



# Dallas County Conservation Board eNews

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## [News & Events \(more details on the DCCB webpage\)](#)

### 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.

### 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 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.

### Nature Play Day

Saturday May 4, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

@ Voas Nature Area

Free, no registration required.

Ready to get wet and muddy? This nature play day is all about exploring the wetlands, catching frogs, looking for worms and making mud pies. Wear your oldest clothes, old shoes that tie, and bring a towel and change of clothes.

### Spring River Paddling & Birding Float

Raccoon River: Redfield Dam to Pleasant Valley

Saturday, May 4, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Registration is required for this program.

Kickoff your spring paddling season with DCCB. Our floats strive to introduce you to the waters of the three Raccoon Rivers that traverse our county and to introduce you to a new contact point in the wilds of Dallas County. The wild contact will be the BIRDS as we link this float with the Big Year Birding Challenge. Our river corridors represent some of the best wild habitat remaining. These linear stretches of wildness are home to a wide array of feathered wildness. The spring migration of warblers should be at peak, mixed in with the more common local bird species. This avian diversity will make this float a wild contact for both the paddler new to ornithology and the veteran birder. Share a float and connect to the feathered wilds of our place.

### 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 #99Parks

### 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.

### 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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