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Holiday Hours

Dallas County offices will be closed Friday, April 19. Regular business hours resume Monday.

2020 Adult Wilderness Backpacking Trek:

A Shared Wild Story

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Kuehn Conservation Area

This program is the first call to the adults that have viewed the images of 20+ years of Dallas County high school students trekking the wilds of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and reflected, *hey, I would love to do that!* Now it's your turn. The summer of 2020 will be DCCB's 3rd Adult Wilderness Backpacking Trek. At this introductory program, participants from the 2011 and 2015 treks will share their stories detailing their wild adventures. DCCB is encouraging you to picture yourself WILD in the summer of 2020. The goals of DCCB's 2020 trek are to engage participants in an exploration of a definition of wilderness. To then examine the role of, and need for wilderness in their lives. Participants will then be guided through a series of workshops that will provide them with a skill set in wilderness backpacking, setting them up for an 11 day trek in the summer of 2020, where they will travel with DCCB to north-central Idaho, for a personal pilgrimage into the largest tract of Wilderness in the lower 48. Entertain the idea of striking out on a Wilderness trail with DCCB, on a pilgrimage that will forever change your life.

Coming Soon to a Nature Area Near You: Selfie Stations

Look for new Selfie Stations to many of Iowa's most iconic nature areas including at Dallas County Conservation Board properties. Snap a photo and share it on our Facebook and Instagram pages. #DCCB #ThisIsIowa #MyCountyParks

Lifelong Learners at the Library: Glamping

Monday, April 29, 9:00 a.m.

@ Perry Public Library

Dallas County Conservation Board will be presenting for the Perry Lifelong Learners at the Library program. Discover glamping ground options locally and within the region. Learn about glamping equipment and gear. Engage in a Q&A session with other campers. Sample Dutch oven cooking. Tour a luxury motor home courtesy of McKee RV. Everyone is invited to attend this free event.

Animal Feedings

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. @ Forest Park Museum

Free. No registration required.

Join us for a chance to see our snake collection eat their tasty weekly meal and learn about the other Dallas County critters in our live collection. These underappreciated critters play important roles in our ecosystems and have some "superpowers" to share.

Dallas County Big Year Birding Challenge

Staff and participants are tallying all of the birds seen during programs this year. The current count stands at 40 species. Watch for updates on Facebook and the DCCB webpage, or join us on a program and help add to the list.

My County Parks Reservations



Now is the time to start planning and booking your summer rentals. Many DCCB properties including the Sportsman Park cabins, lodge, and camping, plus Glissman Lodge and Dayton Stagecoach Inn are 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 starting in April weather permitting, call our office to check availability.

Dallas County Conservation Board is on Facebook



Stay up-to-date on programs, events, and news. [Follow](#) along for fun photos, throwback memories, and current conditions. Watch the seasons change throughout all of the Dallas County Conservation Board sites.

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

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.

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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