyard Bird Count or to participate on your own please visit <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>.

Saturday, February 23: 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.

Saturday, March 2: Zen in Nature, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. We'll gather early in the morning. We'll sit. We'll walk in the woods (called "kinhin"). We'll do qigong. We'll sit some more. Fabulous way to start the day with a full dose of Zen in nature! No experience required. For more information, contact Dan Pecaut at 712-252-3268 or dpecaut@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 12: Nature Tales, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time on wild cats like bobcats and mountain lions. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Tuesday, April 9: *Nature Tales*, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time on songbirds. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, April 27: *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/>

Saturday, May 11: *Zen in Nature*, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. We'll gather early in the morning. We'll sit. We'll walk in the woods (called "kinhin"). We'll do qigong. We'll sit some more. Fabulous way to start the day with a full dose of Zen in nature! No experience required. For more information, contact Dan Pecaut at 712-252-3268 or dpecaut@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 16: *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 and an invitation will be sent directly to our volunteers.