



Dallas County Conservation Board eNews

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News & Events

Job Posting: Dallas County Conservation Board Natural Resources Technician

Under general supervision, assists Natural Resource Manager or other supervisors as assigned with diverse tasks associated with the development and maintenance of the Dallas County trail system, parks and recreation areas; operates construction and maintenance equipment including but not limited to tractors, skid steers, trencher, stump remover, backhoe, etc; performs allied duties and other assigned general park construction, maintenance, and repair work including but not limited to plumbing, carpentry, flatwork, facility and grounds maintenance tasks. Position located at Forest Park Museum, Perry, IA. Posting closes March 25, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. [Applications available on the Dallas County Human Resources page.](#)

COVID-19 Impacts on Dallas County Conservation Board

The Dallas County Conservation Board is canceling all public and school programming until further notice as a response to the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, all DCCB buildings and restrooms will be closed to public access effective now through July 1, 2020, or until further notice.

Outdoor spaces including conservation and natural area properties and the Raccoon River Valley Trail and portions of the High Trestle Trail in Dallas County REMAIN OPEN for day use at this time, however visitors are encouraged to not congregate in any location. Respect social distancing guidelines even when outside.

All rentals also suspended for now. Facility reservations have been temporarily placed on hold. Conservation Board staff will reach out directly to those with reservations through the end of June, and renters will have the option of a full refund or to take a raincheck on a future rental. Camping is still permitted in designated locations at Kuehn Conservation Area and Sportsman Park, but no restroom or shower facilities will be available for use.

It is the intent of the DCCB staff to maintain daily operations including answering phones, conducting department business, and keeping up on facility, grounds, and vehicle maintenance projects.

“The department continues to reevaluate this dynamic situation,” says Conservation Board director Mike Wallace, “but we remain committed to our organization’s mission. We will lift these temporary restrictions as soon as we safely can.”

The Dallas County Conservation Board made these decisions with the best interest of public and staff safety and to do its part to slow the spread of COVID-19 through our community. These measures align with ongoing discussions and information from the Dallas County Board Supervisors and Public Health.

The Dallas County Conservation Board will continue to assess the situation and adjust as necessary. For more information please contact the Dallas County Conservation Board office at 515-465-3577 or conservation@dallascountyiowa.gov.

Sponsoring Leopold Benches with Quotes

As a part of the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Aldo Leopold's "A Sand County Almanac" Eagle Scout Josh Nelson constructed a number of Leopold style benches. These will be available for sponsorship at the \$40 level. Leopold quotes can be inscribed in the benches. A list of quotes can be found on the DCCB webpage (News and Events Tab), or you can supply your own quote conservation quote from Leopold.

Raccoon River Valley Trail Maintenance

Starting March 16th, contractors will be conducting overlay/bridge repair projects between Adel and Redfield. “In order to maintain our world-class trails, occasional maintenance must be done,” said Mike Wallace, Dallas County Conservation Board director. While contractors will work to minimize the duration of trail closures, at times segments of the 10-mile section between Adel and Redfield will be temporarily closed. No detour routes are available. When possible, trail closures will be identified at impacted trailhead parking lots and posted online on the Raccoon River Valley Trail Association and Dallas County Conservation Board Facebook pages. “The safety of trail users is our highest priority,” director Wallace continued. “Even with the necessary trail closures, Dallas County offers up dozens of miles of paved path along the north loop of the Raccoon River Valley Trail and High Trestle Trail.” Trail repairs are estimated to take place at least through midsummer.

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COVID-19 Altered Hours for Dallas County Parks:

My County Parks Reservations



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Online Reservations (closed through July 1, 2020): www.mycountyparks.com

Sportsman Park, Near Dawson. Park open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. Cabins and lodge closed until further notice. Primitive and modern camping will be allowed on a first come first served basis. Restrooms closed.

Dayton Stagecoach Inn, A restored historic 1868 lodge available as a secluded rental house south of Bouton. Closed to public until further notice.

Glissman Lodge: Southwest of Adel, this rental can sleep 8. Lodge is closed to public until further notice. Conservation Area remains open to walk-in day use visitation.

Kuehn Conservation Area, Earlham: ½ hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities closed. Primitive camping on first come first serve basis.

Voas Nature Area, Minburn: ½ hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m. daily. Restroom facilities closed.

Hanging Rock, Redfield: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.

Trindle Park, Van Meter: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.

MUSEUMS: FREE! No fees to visit!

Forest Park Museum, Perry: Closed to public until further notice.

Voas Rock & Mineral Museum near Minburn: Closed to public until further notice.

Grand Army of the Republic, Redfield: Closed to public until further notice.

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