

# Dallas County Conservation Board eNews



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## Discover Dallas County's amazing history

Presented by Darcy Dougherty Maulsby

Forest Park Museum

Sunday, October 29, at 1:30 p.m

No Iowa county has influenced American history more than Dallas County. It propelled Harry Truman to an unlikely victory in the 1948 presidential campaign, following a fiery speech he delivered to 100,000 farmers on a sweltering September day at the National Plowing Match near Dexter. Just 15 years earlier, a shoot-out near Dexfield Park marked the beginning of the end for infamous outlaws Bonnie and Clyde and the notorious Barrow Gang. Dallas County, located just west of Des Moines, has produced several major-league baseball players (among them Bob Feller and Hal Manders), a US congressman (David Young), and Nile Kinnick, the 1939 Heisman Trophy winner and University of Iowa football legend whose grandfather George Clarke, of Adel, served as Iowa's governor from 1913 to 1917. Join Iowa history author and former Granger-area resident Darcy Dougherty Maulsby at Forest Park Museum on Sunday, October 29, at 1:30 p.m., as she shares remarkable stories of Dallas County, which is one of the fastest-growing counties in America and remains a region of opportunity with a rich heritage of small-town living, farming, coal mining, and the immigrant experience.

## Winter Storytelling and Campfire

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>

6:30—7:45 pm

Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham

During the long nights of winter Native People would gather and tell their stories. Inside a warm tipi with just the light of a campfire they would tell of fantastic journeys, cautionary tales and learn how things came to be. This date was chosen because of the full moon. Sun will be setting at 6:54 and moonrise is 7:02. Bring a blanket to sit or for extra warmth. **Registration absolutely required as space is limited.**

**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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