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## Hitchcock Nature Center

# Backpacking 101: 4-Season Edition

Honey Creek, IA –Pottawattamie County Conservation and the backpacking experts at Canfield's Sporting Goods have once again teamed up to present a 4-part series of classes designed for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts with limited backpacking experience.

By the end of the series, students will have acquired the knowledge, skills, and hands-on experience to plan and execute memorable backcountry trips. This series will provide a foundation upon which more advanced backpacking skills can be built and will culminate in a guided overnight backpacking trip at Hitchcock Nature Center's backcountry campsites.

The cost for the entire 4-part series is \$50.00 per student and includes a Pottawattamie County Parks annual park permit. This annual permit will provide access to all Pottawattamie County Parks for 12-months from the start of the series. Register online at [www.pottcoconservation.com](http://www.pottcoconservation.com) or call 712-545-3283 for more information. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. This series of classes is intended for adults & teens; students are encouraged to leave smaller children and pets at home.

The series will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the dates and at the locations below:

October 5<sup>th</sup> - Hitchcock Nature Center

October 19<sup>th</sup> - Canfield's Sporting Goods

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hitchcock Nature Center

November 4<sup>th</sup> - Hitchcock Nature Center.

The final session, the guided overnight will be held on November 4th at Hitchcock Nature Center. Tentative start time is noon on the 4th & it will end the morning of Sunday, November 5th. Students are encouraged to bring their own gear for the guided overnight stay.

Dates are subject to change, weather permitting.

Canfield's Sporting Goods is located at 8457 W. Center Road, Omaha NE

Hitchcock Nature Center 27792 Ski Hill Loop, Honey Creek, IA 51542

Directions: From Interstate I-29 take the Crescent exit and travel east to The Old Lincoln Highway. Hitchcock Nature Center is located 5 miles north of Crescent off of The Old Lincoln Highway.

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