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DCCB Selfie Stations

Look for new Selfie Stations at many of Iowa's most iconic nature areas including along the Raccoon River Valley Trail near Forest Park Museum and at Hanging Rock near Redfield. Snap a photo and share it on our Facebook and Instagram pages. #DCCB #ThisIsIowa #MyCountyParks #99Parks #DCCB #DallasCCB

Healing of the Mounds

Saturday, June 15, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Kuehn Conservation Area

Registration is required for this program.

Sacred sites, burial mounds, of the First Nations Peoples, known as the Woodland Culture by archaeologists, are found on the south river ridge, above the Raccoon River, at Kuehn Conservation Area. These mounds tell a story not only of Kuehn's First Peoples, but also of the European cultures that later came to occupy this river valley. Join us for this event to come to understand the stories of these mounds and also participate in the healing of these mounds. The mounds' story will first be told by archaeologists from the State Office of Archaeology. Learn from these scientists, what their research has revealed about these First Peoples of Kuehn. Once you know the science of the Woodland Culture, you're invited to learn Kuehn's history through the stories told by the present day Native American community, whose ancestors were the mound builders. Finally, participants will be invited to share in a ceremony by the First Nations People to repair physical damage that desecrated these sacred sites, healing these mounds. DCCB invites you to step inside the stories at Kuehn, and experience the memory of this land.

Solstice, Stars, and Sleepout!

Friday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.—Saturday, June 22, 8:00 a.m.

Hanging Rock Park, Redfield

Join us for a night to remember as we combine all the best in this summertime special.

Pre-registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come for any part or the entire program. Program is weather dependent. Participants are responsible for providing their own tents, camping gear and food.

Schedule: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. We'll create our camp. Bring your tents and gear and set up in a special area. (Tent camping ONLY allowed this one night ONLY.)

Then, join a group to watch the solstice sunset at the hilltop rock clock, then hike down to the river, looking for fireflies and bats, listening for owls and so much more. Bring a blanket to lay on and head out to the open field for stargazing – the moon won't rise until after 11!

4:30 a.m. – Get up early to watch the solstice sunrise at the rock clock on top of the hill before breaking camp and going home for breakfast.

8:00 a.m. – Camp sites must be taken down and packed.

70th Anniversary– Sand County Almanac / Leopold Series Plant Birthdays– Buffalo Wallows Re-Story-A-Tion Project

Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Kuehn Conservation Area

Continuing DCCB's series of programs celebrating the 70th anniversary of Leopold's– A Sand County Almanac, we invite you to help us in an ecosystem restoration, better put– Re-Story-A-Tion, project. Join us to reflect on Leopold's June and July *Almanac* essays, and to become part of the Buffalo Wallows Project. The Buffalo Wallows Project is an effort to re-wild the prairies around the arena at Kuehn. These prairies represent a mid-1980s restoration effort. Much has been learned in the ensuing 40 years. Your participation in this project will put you on the frontline of prairie ecosystem restoration as we attempt to inject a number of prairie forbs, flowering plants, species into our 80s prairie. If being part of a re-wilding effort, by personally putting young prairie forb plants into the soil sounds like fun, then join us as we Re-Story the prairie at Kuehn.

Animal Feedings

Most Mondays, 10:00 a.m.

Forest Park Museum

Free but call ahead to confirm

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 well over 100 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 & Instagram



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.

My County Parks Reservations



Summer availability is becoming more limited, but a few weekends are still open for tent sites, cabins, and lodges. Fall booking are open now, too. Many CCB sites 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 through November weather permitting, call our office to check availability.

Seasonal Hours for Dallas County Parks: May 1 – October 31

Online Reservations: www.mycountyparks.com

Sportsman Park, Dawson: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily. Reservations for campground, cabins and lodge. Primitive and modern camping allowed on a first come, first served basis.

Dayton Stagecoach Inn: A restored historic 1868 lodge available as a secluded rental house south of Bouton. Check availability online at [My County Parks](#).

Glissman Lodge: Southwest of Adel, this rental can sleep 8. Enjoy views from the porch and fishing in the pond. Check availability online at [My County Parks](#)

Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham: ½ hour before sunrise to 10:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities 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 open.

Hanging Rock, Redfield: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily. Reservations accepted for the shelter.

Trindle Park, Van Meter: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily. Reservations accepted for the shelter.

MUSEUMS: FREE! No fees to visit!

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