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Wilderness Trek Orientation Meeting

Kuehn Conservation Area
Thursday, April 6, 2017
7:00 to 8:30 pm
Contact Person: Chris Adkins

All Dallas County high school students with an openness and desire to front the rigors, challenges and rewards of wilderness backpacking travel, exploring the role of nature and wildness in their life are invited to this informational meeting. This orientation meeting is also an opportunity for parents to learn of the Dallas County Conservation's wilderness backpacking trek.

Join us on Thursday, April 6th, from 7 to 8:30 pm, at the Kuehn Conservation area. DCCB has hosted this unique high school environmental education trek for 24 years. Participants need not have prior wilderness experience. Through a series of orientation sessions, DCCB naturalists will teach: basic backpacking skills, "Leave No Trace" camping techniques, compass and map skills, first aid and emergency procedures, the ecology of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness ecosystem and primitive tool use and maintenance. During these sessions, participants will also explore the history of the wilderness concept through the examining of the Wilderness Act legislation and news articles addressing current wilderness issues.

The trek is an 11 day journey to the 4.5 million acre Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness of north-central Idaho. The dates of this year's trek are July 23rd to August 2nd. **Attend the meeting and consider joining DCCB for a walk on the wild side this summer.**

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Join us on Facebook as we post "Trail Tuesday" and "Throw 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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