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It's Not too Late to Register Online for Summer Nature Camps



Registration for Pottawattamie County Conservation's 2017 Summer Nature Camps is open. This year's camps offer programming for students from Pre-K through 8th grade with a variety of outdoor experiences. [Please click here for more information on how you can register for our 2017 Nature Camp Series.](#)

KinderNature Camps: Pre-K through Kindergarten \$15.00 per camper/session

[Prince Naveen & the World of Cold Blooded Critters](#) - June 12th or July 31st

[Merida & Mastering the Skills of the Outdoors](#) - June 13th or August 1st

[Prince Phillip & Rapunzel Explore the Woodland Wonders](#) - June 14th or August 2nd

[Snow White & the Wonderful Creatures of the Outdoors](#) - June 15th or August 3rd

[Queen Elsa & Princess Anna Discover the Frozen Summer](#) - June 16th or August 4th

1st & 2nd Grade Camps \$75.00 per camper/session

[Nature Inside Out](#) - June 20th through 22nd, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

[Super Heroes](#) - June 20th through 22nd, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

[Pirates](#) - July 25th through 27th, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

3rd & 4th Grade Camps \$75.00 per camper/session

[Nature Ninjas](#) - June 27th through 29th, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

[Fantastic Beasts](#) - June 27th through 29th, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.Center.

[Pirates](#) - July 25th through 27th, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

5th & 6th Grade Camp \$75.00 per camper/session

[Survival 101](#) - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 11th through 13th at Arrowhead Park

7th & 8th Grade Camp \$75.00 per camper/session

[Botna Bend Park Overnight](#) - 9:00 a.m. July 17th through noon July 18th at Botna Bend Park.

[Hitchcock Nature Center Overnight](#) - 9:00 a.m. July 20th through noon July 21st at Hitchcock Nature Center.

[Visit our Website for More Information](#)

2017 Speaker Series Continues with Upcoming Presentation on Prairie Flowers

Our 2017 Speaker Series continues on June 10th with "Prairie Flowers" presented by Danuta Hutchins, author and professor. Join us at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10th as Danuta details the many species of native prairie flowers common in the state. Learn where they blossom, where they grow, & their historical importance in Native American and early American cultures. Participants will receive a complimentary coloring book with images of flowers from the presentation for a hands-on learning experience.

The 2017 Speaker Series is a new programming series designed for teens and adults to provide them with an opportunity to learn from and interact with various authorities in the fields of conservation and environmental science. Programs are free with paid park admission and will be held at Hitchcock Nature Center on the second Saturday of the month, May through October. Each program will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will last approximately 1 hour. After the presentation attendees may enjoy conversation with the presenter, a book signing, and refreshments provided by local vendors.

Space is limited and refreshments are being prepared so we are asking you to pre-register for this free event to help us plan our menu. [Click here to register in minutes online.](#) For more information please call 712-545-3283.

Upcoming 2017 Speaker Series Events:

1. Saturday, June 10th - "Prairie Flowers" with Danuta Hutchins
2. Saturday, July 8th - A "New Garden Ethic" with Benjamin Vogt
3. Saturday, August 12th - "Land Ethics" with Thomas Dean
4. Saturday, September 9th - "Lessons Learned from Prairie Restoration" with Keith Summerville
5. Saturday, October 14th - "Wild Edibles" with Kelly Kindscher



2017 SPEAKER SERIES
"PRAIRIE FLOWERS"

Road Closure Continues to Detour Traffic to Hitchcock Nature Center

Beginning April 10th, 2017 a bridge closure on Highway L20, the Old Lincoln Highway began impacting travel in rural Pottawattamie County. Fans of Hitchcock Nature Center may recognize this as the road connecting our park to the town of Crescent. Highway L20 is the corridor most of our traffic from the south travels on their way to the park from cities to the south such as Omaha and Council Bluffs. We've been told that this road will be closed from April 10th through an unspecified date in early June, weather dependent of course. This closure is for the construction of a new bridge and while we are excited about the improvements we recognize the difficulty this will pose for many of our campers, program attendees, runners, hikers, and all of our guests to the park.

To help with the travel changes we have put together a couple of detour options for you as you travel to the park this spring. With a little planning and extra time allowance you should have no trouble reaching us for programs and fun between now and June.

[Click here to read about possible detour routes to the park this spring.](#)



Free!

**NATURE TRIVIA
FAMILY EDITION**

**JULY 22ND
2PM-4PM
ARROWHEAD
PARK**

**REGISTER YOUR FAMILY TEAM AT:
WWW.POTTCONSERVATION.COM
QUESTIONS CALL: 712-545-3283**

The Pottawattamie County Conservation Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, gender identity, sexual orientation or other legally protected status.

Upcoming Programs

2017 Speaker Series: "Prairie Flowers" with Danuta Hutchins

4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 10th

Hitchcock Nature Center, Honey Creek

Help us welcome Danuta Hutchins to Hitchcock Nature Center as we learn to identify common prairie wildflowers. [Read More ...](#)

The Naturalist School at Hitchcock Nature Center

Session #2 - June 10th

Session #3 - June 17th

Session #4 - July 1st

Session #5 - July 8th

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hitchcock Nature Center, Honey Creek

The Naturalist School at Hitchcock Nature Center field sessions are for those who seek to deepen awareness of, commitment to, and engagement in citizen science, nature education and conservation in Iowa's Loess Hills and the surrounding ecosystems. [Read More ...](#)

June Living Loess Tour

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 17th

Hitchcock Nature Center, Honey Creek

Connect with the culture of the Loess Hills on our June Living Loess Tour. The featured stop for our June tour is Hickory Hills Land and Livestock. [Read More ...](#)

KinderNature: Mammal Mania

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 17th

Hitchcock Nature Center, Honey Creek

What is a mammal? What clues could they leave behind in nature? What do they eat & look like? Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join us and learn these answers and more on Saturday, June 17th at KinderNature: Mammal Mania. [Read More ...](#)

June Hitch Hike

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20th

Hitchcock Nature Center

Join us Tuesday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. for the second hike of the 2017 Hitch Hike series. Take a closer look at some of Hitchcock's best prairie remnants as you are guided along Badger Ridge. [Read More ...](#)

2017 Speaker Series: "Aldo Leopold" with Ron Cisar

4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13th

Hitchcock Nature Center, Honey Creek

Help us welcome Ron Cisar to Hitchcock Nature Center and discover the work of Iowa native Aldo Leopold; author, educator, conservationist, & philosopher. Join us as we discover the land ethics of this pioneer and discover his life story. [Read More ...](#)

Introduction to Land Management - June Session

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 24th

Hitchcock Nature Center, Honey Creek

All members of the public including students, land owners, and anyone interested in learning responsible land management practices are invited to join us for our new Introduction to Land Management program. This six-class series will be held the 4th Saturday of the month, May through October. Class will be held 8:00 a.m. to noon each

day, rain or shine. [Read More ...](#)

Summer Concert Series Featuring Chad Elliott

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 2nd

Narrows River Park, Council Bluffs

Join us for an outdoor concert set against the stunning Missouri River featuring singer/songwriter Chad Elliott with complimentary food provided to the first 75 guests by HyVee and cheese samples from Doe's and Diva's dairy while supplies last.

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