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News & Events

Holiday Hours

Dallas County Conservation Board offices will be closed December 24, December 25, and January 1.

Night at the Museum

Friday, December 28, 6:30—8:30 p.m.

@ Forest Park Museum

As 2018 comes to an end, join us for this special hands-on look back at history. The museum buildings will be open, the popcorn will be fresh, and there will be special activities for visitors of all ages. Enjoy this once-a-year opportunity to visit the museums after dark! *Subject to weather cancellation. Free, no registration required.*

Forest Park Museum Exhibits

There are new sights to see and sounds to hear at the Forest Park Museum. Brand new audio displays are being installed highlighting Dallas County inventor Henry Nelson, the Des Moines Valley Rail Road, and family farming. Additionally, the Iowa Association of Naturalists Traveling Tallgrass Prairie Exhibit is now up for viewing. The display showcases the plants and animals of the prairie, along with information on prairies past, present, and future. Interactive displays and touch tables make the Forest Park Museum an experience for the whole family.

2019 Raccoon River Valley Trail Permits Available

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

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.



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!

Pop Up Programs

When it Snows We Ski!

@ Voas Nature Area

Select weekends and school holidays throughout the winter, if there are 4 or more inches of snow on the ground and a naturalist is available, we will host a ski program. We have boots and skis for people with shoe sizes ranging from youth 12—1 on up to adult sizes 10.5 (Rental Fee \$3). The specific dates and times will vary. You can call or email to put your name on a contact list for notification of dates, look for updates on our website and Facebook or contact us on a Friday before a weekend that looks likely. We hope to see you on skis!

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: Will reopen in April weather permitting, call our office at 515-465-3577 for availability.

Glissman Lodge: Will reopen in 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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