



The Otter Creek Quarterly

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A Newsletter of the Buchanan County Conservation Board

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Disc Golf Comes to Jakway Forest

Dan Cohen, BCCB Director

A new nine-hole disc golf course has found a home at Jakway Forest, located south of Aurora. The disc golf course is a great enhancement to the features already existing at Jakway. The park offers a modern campground, restroom facilities, a historic site, hiking trails, wildlife observation blind, and areas open to hunting. The Jakway Forest Disc Golf Course is located away from any flood concerns, and will be open year-round.

Previously, the Buchanan County Conservation Board provided a disc golf course at Buffalo Creek Park, east of Winthrop. Although people enjoyed the course near Winthrop, opportunities to use the course were limited due to frequent park closures related to flooding and flood damage. During some recent summers, Buffalo Creek Park was closed for a good portion of summer months. Flood cleanup and repairs to the disc golf grounds were expensive and took a lot of time.



The Conservation Board decided it was time to make a change. Buffalo Creek Park still provides a picnic shelter, walking trails, space for hunting, wildlife watching, and natural enjoyment, but the disc golf course is now nine miles north of Winthrop, at Jakway Forest.

The Jakway Forest Disc Golf Course consists of nine holes, located on the southeast portion of the park, near the shelter house and playground. Tee signs and baskets are up, and the course is ready for public use. There also are plans to provide concrete tee-offs. There is no fee to play.

Work to move and install the course was completed with assistance from the AmeriCorps NCCC Maple 4 Team, which has been working with Conservation Board staff this summer. Course enhancements are being paid from funds previously raised during disc golf fundraisers. The course layout can be viewed on the Conservation Board's website: www.buchanancountyparks.com.



The Maple 4 AmeriCorps NCCC Team assisted Conservation Board staff during much of July and August. In addition to helping with the disc golf course, AmeriCorps members caulked and stained the landmark Fontana Bridge, stained the nature center and other buildings, and removed brush from prairies and wetlands. The Team also provided assistance during the RAGBRAI events in Independence.

Turkeys and Turtles – New Displays at Fontana Park

Wild Turkeys!

Come see a new turkey display in the nature center, and the rapidly growing live turkeys in the Fontana Park wildlife display. Thirteen new turkey poults (babies) were raised during the summer. The poults now are large enough to be in the former deer pen and are enjoying their new found freedom - running around, chasing bugs, and peeping. The poults' adoptive mother, Wildlife Caretaker Karen Ott, stated, "Come out quickly to see them, because they grow up so fast!"



Turtles – Secrets of the Shell

September 26 - December 31, Fontana Park Nature Center

Fontana Interpretive Nature Center is proud to announce the arrival of the traveling exhibit, *Turtles: Secrets of the Shell*, on loan from the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque, IA. The exhibit features a shell that children are able to climb into, a turtle statue that is perfect for a photo op, and many other interesting surprises. Visitors also will have the opportunity to see Fontana's live turtles, including a large snapping turtle, an ornate box turtle, and painted turtles. Some turtles may even be able to be touched. Learn about the past, present, and future of one of the oldest and most mysterious animals on earth!

Volunteers Wanted!

The Conservation Board thrives with help from volunteers. Conservation volunteers allow the Nature Center to stay open on weekends and some weekdays. These volunteers are in immediate need!

Volunteers are needed for a variety of other tasks, including monitoring nest boxes and wildlife, helping with park maintenance, assisting with mailings, serving as campground hosts, and more! For more information, call 319-636-2617!



Turtles and Turtle Sundaes

Sunday, October 5, 1:00 p.m.

Fontana Nature Center

Enjoy a delicious turtle sundae with a donation made to Friends of Fontana Park (FFP) while you discover the new traveling turtle exhibit! Live turtles of Iowa will be on display. FFP is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to help fund the educational efforts of the Buchanan County Conservation Board, including development of displays, written materials (such as the newsletter), presentations offered at Fontana and other Buchanan County parks, and more.



Acorns Wanted!

Hungry turkey poults love to eat acorns. So do the bear and raccoons, Please drop donated bagged acorns off at the nature center. The animals at Fontana Park will love them!



Discontinued T-shirts
while supplies last at the
Fontana Nature Center Gift Shop

- Youth \$8 (regularly \$12)
- Adult \$10-\$11 (regularly \$15 & \$16)

Extreme Outdoors!

Register online for these adventures at <http://www.buchanancountyparks.com/>

Extreme Outdoors is a series of adventuresome, fun, challenging, exhilarating and safe outdoor recreational activities sponsored by naturalists with Buchanan, Bremer, Benton, and Chickasaw Counties. Limited transportation may be available from Fontana Park and other local county conservation board (CCB) offices. Please call your CCB office to inquire. Each activity will be led by experienced professionals. Scott Graham, author of *Extreme Kids*, describes extreme this way: "It is about excitement, but in a fully safe manner. It is about personal growth through new accomplishments. It is not about defying death. Just the opposite, in fact. Extreme is about reveling in life." You and your family are invited to get off the couch, put away the electronic games, and get out and experience these adrenaline-filled opportunities to experience the Iowa Outdoors in ways you may not have tried or even known existed. There are exciting opportunities for all ages and skill levels.

Extreme Outdoors: Primitive Tools (atlatl & flintknapping)

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Vinton, Iowa - No Cost

Join State Archeologist Mark Anderson and Benton County Naturalist Aaron Askelson as we take a trip back into the Ice Age. Participants will learn about flint knapping (making stone tools) and then get to try their hand at throwing a spear with the Atlatl (ancient spear thrower). They will learn about and help with the process of using fire to create a dugout canoe. There will also be other tools used by the people of the ice age to view and learn about.



Extreme Outdoors: Hot Air Ballooning and Fall Colors

Saturday, September 27 and October 4 (see below for times and details)

\$225 per person - 2 people age 12+ per balloon (2-3 balloons available) (\$450/balloon may include 3 depending on weight and outdoor temperature - call for information)



A hot air balloon ride lasts approximately one hour. Flights are in the morning about sunrise (or if morning conditions are not ideal, late afternoon about two hours before sunset, weather permitting.) Your ballooning experience usually takes about two hours, including launch, flight, recovery and returning to the launch field. We wait to inflate the balloon until you arrive. It only takes about ten minutes then you are gently lifting off beginning a magical experience. Your flight path will be determined by the direction of the wind. You could find yourself floating over a tree line, over the city of Cedar Rapids or out in the countryside. LOCATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS - YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED

It's your own private guided aerial tour of the area. If weather conditions are not suited for flight on your scheduled day, you will be given a certificate to be used for a future flight that you can schedule with the pilot.

Extreme Outdoors: Winter Camping; Fontana Park

Saturday-Sunday, December 6-7, 1 p.m.; Fontana Park, Hazleton, Iowa

Fee \$25 per person. Limited to 12 participants, minimum age 10; under 18 must be accompanied by an adult (who may choose to stay in cabin)

Participants will set up equipment, assemble their shelters (either tents or debris shelters), and collect firewood for the night. It is important to pace activity levels to prevent sweating that could cause chilling later. The registration fee includes supper and breakfast. All equipment is available.



Monarch Tagging

Saturday, Aug. 30 1 p.m.; Location TBD

Cost: \$3 per person or \$7 per family



The 2013-14 overwintering population of monarch butterflies in Mexico was the lowest recorded, leading to great concern that the migration phenomena was in grave danger.

This summer, conditions were very good for monarch reproduction throughout much of their reproductive range, leading to high hopes that the numbers this winter will be significantly better. But there are still questions regarding the migration. How do they handle drought, storms, cars and potential predators? Join us during our fall migration at a location to be determined by nectaring flowers attractive to monarchs, to catch, tag and release these tiny travelers as research continues through the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch program. Nets and tags will be provided. Pre-registration is required, call 319-636-2617. We will contact those registered with the tagging location by Aug 26.

Hunter Safety Class

Sept. 10, 7-9 p.m.; Sept. 11, 7-9 p.m.;

Sept. 13, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Buchanan County Wildlife Association Grounds

Register online at www.iowadnr.gov/training

For more information, call Ken Aarhus

(319-935-3060) or Doug Beier (319-334-3256)

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1972 must be certified in Hunter Education before they are eligible to purchase an Iowa hunting license. A person 11 years old or older may enroll in a course, but those who are 11 and successfully complete the course shall be issued a certificate which becomes valid on their 12th birthday.

Unless otherwise indicated, programs are free. You must call 319-636-2617 to preregister for programs, or email fontanapark@iowatelecom.net.

Rowley Fen Tour 2

Saturday, September 6, 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Rowley Fen

The Buchanan County Conservation Board and Cedar Prairie Group of Sierra Club are teaming up again for Rowley Fen Tour 2! We will identify plants and see the fen when it is in bloom. This event is open to the public and will take place at the Rowley Fen northwest of Rowley. We will start Rowley Tour 2 at 9:00 a.m. so please arrive early to sign-in. Footwear that can get wet, camera, insect repellent, hiking pole, and binoculars are recommended. The event will take place rain or shine, but not if stormy.



Needs at the Historical Site

The Richardson-Jakway Foundation is looking for 84-inch lace curtains, 84-inch sheers, and braided rugs. The Foundation is working towards replacing old curtains and rugs, and painting the inside of the 1851 Richardson Jakway House, located at Jakway Forest. If you are interested in Buchanan County History and would like to join the Foundation Committee please email Naturalist Angie Auel at naturalist@iowatelecom.net or call 319-636-2617.

Fall Wreath Workshop

Thursday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.

Fontana Park Nature Center

Fee \$10 per wreath

A seasonal wreath on the door says welcome. Come and make your own wreath with natural and dried plant materials. Participants should bring a pliers and glue gun (if available). Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.





"Earth, Too" Clover Kids

Tuesdays: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, 2015

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

East Elementary School Lunchroom, Independence

\$20 per person/\$30 per family

Mandatory Parent Meeting September 9th 6:00 p.m.

Preregister by calling 319-636-2617

Clover Kids 4H is a fun youth program designed for children in Kindergarten through third grade. The focus is on hands-on cooperative learning in small groups. Clover Kids participate in activities, games, and other positive experiences in a supportive, creative, challenging and fun environment. The *Earth, Too* Clover kids will be especially involved in learning about the natural world. *Earth, Too* Clover Kids is sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach and the Conservation Board, Angie Auel and Sondra Cabell as leaders. A mandatory parent meeting will be held September 9th at 6:00 p.m. located at East Elementary School Lunchroom. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you must set up a time to meet with naturalists.



"Earth, Too"

Sundays (2014-15): Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Jan 18, Feb. 15, March 15, May 17, June 21, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

St. John's School Library, Independence

Preregister by calling Sondra Cabell (319-334-3436) or the ISU Office (334-7161)

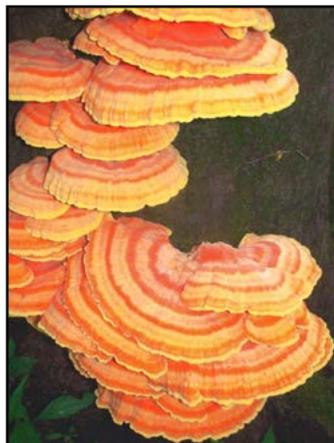
Fourth through twelfth graders who are interested in making earth-friendly choices in projects and activities are invited to join the Earth, Too 4H Club. Meetings are held at 6:30-8 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday at St. John's School Library. Sondra Cabell and Monica Smith are co-Leaders.

Photo Contest Judging

Contest submissions due by September 10;

Judging at Fontana Nature Center

September date TBD, 6:30 p.m.



2013 Plants & Flowers photo by Wade Clark

Unless otherwise indicated, programs are free. You must call 319-636-2617 to preregister for programs, or email fontanapark@iowatelecom.net.

Don't Forget! Keep your camera handy as you visit Buchanan County's natural areas this summer, and keep in mind the four categories for our Annual Buchanan County Natural Areas Photography Contest: Landscapes, Wildlife, Plants & Wildflowers, and People Enjoying Nature. Get out and capture the blossoms, wildlife, family gathering, and summer landscapes or share with us your photos from the fall foliage, or winter's snow, ice, and frost. For more information on the contest, or for a copy of the official rules, visit our website at www.buchanancountyparks.com or call 319-636-2617.

Through the critical review of photos entered in this years contest, you will learn tips for better nature photography. This year's judging will take place in September and is still being scheduled. Please contact the nature center or website for more details. The judging program is free and open to the public.

*Fontana Park is on Facebook.
Keep up-to-date on events, happenings
in the parks, wildlife sightings,
conservation news, and more!*

Loess Hills Bus Trip

Wednesday-Thursday, October 22-23
Registration Deadline September 22nd
Single \$250.00/person, Double \$200.00/person,
Triple \$185.00/person, Quad \$170.00/person
Call Gail at 319-892-6485

Join Buchanan and Linn County Conservation Boards for a fall bus tour to explore the unique Loess Hills of Western Iowa. The first stop will be in the Ice Cream Capital of the World, Le Mars, IA, to have lunch and ice cream at the Wells Blue Bunny Parlor. Then the group will tour the northern Loess Hills to view prairies and a bison herd at Broken Kettle Preserve. In the Sioux City area, participants will visit the Lewis and Clark Museum and learn about steamboat travel. There will be stops along and through the bluffs of the Loess Hills at Lewis and Clark State Park, De Soto National Wildlife Refuge, and Hitchcock Nature Center. A trip brochure is available at www.buchanancountyparks.com.

Look for upcoming trips for Eagles in January and Great Apes Trust in March!



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Trick or Treat for the Animals

Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m.
Fontana Park Nature Center

Help carve some creative pumpkins and then fill them with tasty and nutritious treats for our resident raccoons, fox, bison, ducks, bear, turkeys and rabbits in the Fontana Park Wildlife Display. The pumpkins will then be placed in the animals' enclosures for a treat that's a trick to get into.



NASP Basic Archery Instructor Training

Saturday, November 22, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Fairbank Elementary School Gymnasium; cost - \$40
Preregistration Required through the Iowa DNR website:
<http://naspbai.org/ClassSearch.aspx?country=US&state=IA>

The National Archery in the Schools (NASP) course content is designed to teach archery instruction techniques to archery novices and experienced archers. The program is conducted through the Iowa DNR, and provides training to educators who will teach the kids. This training is offered at no cost to school teachers who will commit to leading two-week in-school NASP curriculum.

For all others interested, please make check payable to Iowa Bowhunters Association or IBA. The money pays for the materials you will receive. BCCB has equipment to check out for the two week P.E. course through the Nature Center.



2015 Animal Sponsorships



The bald eagle is one of the many animals that can be reserved beginning September 2

To reserve an animal or a month of bird feeding, contact the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at 319-636-2617 or fontanapark@iowatelecom.net on or after September 2, 2014.

Mark your calendar for September 2nd –that is the first day to make your reservation to sponsor an animal for the 2015 calendar year. Animal sponsorships make the perfect holiday gift for the hard to buy for. Sponsorship packages include a letter, certificate, and photo of the sponsored animal and will be sent in time for Holiday gift giving.

To sponsor an animal in our wildlife exhibit, an individual, group, or business needs to make a minimum donation to the Friends of Fontana Park. Donation amounts differ for each animal, ranging from \$35 to \$175. The sponsor’s name(s) will be placed on a plaque on the animal’s enclosure in early January for the 2015 calendar year.

The Animal Sponsorship program raises money for the conservation board’s environmental education program. The money goes toward educational and recreational programs, the newsletter, and animal display.

Sponsor the Bird Feeders!

The bird feeders at the Nature Center provide excellent viewing of wild birds year-round. To help defray the costs of feeding the birds, the Conservation Department is looking for monthly bird feeder sponsors. Sponsors are asked to donate \$50 toward bird seed. All sponsors are recognized on a plaque in the Nature Center. To sponsor a month, contact the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at 319-636-2617 or fontanapark@iowatelecom.net



GRANTS TO COUNTIES WATER WELL PROGRAM

With grant money, residents of Buchanan County who own a private well are eligible to receive:

Free Water Samples

Samples Test For the Presence or Absence of the following:

- Coliform Bacteria
- Nitrates
- E. Coli

Water Sample Test Kits can also be purchased as a “Cash and Carry” item from our office:

Coliform Bacteria, E. Coli, & Nitrates for Present/Absent: \$27.50

Coliform Bacteria, E. Coli, & Nitrates with Numbers: \$30.50

Lead: \$30.00

Nitrites: \$29.00

** Prices are subject to change in relationship to lab costs **

Reimbursement up to \$600 for each well renovated.

Reimbursement up to \$400 for each well plugged.

Reimbursement up to \$300 for each eligible cistern plugged.

Call our office at 319-334-2873 to ask if grant funds are available to assist with the above mentioned projects.

Buchanan County Environmental Health
 210 5th Avenue NE * Suite I
 Independence, Iowa 50644
 Lower Level of the Courthouse

Wapsipinicon River Volunteer Cleanup

Saturday, September 13, 8:30 a.m.

Cutshall to the Littleton Bridge

The Littleton and Chatham Historical Society will host their 5th river cleanup of the Wapsipinicon River. Public participation is welcome. We request participants contact us if they need to reserve a canoe (319) 415-1175.



Trash from a past cleanup!

The route will begin at the Cutshall Park at 8:30 am. A light lunch will be provided around 12:30. Trash and recyclables will be unloaded and sorted near the Littleton bridge. Sponsors of the cleanup are Cy and Charley's, Maverick Powersports LLC, Wapsie River Rentals, Thomas-James LLC, Klotzbach Land & Cattle Co., D&D Tire, and Crawdaddy Outdoors.

Personal Floatation Devices of the appropriate size are required to be worn at all times in a vessel on the water. Participants must supply their own PFD. Anyone under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult in the same vessel or remain in visual sight of the authorized adult. All participants must sign a waiver to participate. No registration fee is required. The waiver form is available on the Littleton and Chatham website at <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~littletonia>. Please mail the completed waiver to Tony Bengston 1503 River Road Blvd, Independence, IA 50644. Questions? Call (319) 415-1175 or email: tonybengston@yahoo.com.

Nature Center Volunteer Receptionists Hours

(as of 8/21/14)

Lorene Shonka.....	85 hours
Judy Porter.....	264 hours
Joye Bower.....	93 hours
Elaine Hughes.....	67 hours
Jane Watson.....	78 hours
Edith Biddinger.....	64 hours
Faith Ruplapaugh.....	306 hours
David Voigts.....	346 hours
Marybeth Jaggard.....	729.5 hours
Steve Schulke.....	73.5 hours
Frankie King.....	106 hours
Ruth Schlitter.....	42 hours
Helen Hoefler.....	713.5 hours
Shirley Rozendaal.....	123.5 hours
Ellen Gaffney.....	45.5 hours
Joy Hintz.....	521 hours
Jessica Paige.....	24.25 hours
J'Andrea Gibney.....	115 hours
Bob Mieke.....	117.5 hours
Dan Brinkmann.....	46.5 hours
Verla Speery.....	1018.5 hours
Joann Rowe.....	175 hours
Patti Olmsteadt.....	248 hours
Jane West.....	144.5 hours
John Vogel.....	28 hours
Jeff Niemann.....	17 hours
Candee Thomas.....	16 hours
Ruby Bodeker.....	9 hours
Jan Franks.....	4.5 hours
Sarah Ciesielski.....	4 hours
Margaret Damge.....	3.5 hours

Yes, I want to donate to the Friends of Fontana Park!

Enclosed is my donation. I am glad to be able to contribute at the level shown below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor (\$1-99) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter (\$250-499) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$1,000-4,999) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (\$100-249) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$500-999) | <input type="checkbox"/> Founder (\$5,000 or more) |

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me regarding making a donation as a memorial to a friend or relative. | <input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me regarding making a donation as a gift in the name of a friend or relative. |
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Names) as you wish them to read on recognition: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to:
Friends of Fontana Park and Mail to: Fontana Interpretive Nature Center, 1883 125th St., Hazleton, IA 50641

Conservation Calendar!

Aug. 30	<i>Monarch Tagging</i> Location TBD, 1 p.m. (P. 4).	Sept. 26	<i>Turtles Secrets of the Shell Display</i> Fontana Nature Center, (P. 2).
Sept. 1	<i>Labor Day (Nature Center Closed)</i>	Sept. 27	<i>Extreme Outdoors - Hot Air Ballooning</i> Rural Linn County, TBD (P.3).
Sept. 2	<i>Reservations Accepted for 2014</i> <i>Animal Sponsorships (P. 7) and</i> <i>shelter reservations at Fontana Park.</i>	Sept. TBD	<i>Photo Contest Judging</i> Fontana Nature Center, 6:30 p.m. (P. 5).
Sept. 3	<i>An Old Time Meal</i> Richardson-Jakway House Jakway Forest, 5:00 p.m.	Oct. 4	<i>Extreme Outdoors - Hot Air Ballooning</i> Rural Linn County, TBD (P.3).
Sept. 6	<i>Rowley Fen Tour 2</i> Rowley Fen, 9:00 a.m. (P. 4).	Oct. 5	<i>Turtles and Turtle Sundaes</i> Fontana Nature Center, 1:00 p.m. (P. 2).
Sept. 9	<i>Clover Kids Parent Meeting</i> East Elementary Lunchroom, 6:00 p.m. (P. 5).	Oct. 13	<i>Columbus Day (Nature Center closed).</i>
Sept. 10	<i>Photo Contest Deadline (P. 5).</i>	Oct. 21	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 7 p.m. (subject to change).
Sept. 10-13	<i>Hunter Safety Class</i> Buchanan County Wildlife Association, 7:00 p.m. (P. 4).	Oct. 22-23	<i>Loess Hills Bus Trip</i> Independence, 8:00 a.m. (P. 6).
Sept. 13	<i>Wapsipinicon River Cleanup</i> Cutshall, 8:30 a.m. (P. 8).	Oct. 26	<i>Trick or Treat for the Animals</i> Fontana Nature Center, 9 a.m. (P. 6).
Sept. 13	<i>Extreme Outdoors - Primitive Tools</i> Benton County Conservation Office, 10:00 a.m. (P.3).	Nov. 11	<i>Veterans Day (Nature Center closed).</i>
Sept. 18	<i>Fall Wreath Workshop</i> Fontana Nature Center, 6:30 p.m. (P. 4).	Nov. 18	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 7 p.m. (subject to change).
Sept. 23	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 7 p.m. (subject to change).	Nov. 22	<i>NASP Training</i> Fairbank Elem Gym, 8:00 a.m. (P. 6).
		Nov. 27-28	<i>Thanksgiving (Nature Center Closed)</i>
		Dec. 6-7	<i>Extreme Outdoors - Winter Camping</i> Fontana Nature Center, 1:00 p.m. (P.3).

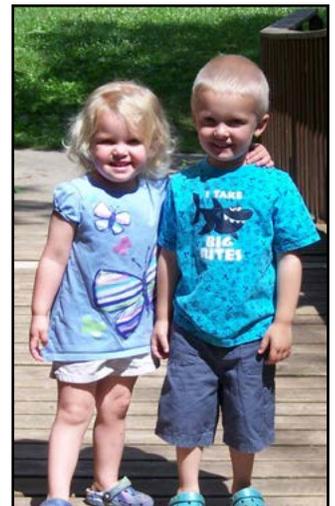
Nature Walks for Early Childhood _____

Spending time outdoors has many positive benefits for children. Nature walks are a wonderful way to introduce children to the outdoors. They provide a wonderful avenue for children to explore and observe nature in the outdoors. Below is a shape-themed nature walk you can take with your child.

What you need: Paper cut into various shapes (square, triangle, circle, star, etc...), yarn, and hole punch.

Make each child, or have them help make, a shape-necklace by cutting various shapes out of paper. Hole-punch the top of each, and string onto a necklace made out of yarn. Take a walk outside to look for the shapes on their necklaces. Take a turn with each shape. When one is spotted say, "I spy something shaped like ____". Have the children try to find the corresponding shape on their necklace. When you return home, go through each shape and ask children what they saw in that shape while outdoors.

Find more ideas for Nature Walks at http://outdoorexplorationsforearlylearners.blogspot.com/2013_08_01_archive.html.



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Buchanan County Parks (acres)

1. Fontana Park and Jarrett Slater Addition (134)..... Hazleton
2. Jakway Forest (315)..... Aurora
3. Lime Creek Area (45)..... Brandon
4. Boies Bend Area (26)..... Quasqueton
5. Buffalo Creek Area (81.5)..... Winthrop
6. Otter Creek Roadside Park (13)..... Hazleton

Buchanan County Natural Areas (acres)

7. Mickey Fox Area and Anderson Addition (118)..... Jesup
8. VanLaningham Area (3)..... Independence
9. Otter Creek Wildlife Area (100)..... Hazleton
10. Hoover Area (20)..... Troy Mills
11. Sand Creek Area (80)..... Quasqueton
12. Niebeck Nature Preserve (40)..... Hazleton
13. Pine Creek Area (40)..... Quasqueton
14. Buffalo Creek Wildlife Area (60)..... Winthrop
15. Rowley Fen (43)..... Rowley
16. Koutny Pond/Hoffman Woods (106)..... Brandon
17. Putty Root Preserve (17)..... Quasqueton
18. Blazing-Star Prairie (7.5)..... Rowley
19. Crumbacher Wildlife Area (368)..... Independence
20. Bearbower Sand Prairie (40)..... Brandon
21. Swartz Preserve (4)..... Aurora
22. Bryantsburg Prairie Preserve (1.5)..... Hazleton
23. Frogville Access (135)..... Troy Mills
24. Iron Bridge Access (33)..... Quasqueton
25. Schneider-Heinick-Rowe Area (20)..... Troy Mills
26. Newton Township Natural Area (158)..... Quasqueton
27. Patton Prairie (45)..... Aurora
28. Hodges and North Wildlife Area (67)..... Jesup
29. Fairbank Fen (40)..... Fairbank
30. Anderson Addition to Cutshall (24)..... Jesup
31. Ham Marsh (54)..... Independence
32. Wehner Woods (30)..... Lamont
33. Guy Grover Timber and Tree Plantings (186)..... Quasqueton

Buchanan County River Accesses (acres)

34. Troy Mills Wapsi Access (63)..... Troy Mills
35. Wapsi River Access (51)..... Independence
36. Three Elms Area (75)..... Independence
37. Cutshall Area (85)..... Jesup
38. Cortright Wildlife Area (190)..... Littleton
39. Robert "Chic" McGlaughlin Access (6)..... Littleton

Board Members

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 Karen Stephenson..... Member
 Loren Hamilton..... Member

Conservation Staff

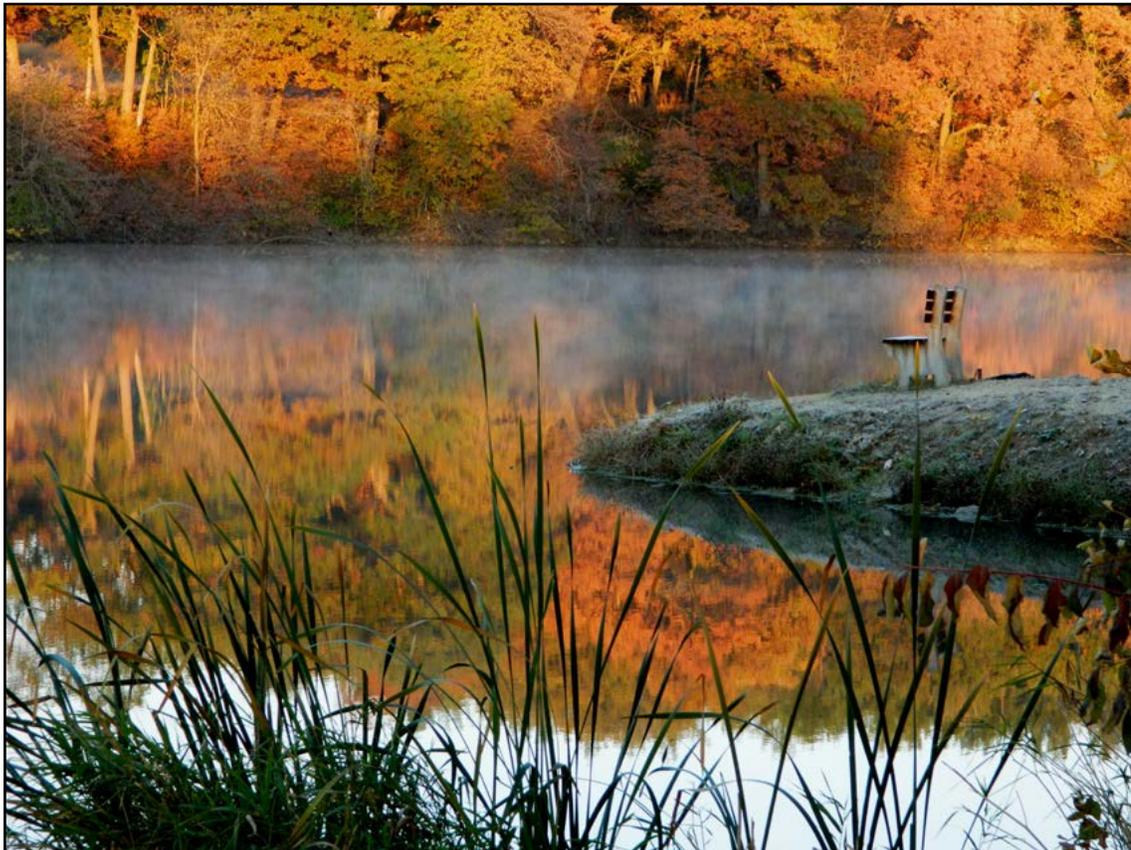
- Dan Cohen..... Executive Director
 Sondra Cabell..... Interpretive Naturalist
 Angie Auel..... Interpretive Naturalist
 Mike Van Raden..... Park Ranger
 Jeremy Whittle..... Park Ranger
 Chris Hansen..... Park Technician
 Karen Ott..... Wildlife Caregiver/Park Tech
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Nature Center Hours

- Monday-Tuesday: 8 a.m. to noon
 Wednesday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (may be closed for lunch)
 Weekends: 1-5 p.m. (summer hours)
 Weekends: 1-4 p.m. (winter hours beginning November 1)



For more information regarding Conservation Board activities, call 319-636-2617/bccbdan@iowatelecom.net

Check out the Conservation Board Web Site!
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