

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.

Thursday, September 12: Monarch Butterfly Tagging in the Prairie, 6:00 p.m. We will search for any migrating monarchs and hope to tag them on their journey to Mexico. Meet at the Talbot Road entrance to the Sioux City Prairie. We will be walking through the tall grass and the terrain is uneven and hilly. Long pants and sturdy walking shoes with a closed toe are recommended. Free! The prairie is located approximately ½ mile north of the Military Road & Talbot Road intersection in Sioux City.

Friday, September 20: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls preparation.

Saturday, September 21: Nature Center Closed for Nature Calls

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, <http://www.siouxlandbiggive.org/Organization-Profile/Dorothy-Pecaut-Nature-Center> 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!

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.

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!

Saturday, October 12: *Wildlife Photography How To Program*, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Local Sioux City Camera Club Members Michael Greiner and Douglas Conrad will present examples of their work and discuss techniques, composition and equipment used in the making of the images. The session will cover a wide variety of bird and animal subjects with the primary emphasis on what can be found right here in our tristate area. The program is geared for beginners (10 year minimum age limit) and advanced photographer alike with ample time for question and answers. So if you have ever been interested in getting into wildlife photography or bringing your skills to the next level this program is for you. Program is Free of Charge; pre-registration is requested. Program will be canceled if fewer than 15 participants register. Contact the nature center to pre-register at 712-258-0838. For more information contact Michael Greiner at mpgreiner@hotmail.com or 712-251-9940.

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.

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, 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.

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

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

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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Tuesday, December 24: *Nature Center Closed for Christmas Eve holiday.*

Wednesday, December 25: *Nature Center Closed for Christmas holiday.*

Tuesday, December 31: *Nature Center Open shortened hours from 10 am – 3 pm.*

Wednesday, January 1: *Nature Center Closed for New Years Day holiday.*