

Webster County Conservation 2010 Public Outdoor Events

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**All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

Enjoy winter's crisp air and great way to exercise in Iowa's outdoor parks. Equipment use is free.

Jan. 9 9 am—Noon Kennedy Park

Jan. 16 9—11 am Dolliver Park

Jan. 30 9 am—Noon Kennedy

Feb. 13 9 am—Noon Kennedy

Feb. 20 9—11 am Dolliver

1—3 pm Kennedy

Feb. 27 7—9 pm Dolliver



Jan. 30 Ice Fishing Tournament

9 am—Noon Badger Lake, Kennedy Park
Register at the door for a morning of outdoor winter fun.
\$10—ages 16 & up; \$5—ages 15 & under. Cash prizes.

Feb. 27 Full Moon Hike/Owl Prowl



6:00 pm at Dolliver Park south lodge
Walk in the dark and listen for the sounds of the night. After calling in owls, enjoy an evening of moonlight skiing in the river valley.

Feb. 22, 23, 25 Hunter Safety

5—8:30 pm at Kennedy Park
Pre-registration in person at Keith's Outdoors, Fort Dodge.

Feb. 28 Afternoon with the Whitetail

1—3 pm at ICCC — Career Ed. Bldg.
Sports Show admission is \$5; measuring is free. Bring your racks and pheasant rooster tails to be measured.

March 20 Nest Box Building



9:00 am at Kennedy Park shelter
Pre-registration required. Bring a hammer. Call for list of choices and costs.

March 20 Maple Syrup Festival



1:00 pm at Kennedy Park shelter
Enjoy the sweet, simmering smell and taste of homemade maple syrup. Bring the family for hands-on fun.

April 17 Earth Day C.I.T.O.

1--4 pm meet at Brushy's Prairie Center
Cache In Trash Out is a way of finding "treasures" using GPS units and taking out the trash as you go. Kids can find Easter eggs or other special surprises. Some GPSs will be available to use. Wear old shoes and work gloves.

May 4 Wildflower Hike



6 pm at Dolliver Park
Meet the naturalist at playground bridge for an interpretive hike through the Des Moines River valley. Enjoy spring!!

May 22 Fishing Derby



10 am—Noon at Brushy
Creek fish pier
For beginners with a parent. Meet at fish pier point. Equipment, bait, and lunch provided.

May 13 Plant Some Shade



Time TBA at Kennedy Park
Pick up day for pre-ordered trees for Mid-American Energy customers. See www.midamericanenergy.com Click Energy Efficiency, then type in Plant Some Shade.

June 17 Canoe School



6 — 9 pm at Kennedy Park
Join certified instructor, Clark Fletcher, in a course on canoeing basics. Bring a water bottle. Cost TBA.

June 5 & 6 Archery Shoot

8 am—3 pm at Kennedy Park
Join the Webster Co. Bowhunters & Archery Assoc. for 3-D marksmanship on the Badger Lake Trail. \$10/shooter.

June 12 Women in the Outdoors

8 am—4:30 pm at Brushy Creek
For women wanting to learn outdoor skills. Fee covers meals, drinks, & supplies. Cost is \$ 30



June 20 Paddle with Papa

10:00 am route to be determined
Call for reservations. Make a Father's Day memory with dad, grandpa, big brother as we paddle Iowa's waters. Bring a drink and lunch.



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July 3 Prairie Hike



9:00 am Brushy Creek

Meet at Root Cellar Prairie and join prairie biologist, Bill Johnson, for a bit of prairie history and plant ID.

July 16 & 17 Christmas in July

at Kennedy Park campground

July 19, 20, 22 Hunter Safety



5:30–9 pm at Kennedy Park's Heun shelter

Pre-registration in person at Keith's Outdoors, Fort Dodge.

July 30 & 31 Dragon Boat Bash

8 am–3 pm at Badger Lake, Kennedy Park

"Awaken the Dragon" with Daybreak Rotary at the annual Dragon Boat Bash. *Schedule TBA*

August 14 Carp Fishing Tourney

8 am–Noon at Kennedy Park

Help improve fishing Badger Lake. Carp only will be weighed for cash prizes and door prizes.



August 21 & 22 3-D Archery Shoot

8 am–3 pm at Kennedy Park

Join the Webster Co. Bowhunters & Archery Assoc. for 3-D marksmanship on the Badger Lake Trail. \$10 / shooter

August 28 River Clean-up

9:00 am meeting place TBA

Paddle the river with other outdoor enthusiasts and stewards of the land as we pull trash from the river.



Sept. 18 Adventure Race



8:00 am Fort Dodge area

Join a friendly "eco-challenge" as participants bike to Kennedy Park, run and kayak around Badger Lake.

Sept. 25 & 26 3-D Archery Shoot

8 am–3 pm at Kennedy Park

Join the Webster Co. Bowhunters & Archery Assoc. for 3-D marksmanship on the Badger Lake Trail. \$10 / shooter

Oct. 9 Halloween for campers

at Kennedy Park campground

Oct. 15 Campground closes

at Kennedy Park



Oct. 23 Autumn Night Hike

7–8:30 pm at Kennedy Park's Heun shelter

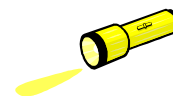


Hike on a flat hard-surfaced trail stopping along the way to see a skit and learn something about nature. Family oriented, entertaining, and educational—but NOT scary.

Nov. 6 Skillet Creek Night Hike

6:00 pm Skillet Creek Indian Mounds

The wonders of an ancient burial site and the excitement of walking in the dark make for an interesting evening.



Nov. 7 Friends Banquet

5:00 pm at Kennedy Park's Heun shelter

Enjoy the friendship and similar concerns for the environment at the annual banquet for the Friends of Webster County Conservation.

Nov. 13 Night Hike / Owl Prowl

7 pm
Explore



at Dolliver Park, south lodge
the darkness and listen for owls.

Dec. 11-19 Lights At Kennedy



at Kennedy Park campground

Drive thru the Kennedy Park campground and enjoy Sertoma-sponsored lighting displays.

Dec. 11 Winter Festival

5–8 pm at Kennedy Park's Heun shelter

Ski, snowshoe, ice skate, play broomball, sculpt snow creatures, sled, ride a hayrack to the light displays in the campground and play other snow games. This event is geared for all ages and lots of family fun.

