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Hip, Hip, Hooray!

Saturday, October 26, 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

@ Forest Park Museum

Pre-registration is required for this free program.

Hip, hip, Hooray! This year was great for our roses at Forest Park Museum. Rose seed pods, called hips, are full of vitamin C and natural beauty. Join our rose hip harvest and learn how to start roses from seed, make rose hip tea, and create some lovely natural seasonal decorations.

Voas Stewardship Day

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

@ Voas Nature Area

Preregistration is required for this free program.

Have you ever asked yourself if there was a good way you could help wildlife? For the last 4 summers DCCB has invited 14 volunteers between the ages of 10 and 14 years of age to help clear an oak-savanna area that has been overgrown. Last year we invited the public to help continue to clear the understory at this site. It was a huge success. We have had many adults who missed the event ask if we would be doing this again. The answer is yes! Summer is hot with mosquitos and poison ivy. Fall is crisp with no bugs or foliage. We will be using hand saws and loppers to clear honeysuckle, dogwood and small trees. Come help us liberate these smothered “wolf” oaks. We will have you home before the kickoff of your favorite team.

Dallas County Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 21

Preregistration is required for this free program.

Come join DCCB and Raccoon River Watershed Association for a day of birding with a purpose. Each year local bird clubs gather around the Christmas holiday to take a “snapshot” of what birds are in their area. This information is sent to the National Audubon Society which looks at the long term health of bird populations over the last 100 years. Participants are divided into groups, each with an experienced birder in a different location in the county. We usually hike in the morning and drive the area in the afternoon. It does not matter if you are a beginning or experienced birder, the day is filled with beauty and opportunities for learning. This day could help push the Dallas County Big Year to over 150 species of birds!

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 Conservation Board is on Facebook & Instagram



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My County Parks Reservations



A few weekends are still open for tent sites, cabins, and lodges. Fall booking is open now, too. Many Dallas 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 ~1:00 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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