

Webster County Conservation 2011 Public Outdoor Events

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****All programs are free unless otherwise noted.**

Please bring a reusable water bottle to programs and outdoor events so we can do our part to cut down on the plastic waste stream. Let's all make it a habit!

Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

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

Jan. 8 9 am—Noon Kennedy Park

Jan. 19 7—9 pm Dolliver Park

Jan. 22 2—4 pm Dolliver Park

Feb. 12 9 am—Noon Kennedy Park

Feb. 19 9—11 am Dolliver Park

Jan. 19 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.

Jan. 22 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. 7, 8, 9 Hunter Safety

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

April 1 Habitat Workshop

9:00 am—4:00 pm at ISU Extension office, FD
Pre-registration requested. Cost is \$10 (includes meal).
Land improvements, wildlife diversity, native vs invasive plant species, timber management, burning, etc.

April 9 Spring Park Festival

(Earth Day Celeb.)

7—9 am	Waterfowl Watching	at Miller Marsh
10—Noon	Garlic Mustard Pulling	at Brushy Creek
9—Noon	Cache In Trash Out	at Brushy Creek
3—4 pm	Nest Box Building	at Kennedy Park
5—7 pm	Maple Syrup Festival	at Kennedy Park
7:30 pm	Prairie Night Burn	at Kennedy Park

Dress for day-long exploration and hands-on activities.
This day is family-oriented fun for all ages. Free will donation taken for pancake meal at the maple syrup festival.

April 15 Campground OPENS

May 7 Duane Bill's Fishing Derby

1:00—4:00 pm Badger Lake at Kennedy Park
Bring the family for fishing fun and prizes. Fisheries biologist will have live fish for identification.

May 14 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.

Master Conservationist Program

May 31 June 14 & 28 July 12 & 26,

Aug. 9 & 23 Sept. 6 & 20 Oct. 4

5:45 — 9:15 pm each evening

Join others in a class through the seasons to learn for a variety of experts on topics such as wildlife, diversity, woodlands, prairies, waste mgt, energy, sustainable ag.

May 19 Plant Some Shade

Time TBA at Kennedy Park
Pick up day for pre-ordered trees for Mid-American Energy customers. See www.midamericanenergy.com

June 4 & 5 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 11 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 18 Paddling Class

9 am-noon 1-4pm at Kennedy Park
Join certified instructor, Clark Fletcher, in a course on canoeing basics. Bring a water bottle. Cost TBA.

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June 19 Paddle with Papa

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

June 25 River Clean-up

8:00 am *route to be determined*
Get your friends together, make up a team of 2 or more, and find a sponsor. Register at the FDPR website for some dirty fun in the sun cleaning the Des Moines River.

July 2 Prairie Hike

10:00 am Brushy Creek
Meet at Root Cellar Prairie and join prairie biologist, Bill Johnson, for a bit of prairie history and plant ID.

July 9 River Clean-up (raindate)

July 30 Summer Park Festival

All Day Activities throughout county

Aug. 15, 16, 18 Hunter Safety

5:30—9 pm at Kennedy Park's Heun shelter
Pre-registration in person at Keith's Outdoors, Fort Dodge.

August 20 & 21 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

Aug. 26, 27, 28 Dragon Boat Bash

Time TBA at Badger Lake, Kennedy Park
Sponsored by Daybreak Rotary.

August 27 Butterfly Tagging

1:00 pm at Brushy Creek PRC
Join wildlife biologists for an afternoon of fun tagging monarch butterflies and learning about winged beauties.

Sept. 17 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. 24 & 25 3-D Archery Shoot

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

Oct. 11 Owl Prowl

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

Oct. 15 Fall Park Festival

All Day Activities throughout county

Oct. 15 Campground closes

at Kennedy Park

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.

Oct. 20 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. 10 Skillet Creek Night Hike

7 pm at Skillet Creek Indian Mounds, Dayton
Explore the darkness.

Dec. TBA Lights At Kennedy

at Kennedy Park campground
Drive thru the Kennedy Park campground and enjoy Ser-toma-sponsored lighting displays.

Watch for in Winter 2011-12:

- Cross country skiing outings
- Winter Festival