

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.

Dorothy Pecaut Summer Day Camp General Registration is open. For more information contact camps@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.

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/>

May 3-5: 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. Cabin rentals are not included in the promotion.

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. 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

Tuesday, June 11: 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.

Friday, June 14: Canoeing and Kayaking on the Lake, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Meet near the beach area. Learn about canoeing and kayaking 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 tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

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.

Saturday, June 22: Turtles and Kindness Rocks, 10:00 a.m. Brown's Lake, 2 miles west of Salix, 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 then paint your own rock to share and inspire kindness to others. Meet at the small open shelter house. Co-sponsored by Siouxland Rocks. Free!

Saturday, June 29: Fire Building, 7:00 p.m. Snyder Bend Park, 3 miles SW of Salix, Iowa. Learn about fire safety and how to start a fire using flint and steel and Ferro cerium rods. We will then roast some marshmallows to celebrate our accomplishment. **Children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult.** Meet at the open shelter near the boat ramp. Free!

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!

Friday, July 5: Canoeing and Kayaking on the Lake, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. Meet near the beach area. Learn about canoeing and kayaking 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 oparks@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, July 5: Reptiles, 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 learn about these scaled animals and meet a live turtle and snake. Free!

Saturday, July 6: Pond Life, 10:00 a.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!

Tuesday, July 9: Nature Tales, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time, *Going on a Bear Hunt*, at the Nature Playscape. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Thursday, July 11: 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.

Thursday, July 18: *Rush Hour Connect!* 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join us for the Siouxland Chamber Open House to see project updates and learn about upcoming events at the Nature Center.

Friday, July 19: *Kayaking on the Lake*, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Southwood Conservation Area, 1 mile S of Smithland, Iowa. Meet at the parking lot by the ponds. Learn about kayaking 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 tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, July 20: *Owls of Iowa*, 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!

Friday, July 26: *Kayaking on the Lake*, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Brown's Lake, 2 miles west of Salix, Iowa. Meet at the boat ramp. Learn about kayaking 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 tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

July 31- August 4: *Come see us at the Woodbury County Fair in Merville.* We will be in the Varied Industries Building.

Wednesday, July 31: *Bison or Buffalo?* 2:00 p.m., Woodbury County Fairgrounds, Old Town Area. Come learn about prairie history, facts about Bison, and how Native Americans hunted them and used every part of their body.

Friday, August 2: *Reptiles at the Fair.* 2:30 p.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds, Old Town area. Come learn about reptiles and even meet a few snakes and turtles up close.

Thursday, August 8: *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!

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Saturday, September 21: *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/>.

September 21-29: Loess Hills and Heritage Week

Sunday, September 22: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls

Tuesday, October 1: *Siouxland BIG Give*, www.siouxlandbiggive.org. Siouxland Big Give is a 24-hour time of giving where Siouxland area supporters are invited to give back to their favorite local charities and help them earn valuable matching funds. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center is one of the agencies featured in which you can contribute funds. Help us raise funds for some Nature Playscape enhancements & outdoor exhibits!

Saturday, October 5: *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, October 5: *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.

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