

Dallas County Conservation Board eNews



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Greetings from the Dallas County Conservation Board. This newsletter has been sent to people who have asked to receive it. If you would like to unsubscribe or change your email address, please contact: conservation@dallascountyiowa.gov or call us at 515-465-3577.



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Spring Equinox

Monday, March 20

Hanging Rock Conservation Area– Astronomical Clock

7 - 8 p.m.

Few of Dallas County's residents will recognize that this day is the Spring Equinox. Fewer yet, will stand in a prairie, on a clock built of rocks, and observe the sunset celebrating the turning of the seasons. If you feel the need to slow down the pace of your life and connect the meter of your life not to a piece of machinery but to the celestial waltz of the Earth and Sun, join us. DCCB's astronomical clock which is a reconstruction of the one placed here by First Nation peoples long before Redfield and Hanging Rock were names on the landscape. Join us for a history lesson of time, and a celebration of spring's arrival. **Registration is required for this program.**

Job Opening

Seasonal Maintenance Worker

Dallas County Conservation Board

Description: performs diverse tasks associated with the maintenance of the county's parks, trails, recreation, cultural, historical and wildlife management areas. Position available at Forest Park (Perry, IA area).

Qualifications: Must be 18 years old and have a current Iowa driver's license. Background checks are required. Basic knowledge of equipment, procedures and tasks associated with maintenance of county parks and recreation areas. Students working toward a degree in Natural Resource Management, Parks and Rec., etc. are encouraged to apply.

Salary: \$9.75/hr., 40 hours per week, seasonal summer position (approx. three months).

Background check and drug screening required prior to employment.

To Apply: Visit the following webpage: [Click here for information](#). **Position open until filled.**

Facebook

Join us on Facebook as we post "Trail Tuesday" and "Through Back Thursday" plus updated information on programs! Click [here](#) for more information!

Now is the time to make your cabin, camping, Glissman Lodge and Sportsman Lodge reservations for 2017. Call us at 515.465-3577 for available dates and prices. With the nice weather we are receiving many requests to book cabins and lodges. Book your reservations early by contacting the Dallas County Conservation Board, 515-465-3577.

2017 RRVT Trail Permits

2017 Trail Permits on sale for just \$10 each. Stop in our office, download an order form from our website, pick up a green envelope at any trail head and mail it to us or purchase online. We accept credit cards in our office or online. [Click here for more information!](#)

Winter Hours for Dallas County Parks ~ November 1 – April 30

Please note: Because our first concern for anyone using park roadways is safety, if the snow hasn't been removed, or if the surface is too slick, the gates will remain closed. Normal summer hours and amenities will resume on May 1.

Sportsman Park, Dawson: Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, November 1, to April 30. Camping will be allowed year round as conditions allow. Restroom facilities will remain closed with a portable unit available. The shower house will be closed for the season. Sportsman's Lodge and the all season cabins will be available year round.

Voas Nature Area, Minburn: Open ½ hour before sunrise to 10:00 p.m. daily. The entry gate will remain open, weather and road conditions permitting. Restrooms remain closed November 1 – April 30.

Hanging Rock, Redfield: Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, weather permitting. Public restrooms will be closed. No reservations will be accepted for the shelter, but it will be available for use on a first-come-first serve basis.

Trindle Park, Van Meter: During the months of November - April, the entry gate will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Restrooms will be closed. No reservations will be accepted for the shelter, but it will be available for use on a first-come-first serve basis.

Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham, and other areas: Open ½ hour before sunrise to 10:00 p.m. daily.

Forest Park Museum, Perry will be open M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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For more information, or to register for any of our programs, contact:

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