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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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RRVT WORK UPDATE: Construction work will continue on the trail intersections. It is anticipated that the roads at the intersections may be closed down for road and bike traffic during the construction process. In the event you come upon a construction site please note that a notice has been posted to make you aware of this construction as well as a barricade. We would appreciate it if you would dismount from your bike and walk around the construction site. For more information, contact Dallas County Conservation Board at (515) 465-3577.

NOTT In My County! (Naturalist on the Trail)

Raccoon River Valley Trail & High Trestle Trail

Watch our website and Facebook page for dates and trail sections

Do you know which snake is sunning itself on the warm trail? Which warblers are migrating through our areas? Which flowers are blooming? One day per month (April through October) a Dallas County Naturalist will be on a section of a county recreation trail ready to talk with you about the nature you are seeing as you enjoy our longest park. **No registration is required for this program.**

Monarch Tagging (Nature on Call Programming)

Kuehn Conservation Area and Voas Conservation Area

Weeks of Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25

Upon registering for this program we will obtain your name and contact information so that when the big push of migrating monarchs move south through Dallas County we will be able to invite you to our tagging program. Unlike past years, we will not try to guess at the best date for this natural miracle. Instead, this year we will simply rejoice in the date that the monarch's migration moves through, and contact our registered wild friends to join us at Kuehn or Voas. Past tagging programs have targeted weekday early evening and weekend mornings to connect migrating monarchs and registered taggers. The program will share of the mysteries of this migration and engage you in the tagging research project of the Monarch Watch Project. Net in hand, you will wander the prairies of Kuehn and Voas, capture a monarch, record the field data, tag and release a miracle.

Registration required—To register please call the office—515-465-3577 Nine monarchs tagged by 2016 DCCB taggers were recovered in Mexico this winter!!!

DALLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD HOUSE FOR RENT NEAR PERRY

2 Bedroom/1 Bath, includes garage. Located at Forest Park Museum, very close to Raccoon River Valley Trail. Rent includes snow plowing and yard mowing. Contact Dallas County Conservation Board office @ 515-465-3577.

Make your cabin and camping reservations. Call us at (515) 465-3577 for available dates. Book your reservations by contacting the Dallas County Conservation Board, (515) 465-3577.

RRVT Trail Permits

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!](#)

Facebook

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

Dallas County Parks

Sportsman Park, Dawson: Open 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Reservations will be accepted for the camping, shelters and cabins. Primitive and modern camping also welcome on first come-first served. Concrete restroom and shower facilities. Nice playground and walking trails. Close to Raccoon River Valley Trail and the north Raccoon River.

Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham: Open ½ hour before sunrise until 10:00 p.m. daily. Primitive camping allowed on first come first serve basis. Restroom facilities available.

Voas Nature Area, Minburn: Open ½ hour before sunrise until 10:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities available.

Hanging Rock, Redfield: Open 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities available. Reservations will be accepted for the shelter.

Trindle Park, Van Meter: Open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities available. Reservations will be accepted for the shelters.

MUSEUMS: FREE! No fees to visit!

Forest Park Museum, Perry: Monday-Friday~8am-4:30pm Saturday, Sunday and Holidays~1pm-4:30pm

Voas Rock & Mineral Museum near Minburn: Open selected Sunday afternoons or by appointment.

Grand Army of the Republic, Redfield: Open most Sundays ~ 1pm-4:30pm or by appointment.

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

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