



# Dallas County Conservation Board eNews

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## **DCCB Awarded \$100,000 grant**

The DCCB was the recipient of a \$100,000 Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant. Sixteen Legacy Grants were awarded this year. The donation will help fund the construction of the 9-mile Connector Trail. This new trail segment will run between Perry and Woodward linking the Raccoon River Valley and High Trestle Trails. Trail supporters can find the latest information or donate [online here](#).

## **Thank You**

A big thanks to everyone who voted for the Raccoon River Valley Trail in the Rails-to-Trails Hall of Fame contest last week. Winners will be announced later this summer. Keep sharing your photos of the trail and all of your Dallas County Conservation Board adventures [online](#).

## **Coming Soon: Online Reservations**

Many DCCB properties including the Sportsman Park cabins, lodge, and camping, plus Glissman Lodge and Dayton Stagecoach Inn will be shifting to the My County Parks online reservation system later this month. More details on how to make reservations will be available soon. All questions about the new reservation system should be directed to our office at 515-465-3577.



## **Join Dallas County Conservation Board on Facebook**

Stay up-to-date on programs, events, and news. [Follow](#) along for Museum Monday Trail Tuesday, and Throwback Thursday!

## **Museum Toy and Game Day**

*Monday, July 16, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. @ Forest Park Museum*

Come experience long forgotten board games and toys from the Forest Park Museum Collection. Toys range from cast iron animals to paper dolls and bells and whistles. Outdoor games will also be featured. *Free. No registration required.*

## **Milkweed Mondays**

*Mondays, July 23, 30, & August 6, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. @ Kuehn Conservation Area*

In 2015, DCCB planted nine different kinds of native milkweed plants in a dedicated plot at Kuehn Conservation Area. These plants are hosts for monarch butterfly larvae and many other butterflies, true bugs and beetles. Come learn first-hand about the various varieties and which animals they attract by helping us survey each plant. *Free. No registration required.*

## **Pioneer Day**

*Tuesday, July 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. @ Forest Park Museum*

Mormons are one of the best documented pioneer groups to travel through Dallas County on their way to Utah. Pioneer Day celebrates when Brigham Young first entered the Salt Lake Valley. Bring the family, and a picnic lunch, to Forest Park for an hour of related stories and hands-on activities as you recreate the journey and experiences of these 1850s pioneers. *Pre-registration appreciated.*

## **Conscientious Objectors in WWI**

*Sunday, July 29, 1:30 p.m. @ Forest Park Museum*

Join Forest Park intern and UNI student Sean Riley as he discusses the fascinating history of Conscientious Objectors of Dallas County and the tortures they faced in America's Military Camps during World War I. Sean has a special interest in military history, so you won't want to miss this presentation. *Pre-registration appreciated.*

## **Hunter Education Class**

*Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @ Forest Park Museum - Perry*

This class requires successful completion of the online class section beforehand. More info and the online prerequisite is found here: <https://register-ed.com/events/view/126339>. Please bring the completed certificate with you to this class. Call 515-465-3577 with any questions. *Classroom space is limited. Pre-registration and online prerequisite required.*

## **On Call Programs**

### **Osprey Watch**

*SPECIAL THIS WEEK: Wednesday, July 18, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

*On call, June and July Fridays @ Woodland Hills Elementary, Waukee*

Come experience first-hand a conservation success story; Osprey. Osprey are an eagle-sized, fish-eating bird of prey that vanished from Iowa before European settlement. In 1997 the DNR along with several other conservation partners were able to bring Osprey back to Iowa. There are now 26 nesting pairs including two nests in Dallas County. DCCB will have spotting scopes set up on an active nest just west of Jordan Creek Mall from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. so make it part of your lunch routine!

### **Summer Hours for Dallas County Parks ~ May 1 – October 31**

It's not too late to make your cabin, camping, shelter, Glissman Lodge, Dayton Stagecoach Inn and Sportsman Lodge reservations for 2018. Sportsman Park campground, cabins and lodge are open year-round. Online reservation will launch soon, but for now, call us at 515-465-3577 for available dates and prices or to book your reservations with DCCB.

**Sportsman Park, Dawson:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily. Reservations will be accepted for the camping, shelters and cabins. Primitive and modern camping will be allowed on a first come, first served basis. Restroom facilities will be open

**Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham:** ½ hour before sunrise to 10:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities will be open. Primitive camping allowed on first come first serve basis. Primitive campsite #1 can be reserved.

**Voas Nature Area, Minburn:** ½ hour before sunrise to 10:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities will be open.

**Hanging Rock, Redfield:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities will be open. Reservations will be accepted for the shelter.

**Trindle Park, Van Meter:** 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities will be open. Reservations will be accepted for the shelters.

**MUSEUMS:** FREE! No fees to visit!

**Forest Park Museum, Perry:** Monday-Friday ~8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. & Saturday, Sunday and Holidays ~1p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Snake Feeding 10 a.m. most Mondays at Forest Park Museum

**Voas Rock & Mineral Museum near Minburn:** Open select Sunday afternoons or by appointment anytime.

**Grand Army of the Republic, Redfield:** Open most Sundays ~ 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

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

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