

# Webster County Conservation 2012 Public Outdoor Events

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**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

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

Jan. 28 9 – 11 am Dolliver Park  
Feb. 4 9 – 11 am Dolliver Park  
Feb. 11 9 – 11 am Brushy Creek

## Evening Skiing & Snowshoeing

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

5–7 pm Kennedy Park Reception Center  
On Tuesday evenings, wind down from work, bring family or friends, enjoy Iowa winter, and ski into the twilight sky around Kennedy Park.

### Cross County Ski & Snowshoe Rental (summarized)

Cross-country skis sets or snowshoes may be rented and used throughout the county at your leisure. Equipment must be picked up by 4:00 pm Friday and returned to the Kennedy Park Reception Center office by 4:00 pm Monday. For Sat. ski dates listed above, equipment may be rented immediately following.

**Rental fees**, paid at the time of check-out, are as follows:

Kids under 18 with a parent **FREE**  
ski pkg (skis, boots, poles) / snowshoes **\$10/weekend**

A **deposit of \$100 per set** of skis or snowshoes must also be paid at the time of reservation. It will be refunded when the gear is returned promptly & without damage. A damage fee may be assessed.

## Feb. 27, 28, Mar. 1 Hunter Safety

5:30 – 9 pm Kennedy Park Heun shelter  
Register online at [www.iowadnr.gov/training](http://www.iowadnr.gov/training); then stop at Keith's Outdoors in Fort Dodge to get the HS manual.

## March 17 Bald Eagle Workshop

10:00 – 4:30 Kennedy Park Heun shelter  
Help the DNR Wildlife Diversity Program with documenting eagle nests. \$10 reg. fee covers materials, meal, etc.

## March 17 Geo-cache Hide & Seek

5:30 – 7:30 pm Kennedy Park Heun shelter  
Learn how to geo-cache and enjoy a new outdoor activity. We'll provide the GPS units or bring your own.

## March 24 Trout Stocking / Clinic

1–3:00 pm Moorland Pond  
Join the DNR and WCC staff for an afternoon of catching tagged fish and winning prizes.

## March 31 Hy-Vee Half Marathon

FD to Kennedy Park

Challenge yourself to a half marathon from FD to Kennedy Park or run a 5K at the park. Kids activities will be provided at the park also.

## April 14 Spring Park Festival

*(Earth Day Celeb.)*

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 & hands-on activities. Family-oriented fun. Free will donation for pancake meal.

## April 15 Campground OPENS

## May 4 Night Paddling

8:30 pm Brushy Creek, south boat ramp  
Canoes with lights will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Lights required on vessels you bring.

## May 12 Duane Bills Fishing Derby

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

## May 17 ? Plant Some Shade

Time TBA Kennedy Park  
Pick up day for pre-ordered trees for Mid-American Energy customers. See [www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com)

## June 2 Fishing Derby

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

## June 2 Night Paddling

9:00 pm Brushy Creek, south boat ramp  
Canoes with lights will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Lights required on vessels you bring.

## June 2 & 3 Archery Shoot

8 am – 3 pm Kennedy Park  
Join the Webster Co. Bowhunters & Archery Assoc. for 3-D marksmanship on the Badger Lake Trail. \$12/shooter.

### June 9 Women in the Outdoors

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

### June 16 Paddling Class

9 am – 4 pm Kennedy Park  
Join certified instructor, Clark Fletcher, in a course on canoeing basics. Bring a water bottle. Cost .

### June 30 Prairie Hike

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

### July 3 Night Paddling

9:00 pm Brushy Creek, south boat ramp  
Canoes with lights will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Lights required on vessels you bring.

### July 13 Water Trails Dedication /

Paddle the Lizard  
10:00 am route to be determined  
Call for reservations.

### July 14 River Trash Bash

8:00 am route to be determined  
Get your friends together, make up a team of 2. Reserve a canoe with us or bring your own for some dirty fun in the sun cleaning the Des Moines River.

### July 14 Summer Park Festival

5–10 pm Kennedy Park  
Join us for some fun canoeing, kayaking, fishing demonstrations, astronomy, and a movie overlooking the lake.

### July 21 & 22 3-D Archery Shoot

8 am–3 pm Kennedy Park  
Join the Webster Co. Bow hunters & Archery Assoc. for 3-D marksmanship on the Badger Lake Trail. \$12 / shooter

### July 27, 28, 29 Dragon Boat Bash

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

### Aug. 1 Night Paddling

9:00 pm Brushy Creek, south boat ramp  
Canoes with lights will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Lights required on vessels you bring.

### Aug. 13, 14, 16 Hunter Safety

5:30–9 pm Kennedy Park's Heun shelter  
Register online at [www.iowadnr.gov/training](http://www.iowadnr.gov/training); then stop at Keith's Outdoors in Fort Dodge to get the HS manual.

### Aug. 18 & 19 3-D Archery Shoot

8 am–3 pm Kennedy Park  
Join the Webster Co. Bowhunters & Archery Assoc. for 3-D marksmanship on Badger Lake Trail. \$12 / shooter

### Aug. 25 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

### Aug. 25 Butterfly Tagging

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

### Aug. 31 Night Paddling

8:00 pm Brushy Creek, south boat ramp  
Canoes with lights will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Lights required on vessels you bring.

### Sept. 9 Skillet Creek Hike

2 pm Skillet Creek Indian Mds, Dayton  
See this beautiful area and learn about the wealth of history in these hills.

### (Fall) Community Tree Steward Program

Dates, Times, & Locations to be determined

### Oct. 13 Fall Park Festival

Time TBA Kennedy Park  
Join us and practice outdoor skills such as bb gun shooting, archery, atlatl throwing, animal calls, canoeing, kayaking, geo-caching, etc.

### Oct. 15 Campground CLOSES

Kennedy Park

### Nov. 8 Friends Banquet

5:00 pm 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. 17 Archeology Workshop

5:00 pm Kennedy Park's Heun shelter  
Show and tell your interesting finds such as spear points, axe heads, scrapers, etc. Learn the basics on logging your treasures for future generations.

### Dec. TBA Lights At Kennedy

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