

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.

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.

Wednesday, March 20: *Spring Equinox Hike*, 3:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Connect with nature on the 2019 spring equinox. Hike the trails at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center on Wednesday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. We will take a guided hike, welcome the coming of spring and explore the nature center trails. We will be spending the entire time outdoors, so make sure to dress for the weather in layers and wear sturdy hiking boots and realize that trails may be icy. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email oparks@woodburyparks.org.

Wednesday, April 3: *Summer Day Camp Early Registration for Woodbury County Conservation Foundation members*. To join: <http://woodburyparks.org/membership/>. For more information contact camps@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.

Wednesday, April 10: *Summer Day Camp General Registration OPENS*. For more information contact camps@woodburyparks.org.

Friday, April 19: *Easter Egg Bird Feeders*, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Celebrate the weekend by creating Easter Egg Suet Bird Feeders. This bird feeder will be great for the many birds that are migrating though Iowa during spring migration and you will get a better chance to see them by hanging these holiday themed feeders from a tree in your backyard. If it is nice enough we may even go on a birding walk and spend the majority of the time outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email oparks@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, April 20: *Roadside Cleanup Friends of Stone Park*, 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.

Monday, April 22: *99 Counties, 99 Parks Media Kickoff*, TBA. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. The State of Iowa Tourism Office and Iowa's County Conservation System are partnering on this great project. Be the first to hear about it, celebrate Earth Day and launch this tribute to our parks.

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.

Sunday, April 28: *Siouxland Earth Day*, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Delta Hotel Convention Center South Sioux City. Speakers and exhibitors, indoor & outdoor activities, food vendors and free admission. Learn about recycling, renewable energy, litter control, sustainable agriculture and natural resources in this fun family event. For more information and to be involved contact Pam Miller at pam.miller@siouxlandethanol.com.

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.

Saturday, May 11: Wildflower Walk, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Fowler Forest Preserve near Smithland, Iowa. Celebrate Iowa Wildflower Month by joining us for a walk through this woodland to view the diversity of spring wildflowers. Wear sturdy walking shoes. The trail is easy and well-maintained, and we will slowly walk up the hill, admiring the blooms along the way. Fowler Forest is located 1/2 mile west of Smithland at 3176 Iowa-141. To view the large number of photos taken at last year's walk, visit the INPS website and go to the photos tab, the 2018 album, and Fowler Forest folder, or copy the following: <http://iowanativeplants.org/photos/picy.php?&f=2018.pc0/Fowler%20Forest%20Preserve%20Wildflower%20Walk%20with%20Wild%20Ones%20group%20-%205-12-2018.pc0> Sponsored by Woodbury County Conservation, Loess Hills Wild Ones, and the Iowa Native Plant Society.

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.

May 31 - June 2: 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 6: 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 7: Evening Campfire & Music, 7:00 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join the Summer Naturalists and kick off a great summer of activities while we enjoy time around the campfire—complete with S'Mores. Local musicians will be present to play some Folk and Bluegrass tunes around the campfire. Free!

June 7-9: Free Fishing Days for Iowa Residents. www.iowadnr.gov/fishing

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Saturday, June 15: Pheasant's Forever Fishing Derby for Youth, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Youth up to age 18 are invited. Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult with a valid fishing license. Youth 16 and up must have a valid fishing license. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the shelter by the beach. Free. For more information and to pre-register contact 712-277-2263.

Tuesday, July 2: Meet the Animals, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. 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!

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