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News & Events

Seasonal Hours for Dallas County Conservation Board

November 1 is the start of seasonal hours for Dallas County Conservation Board. The administrative offices in Perry remain open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. See below for museum, conservation area, park, and nature area hours.

Voas Stewardship Day

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. @ Voas Nature Area

Have you ever asked yourself if there was a good way to help wildlife? Not just temporarily picking up trash but something that had a long lasting impact. Dallas County Conservation Board holds stewardship days throughout the year. One focus for the last few seasons has been clearing oak savanna habitat that has been overgrown at Voas Nature Area. This fall our stewardship day (open to everyone) will expand this work clearing the understory at this site. Summer is hot with mosquitoes and poison ivy. Fall is crisp with fewer bugs and foliage. We will be using handsaws and loppers to clear honeysuckle, dogwood, and small trees. Come help us liberate the smothered oaks. We will have you home before the kickoff of your favorite team.

Preregistration is required for this free program.

2019 Raccoon River Valley Trail Permits Available November 1

Trail permits are required for all Raccoon River Valley Trail users 18 years old and up. Daily permits are \$2.00 (not available online) and yearly permits are \$10.00 (applicable fees may apply) available [online](#), over the phone, or in person at trailheads and the DCCB office. Permits are valid January through December and must be renewed annually. Children under 18 are not required to have a permit. Trail segments in towns may not require a permit.

Hotel Pattee Offers Night Stay to Trail Supporters

Announced at the recent ribbon cutting celebration, the Hotel Pattee has an incredible offer for trail supporters. Inspired by 10-year old Tate Boyd's birthday contribution to the Let's Connect Project, Hotel Pattee is offering a free night stay to trail supporters who make a matching gift of \$350 or more. Donors will also receive a free entry to the 2019 BRR Ride. The Let's Connect Project is funding construction of the High Trestle Trail extension linking to the Raccoon River Valley Trail. The 9-miles of new trail will run between Woodward and Perry. Phase 1 of the project, a 1.5-mile path running east of Perry is now open to trail users. You can make a donation [online](#) at www.letsconnectdallascounty.com or by calling DCCB Offices at 515-465-3577.

Becoming American hosted by Hometown Heritage

thru November 5

Hometown Heritage will host a nine-week public programming series called "Becoming American: A Documentary Film and Discussion Series on Our Immigration Experience" This September 25 – November 5 series will feature documentary film screenings and scholar-led discussions designed to encourage an informed discussion of immigration issues against the backdrop of our immigration history. Complete schedule and more information online at www.hometownheritage.org.

Raccoon River Greenbelt Newsletter Fall 2018

A high resolution copy of the Dallas County Conservation Board 2018 Fall Equinox Raccoon River Greenbelt Newsletter is available on our [homepage](#) (newsletter box is on the right side of the page). Feel free to pass the newsletter along to your friend and family. Print out pages 8 & 9 for the Fall Events Calendar.



Dallas County Conservation Board is on Facebook

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

Seasonal Hours for Dallas County Parks: November 1 – April 30

My County Parks Reservations



Many DCCB properties including the Sportsman Park cabins, lodge, and camping, plus Glissman Lodge and Dayton Stagecoach Inn are now available on the [My County Parks](#) online reservation system. Weekly rentals still require a phone call to our office at 515-465-3577. Sportsman rentals available year-round. Glissman and Dayton are closed in winter, but may be available in November and April weather permitting, call our office at 515-465-3577 for availability.

Sportsman Park, Dawson: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. Campground, cabins and lodge remain open year-round.

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 closed (except in rental cabins).

Dayton Stagecoach Inn: May be available in November and April weather permitting, call our office at 515-465-3577 for availability.

Glissman Lodge: May be available in November and April weather permitting, call our office at 515-465-3577 for availability.

Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham: ½ hour before sunrise to 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities will be open.

Hanging Rock, Redfield: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities closed. Reservations accepted for the shelter.

Trindle Park, Van Meter: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities closed. Reservations accepted for the shelters.

MUSEUMS: FREE! No fees to visit!

Forest Park Museum, Perry: Monday-Friday ~8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Voas Rock & Mineral Museum near Minburn: Open by appointment and during programming including cross-country skiing when it snows.

Grand Army of the Republic, Redfield: Open by appointment.

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

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