

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, October 1: *Siouxland BIG Give*, <http://www.siouxlandbiggive.org/dpnc> 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 our live animal exhibits—the turtles, snakes, fish, hawk and owl!

Tuesday, October 1: *Animal Feeding*, 4:30 -6:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, in celebration of Siouxland Big Give, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center is having the public gather to meet our critters! We will meet the owl, hawk, fish, snakes, turtles, and salamander and watch them enjoy a meal. At this time the public can visit and donate to <http://www.siouxlandbiggive.org/dpnc> to help support the animals. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email oparks@woodburyparks.org.

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.

Tuesday, October 8: *Nature Tales*, 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Pre-schoolers, join us with an adult for this special story time on squirrels. We'll hike too, weather permitting. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or email tkruid@woodburyparks.org.

Sunday, October 6: *Pheasants Forever Youth Day*, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Little Sioux Park, 2 miles SW of Correctionville, Iowa. All youth up to age 18 are welcome to participate in air rifle shoot, .22 rifle shoot and clay pigeon shooting. Lunch provided and there will be a special youth gun raffle. Contact Scott at 712-277-2263 for more details and pre-register at www.woodburycountypf.org. Must provide own shotgun & shells and children over 12 must provide valid hunters safety ID to shoot clay pigeons.

Friday, October 11: *Nature's Fall Fest*, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Come decorate a pumpkin, meet some creepy critters, and go on a self-guided Jack-o-Lantern scavenger hunt on our trails. Participants can also view the exhibits or play at the Nature Playscape. Pumpkin supplies will be limited. FREE!

Thursday, October 24: *Night Hike*, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Take a hike...? Don't mind if we do!! We'll be hiking to several overlooks around the center to take in the evening air, the sounds of the forest, and hopefully spot a critter or two. Dress for the weather by wearing layers and sturdy footwear with good ankle support. Bringing a headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Pre-registration is GREATLY appreciated. Contact Resource Naturalist, Tyler Flammang, with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Friday, October 25: *Ghost Stories Around the Fire*, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Bring your family and friends and enjoy varieties of your favorite kid-friendly ghost stories around the campfire—complete with s'mores. If you have a favorite ghost story you wish to bring to share please send it in and pre-register for your chance to read during the program! This program is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. To pre-register please call 712-258-0838 or email oparks@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, October 26: *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 26: *Making Natural Cordage*, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Being able to manufacture cordage (rope) from natural materials is a skill that every outdoor enthusiast would be wise to understand. Our resource naturalist will share advice on the proper techniques utilized to create strong, long lasting cordage from locally identified materials. There will be both indoor and outdoor classroom time during this program, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Program is designed for ages 10 and up, and youth under 16 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, October 26: *Pumpkin Bird Feeders*, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Gearing up for the Halloween festivities? Come celebrate with us at the nature center with making your own Pumpkin bird feeders. We will be creating pinecone birdfeeders that we will cover with leftover pumpkin “guts” to attract native birds to our backyards. This bird feeder will be great for the many birds that are migrating through Iowa during fall migration and you will get a better chance to see them by hanging these feeders from a tree in your backyard. If weather allows we will also be taking a stroll outdoors to see what birds, we can find that may enjoy our bird feeders. This program is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. To pre-register please call 712-258-0838 or email oparks@woodburyparks.org.

Tuesday, October 29: *Spooky Things with Wings*, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Celebrate Halloween with the nature center this evening where you can meet some of our spooky animals fly at night. We will also be learning about some spooky lore about the animals and be able to meet the famous Barred Owl Harlan. We will be going on an evening hike so please dress ready for the weather with sturdy shoes. This program is free and open to the public. For more information and to pre-register please call 712-258-0838 or email oparks@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, November 2: *Useful Lashings*, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Knowing how to securely fix two or more poles together with just a little rope is a great way to impress family and friends. It’s also a very useful skillset to obtain for any backwoods or backyard building project. There will be both indoor and outdoor classroom time during this program, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Program is designed for ages 10 and up, and youth under 16 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

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Saturday, November 16: *Bow Drill Fire Making*, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Come test your patience during this exciting hands-on program! Program participants will learn how to build their own bow drill kit, how to prepare a proper tinder bundle to receive the ember, and how to fuel that ember into full flame. We will celebrate our success by making S'mores! There will be both indoor and outdoor classroom time during this program, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Program is designed for ages 16 and up ONLY. Pre-registration is required. Contact Resource Naturalist Tyler Flammang with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

Saturday, November 16: *Autumn Trees*, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join us for a fun afternoon to learn about the changes of trees annually during the Autumn. We will go for a nature hike and go on a leaf hunt. After our hike we will use our leaves to create festive autumn leaf bowls. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. Contact Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center any questions at 712-258-0838 or oparks@woodburyparks.org.

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Saturday, November 23: *Let's Talk about Turkeys*, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Do you know what a baby turkey is called? It's almost time to stuff ourselves for Thanksgiving! Join us to learn about the bird that comes to everybody's mind on the holiday! We will talk about Turkeys, do a fun craft, and even go out to see if we can find any turkeys that live here at the nature center. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. Contact Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center any questions at 712-258-0838 or oparks@woodburyparks.org.

Thursday, November 28: *Nature Center Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.*

Friday, November 29: *Nature Center Open shortened hours from 10 am – 3 pm.*

Saturday, November 30: *Thankful Hike Kindness Rocks*, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. After the great holiday, rather than going shopping join us as we paint rocks in the theme of thanksgiving and hike around the nature center trails to place them for others to find. These rocks will be full of kindness and thankfulness and is a great way of spreading holiday cheer. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. Contact Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center any questions at 712-258-0838 or oparks@woodburyparks.org.

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

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Saturday, December 14: *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.

Thursday, December 19: *Night Hike*, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Take a hike...? Don't mind if we do!! We'll be hiking to several overlooks around the center to take in the evening air, the sounds of the forest, and hopefully spot a critter or two. Dress for the weather by wearing layers and sturdy footwear with good ankle support. Bringing a headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Pre-registration is GREATLY appreciated. Contact Resource Naturalist, Tyler Flammang, with any questions at 712-258-0838 or tflammang@woodburyparks.org.

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Wednesday, January 1: *Nature Center Closed for New Year's Day holiday.*