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The BHCCB board meetings are held on the first
Thursday of each month at 5PM at
1346 W. Airline Highway.
Meetings are open to the public.

A Tale of Two Bridges

By Vern Fish,
Executive Director

The Cedar Valley Nature Trail runs from Evansdale, Iowa to Hiawatha in Linn County. This 52 mile recreation trail passes through four counties and connects metropolitan Black Hawk County to Cedar Rapids. The trail crosses the Cedar River twice in Black Hawk County. The first bridge is in Evansdale just south of I-380. The second bridge is located 3 miles east of La Porte City near McFarlane Park.

The Evansdale and McFarlane bridges were built in 1912 to carry trains. Both of these old bridges were severely damaged during the flood of

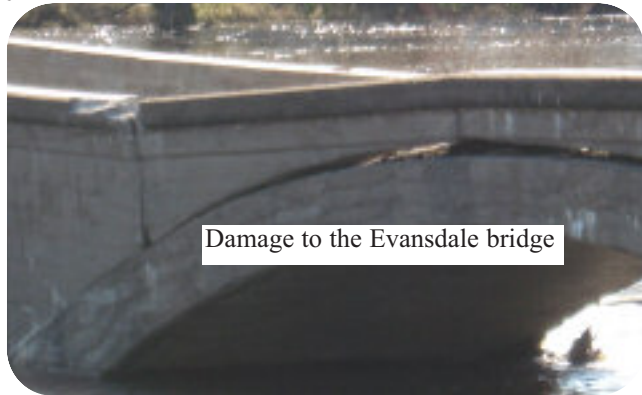
2008. The Cedar Valley Nature Trail was also damaged by flooding in numerous places. Working with FEMA and Iowa Homeland Security, most of the damage to the trail surface has been repaired. However, repairing the Evansdale and McFarlane bridges is still a work in progress.

Before the flood of '08 the Evansdale bridge was estimated to be able to carry people and bikes for another 15 years. The McFarlane bridge had deteriorated to the point where it only had 3 to 5 years of service left. FEMA tries to restore facilities and infrastructure to "pre-disaster condition." Thus, after an intensive review of both structures, FEMA awarded \$2.2 million to **REPLACE** the Evansdale bridge and \$96,982 to **REPAIR** the McFarlane bridge. FEMA's logic is, the Evansdale bridge had many years of service remaining before the flood, therefore replacing the damaged bridge is the best way to restore its "pre-disaster condition."

The McFarlane bridge had only a few years of service remaining, thus we got money to replace the handrails and damaged bridge surface.

With federal money to replace the Evansdale bridge, the Black Hawk County Conservation Board (BHCCB) hired Shuck-Britson Engineering to design a new bridge. The plan is to let bids in the spring of 2010 with the goal of completing the bridge by the summer of 2011. The new design will look similar to Krieg's Crossing in Cedar Falls. The new bridge will have fewer support pillars and a high arch,

which should put the bridge above future floods. This should reduce the amount of water backed upstream during future floods. BHCCB is working closely with



Damage to the Evansdale bridge

the City of Evansdale on this design.

The McFarlane bridge, which is longer and in a more remote location, is estimated to cost \$3.2 million to replace. BHCCB first applied for Federal Stimulus and Hazardous Mitigation funding with no success. Next, BHCCB applied for \$250,000 from the State Recreation Trail Fund and \$2.9 million from the Federal Community Development Block Grant program. On October 13, the Iowa DOT awarded BHCCB a \$250,000 State Recreation Trail grant. On November 5, BHCCB learned that the Community Development Block grant had been rejected. We have less than \$350,000 in state and federal money to build a \$3.2 million bridge.

The McFarlane bridge will continue to deteriorate and may possibly collapse. A detour would require traveling several miles on gravel and narrow paved roads in two counties. The BHCCB will continue to explore all possibilities, but the future of the McFarlane bridge is uncertain.

Administrative Office

Due to the flood of 2008, the administrative office of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board is no longer at Black Hawk Park or Hartman Reserve Nature Center. The new office is located at 1346 West Airline Highway, Waterloo, Iowa 50703. The telephone number is 319-433-7275 (PARK). Black Hawk County Conservation Board Office hours remain the same: Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM.

Airline Community Room Rental Rates

The Airline Community Room is located in the lower level of the administrative office. This room will accommodate a group of around 200 people with a full kitchen, tables and chairs provided.



Airline Community Room Rental Rates

Mon-Thurs; 8AM-4:30 or 5:30PM - Midnight	\$100
Mon-Thurs; All day	\$150
Friday; 8AM-4:30PM or 5:30PM - Midnight	\$225
Friday; All day	\$275
Saturday All day	\$300
Sunday All day	\$250

Wedding Specials

Thursday night & All day Friday	\$350
Friday night & All day Saturday	\$375
All Day Friday & Saturday	\$450

Winter Lodge Rental Rates

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board set new winter rates for the Rotary Reserve & Lakeview Lodge.

	Rotary	Lakeview
Thurs. night & All day Fri.	\$500	\$275
Fri. night & All day Sat.	\$650	\$325
All day Fri. & Sat.	\$755	\$400
All day Friday	\$450	\$200
All day Saturday	\$500	\$225
All day Sunday	\$400	\$250

Park Information Online

MyCountyParks.com is a statewide website with information about Iowa's county park systems. You can go directly to the Black Hawk County section by typing in www.blackhawkcountyparks.com. View our schedule of events and even make camping*, shelter or cabin reservations online. *No camping reservations are accepted at Black Hawk Park.

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Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)-by Al Weber

Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) is a forestry practice that is used on public and private forests throughout Iowa, the United States and the world. Trees are a renewable resource and TSI is a method that allows land managers to harvest and sustain forests to benefit current and future generations.

TSI allows the land manager to promote the growth and reproduction of certain species of trees for either one or several outcomes. The maple syrup producer is concerned about maintaining maple trees, the paper producer wants fast growing softwood trees, the lumber mill wants tall straight pines, and so on. Climate, shade tolerance, soils and slopes are also variables that need to be considered. TSI allows the land manager to put more emphasis on desired species and less emphasis on undesired species.

This winter a wooded portion of Black Hawk Park is experiencing TSI work. The first step is the harvest and sale of mature and/or damaged elms, walnuts, cottonwoods and silver maples. Next we target hackberry trees around small oaks. Hackberry trees are shade tolerant, which means they grow well in the shade. Hackberry's also have little value to wildlife and the lumber is used mainly for pallets. Oaks and walnuts are less shade tolerant, so they need more sunlight to grow and thrive. Oaks and walnuts are very valuable to wildlife because of the nuts they produce. The wood is valuable for veneer and furniture, which provides revenue for Black Hawk County, reducing tax askings.

Opening up the canopy of the forest allows less shade tolerant trees (oaks & walnuts) a chance of survival. The BHCCB is providing habitat for wildlife, encouraging a diverse stand of timber and helping the economy.

Meet us at the Eastern Iowa Sports Show

To learn more about your county parks, stop at our booth at the Eastern Iowa Sports Show in the UNI Dome, March 12-14. Discount Coupons at Kwik Star Stores & local Veridian Credit Unions

Hours

Fri., March 12 2PM-9PM
 Sat., March 13 9:30AM-8PM
 Sun., March 14 10:30AM-4:30PM
 Friday Matinee 2PM-5PM

Admission

\$6 Adult
 \$4 Youth 10-15
 9 and under FREE
 \$3

North Unit Parks

Big Woods Lake Campground

Big Woods Road & E. Lake St., Cedar Falls

“It’s Coming...Really”-by Cherrie Northrup

Construction is still underway on the developing campground. The required installation of a 17,000 gallon holding tank on the sewer system has slowed progress due to weather conditions. Contractors battled ground water and freezing temperatures for weeks and ultimately had to give in to Mother Nature. However, work on other aspects of the project has continued and will only help quicken completion when the weather breaks.

Big Woods Lake Campground Dedication

A dedication of Big Woods Lake Campground is scheduled for Saturday, May 22. The time of the event will be announced at a later date.

Big Wood Lake Campground Rates

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board set fees for the 2010 season. To make reservations, go online at www.blackhawkcountyparks.com or call 319-433-PARK (7275).

Camping	Electric	Water	Total
\$13	\$4	\$5	\$22

Cabins

Four season cabin rate \$66 week night
Four season cabin rate \$94 weekend

Black Hawk Park

2410 W. Lone Tree Road, Cedar Falls

Black Hawk Park Rates

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board set fees for the 2010 season. Camping sites are first come, first served.

Camping	Electric	Water	Total
\$13	\$4	\$5	\$22

Cabins

Rustic Cabin Rate \$35 per night. To reserve a cabin, go online at www.blackhawkcountyparks.com or call 319-433-PARK (7275).

Youth Fishing Contest

-by Al Weber, Park Ranger

June 5. Fishing contest for youth 17 and under. Two age categories: 12 & under; 13-17 years. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. Fishing from 9AM-11AM at Yellowbelly Pond which is located between the two campgrounds. Bring your own rods, tackle and bait. Prizes awarded. Free.

Bicycle Rodeo

-by Al Weber, Park Ranger

Test your cycling skills, August 14, 9-11AM, at the ball field. All ages welcome. Bring your bike and safety gear. This event is based on skill not speed. Cedar Trails Festival Weekend. Free.

“Roadkill” Stew

-by Al Weber, Park Ranger

September 5. Cooking starts at 3:30PM; eat at 5:30PM in the Cedar Campground. Fricassee the flattened flora and fauna, bring meat and/or a vegetable (must be edible) to put in the large iron stew pot, a bowl, drinks & utensils.

Halloween Weekend

-by Al Weber, Park Ranger

Trick or treating in the Cedar and Fogdall campgrounds. October 16 from 5:30PM-6:30PM.

Panic Park Haunted House

-by Al Weber, Park Ranger

October 1,2,8,9,15,16,22,23,29,30,31
Located at the Rotary Reserve Lodge on North Union Road. Concessions on site. For more information and updates visit www.panicpark.org.



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Siggelkow Park

9905 Fairbank Road, Fairbank

Siggelkow Park Rates

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board set fees for the 2010 season. First come, first served. No reservations taken or required.

Camping	Electric	Water	Total
\$7	\$5	N/A	\$12

South Unit Parks

Hickory Hills Park

3338 Hickory Hills Road, La Porte City

Hickory Hills Park Rates

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board set fees for the 2010 season. To make reservations, go online at www.blackhawkcountyparks.com or call 319-433-7275.

Camping	Electric	Water	Total
\$13	\$4	\$5	\$22

Cabins

Rustic cabin rate	\$35 per night
Four season cabin rate	\$66 week night
Four season cabin rate	\$94 weekend

Wireless Internet at Hickory Hills Park

If you enjoy checking your email around the campfire, wireless internet access will be available this spring at Hickory Hills Park campground.



Adopt-a-pad-by Al Finke, South Unit Ranger

This project is near completion and offering you one last chance to be involved. The Adopt-A-Pad concept is the donation of \$250 towards the paving of the 160 square feet, just outside the camper door, at a full hookup site. For the donation, a receipt for your charitable donation will be mailed and an acknowledgment will be imprinted in the concrete pad.

Join these sponsors: Brian Riley, Megan Erf & Chief; R&S Plumbing; Jared, Michelle, Candace & Kirsten Morrison; Mike & Linn Neal; Chris, Heather, Zachary & Maegan Wells; Roger & Sandy Gardner; Virginia Jensen & Tobee. Bart, Dawn, Kaylena & Savannah Jensen; Kevin & Lori Schares; Dave, Anne, Dawson & Macie Graham; Mikes Lawn Care.

16 of the 26 full hookup sites have been adopted, so if you are interested, act soon by calling Hickory Hills Park at 319-342-3350.

Thank You!-by Al Finke, South Unit Ranger

Thanks to Greg Snyder and his staff at the Pioneer Hybrid facility in Reinbeck. For the second year in a row, they have donated corn to feed the bison, elk and deer in the wildlife display.



Attention Eagle Scouts-by Al Finke, S. Unit Ranger

Several projects on the horizon have significant Eagle Scout Project potential. Any Scouts looking for a project now or in the future, are encouraged to contact the staff at Hickory Hills Park.

Lights on the Lake-by Al Finke, S. Unit Ranger

Make your reservations now for this exciting weekend. On Friday, August 20 we will have a fireworks display for the campers. The show will begin after dark and is open to anyone camping in the park. There will be some areas of the park restricted to make this event possible.

Halloween Campout-by Al Finke, S. Unit Ranger

October 9, starting at 4PM. Haunted House Saturday night dark till ? Pumpkin and campsite decorating contests; costume contest, parade and trick or treating. Bring a t-shirt for the FREE halloween silk screening, while watching the LIVE creepy crawlers at 1PM.

Fishing at Casey Lake-by Al Finke, S. Unit Ranger

Casey Lake has a great population of bluegills and it's not uncommon to have half of your catch be in the 8" range. Fly fish the edges in the spring and summer or try a small hook with a light bobber and a piece of worm for best results. As the summer progresses, keep casting for those bass and fishing the bottom for some of our 2 to 6 pound channel cat. Crappie can generally be caught when the water temperature is in the low 60's. Feel free to ask our staff what has been working and what hasn't.

Adopt-A-Pad Registration

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How would you like to be recognized?

Please check: "In memory of..." "Donated by..."

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Thank You for your support!

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South Unit Parks

Hickory Hills Park

3338 Hickory Hills Road, La Porte City

Ash Trees-by Jim Weimer

In February, the removal of ash trees from developed and groomed areas (campground, playgrounds, etc) within Hickory Hills Park began. Ash trees grow quickly and provide shade, which makes them very popular for landscaping but susceptible to a very small, exotic species of beetle called the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

The EAB larva feeds below the bark of the tree, disrupting water and nutrient flow within the tree. It may take 3-5 years before the tree dies. Although the borer has become established in the Midwest, it has not yet been confirmed in Iowa. Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri all have confirmed populations and it may only be a matter of time until it reaches into Iowa. In the event that the EAB is discovered in Black Hawk County, quarantines will be in place and logs or nursery trees will need to be destroyed on site and not allowed to be transported.

Preemptively removing ash trees from the park's groomed areas will be more cost effective at this time and will allow us to salvage the tree before it may be too late. The ash trees will be replaced with native tree species, transplanted from within the park. The conservation board will also be applying for a grant to purchase additional trees for this purpose.



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McFarlane Park

13619 King Road, La Porte City

McFarlane Park Rates

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board set fees for the 2010 season. To make reservations, go online at www.blackhawkcountyparks.com or call 319-433-7275.

Camping	Electric	Water	Total
\$13	\$4	N/A	\$17

Cabin

Rustic cabin rate per night is \$35

Handicapped Camping Site

Site 7A is McFarlane's handicapped site. It is a concrete pad with a sidewalk to the blacktop road. The site has a handicapped picnic table, grill and a hydrant for water hook-up. Make reservations at www.blackhawkcountyparks.com or call 319-433-PARK (7275). You must possess a handicapped sticker to reserve this site. When not reserved, this site may be used by anyone on a first come first served basis.

Playground

Many of you may or may not be aware that there are plans for a new playground. The money for the planned playground is coming from three sources. The first source of \$4,000 is being raised by volunteers. If you bought a McFarlane t-shirt, sweatshirt or hooded sweatshirt, you have already helped. We will again be selling these items this summer. Volunteers are also helping in a March breakfast fundraiser in La Porte City. Several businesses will be helping with fundraising. The second source is the Black Hawk County Conservation Board which has put \$10,000 in the budget for the playground. At the time of this article, it is still in the budget. The third source would be grant funding for the remaining \$10-\$12 thousand needed. The grant will depend on the other two sources of funding. The plan is to have all three sources available by July 1, 2010.

The new playground will be located in the campground, where camping site six is now located. The old playground site will become two more camping spots to replace campsite six.

Harley's Birthday Bash!

May 22. Harley, the camp host, will be celebrating his 80th birthday. All campers are invited to the celebration.

"All About Birds" Program

May 29. Explore McFarlane's feathered friends. Bird feeding, bird watching and bird conservation will be discussed. Learn bird songs and how to call owls.

South Unit Parks

McFarlane Park

13619 King Road, La Porte City

Detours for McFarlane Users-by Anne Duncan

In the summer of 2010 the Black Hawk County Engineers department is planning to widen and repave Bishop Road east of La Porte City and King Road in the McFarlane Park area. Although subject to change, it is the intention that **McFarlane Park will be accessible throughout this project!**

The detour, as mapped below, will take users around the closures on Bishop Road, however the use of gravel will be necessary. At times King Road near McFarlane Park may be one lane. The signage in La Porte City will be adjusted to properly reflect the preferred detour.

Please check our website at www.blackhawkcounty-parks.com throughout the recreation season for updates or you may call (319) 433-7275. We appreciate your support during this time of improvement and welcome you, as always, to visit McFarlane Park.

Turtle Program and Races - Festival of Trails

June 19. The BHCCB will sponsor a turtle talk and turtle races for kids 12 and under. Registration begins at 8:30AM at the La Porte City Gazebo, near the ball diamonds. The program and races begin at 9AM. There will be a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Turtles will be furnished and returned to their pond after the races.

Monarch Butterflies

June-July. As soon as the Monarch butterflies arrive and start laying eggs; egg collection will begin. In the campground, at the critter shed, a display will show the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. Raise the caterpillars and watch as they change into butterflies. Weather depending, butterflies should be emerging in late June to early July. Come visit the display and learn about the amazing transformation of the Monarch, from eggs to butterflies.

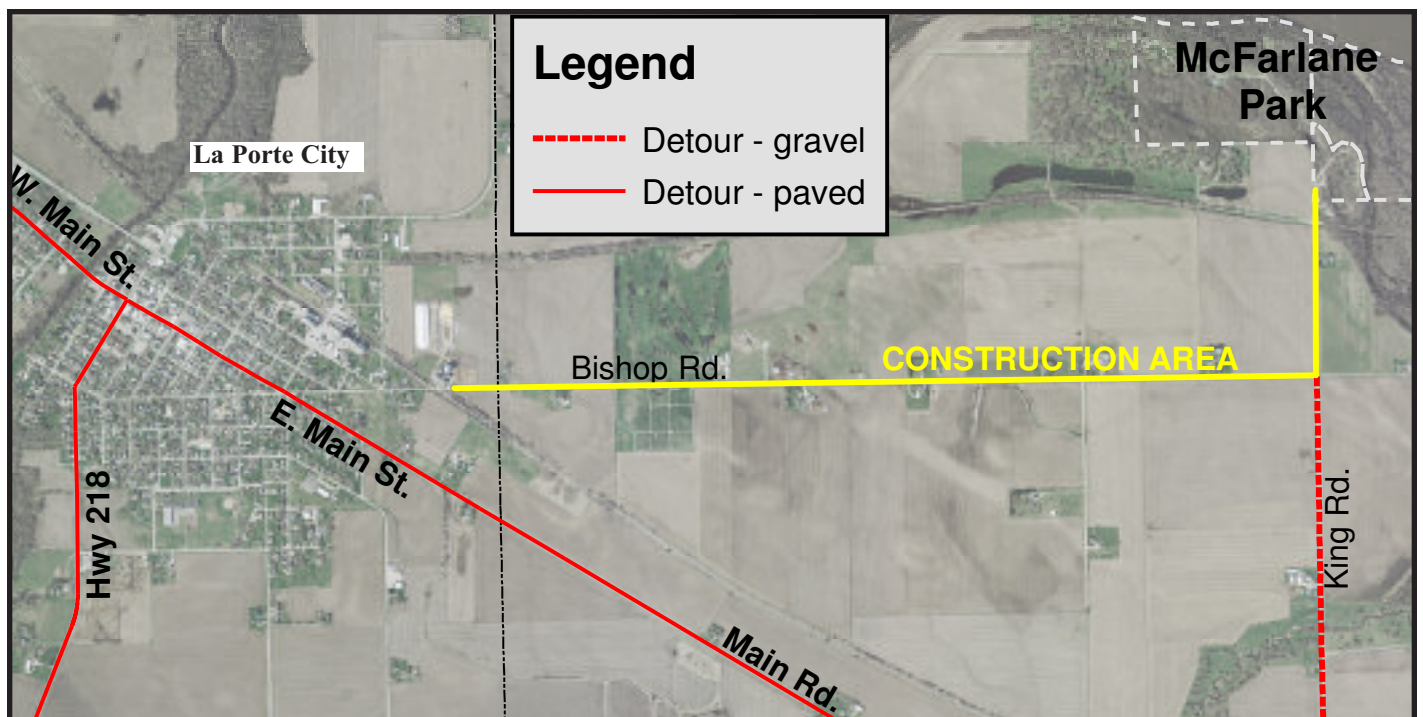
Pond Study Program

July 3. Prepare to get wet. Join the Ranger down at the pond. Fish nets will be used to explore pond life. You can help collect pond life, put them in aquariums and study them under the magnifying scope. Learn about the pond ecosystem and why it is important. Expect to find: frogs, snakes, turtles, salamanders, fish, clams, crawdads and all sorts of small and microscopic life. Wear your old clothes, bring your wading shoes and join the fun; it will be a day to remember.

Snake Program

September 4. Labor Day weekend will be all about snakes. Join the ranger with his most interesting friends, the "snakes." This will be an opportunity to learn about our legless friends and how and where they live. There will be live specimens for you to touch and see. Join us; learn about snake conservation and the snakes you might encounter in Iowa.

McFarlane Park Detour for 2010 Road Construction



South Unit Parks

McFarlane Park

13619 King Road, La Porte City

Christmas in July

July 23-24. On this weekend enjoy the second annual Christmas in July with an old fashioned Christmas get-together. Start off with a homemade Christmas dinner. The menu will include ham and turkey and all the fixings, including beverages. For dessert, turn farm fresh cream into (melt in your mouth) ice cream. Bring table setting and appetite; we will do all the cooking and cleanup. The Union Carolers, in their turn of the century costumes, will provide mealtime entertainment. The cost for this hearty country home meal will be \$6 for grownups, \$3 for youngsters under 10 and free for elves and the wee ones 5 and under. Other Christmas events include: cookie decorating (we will bake the cookies and you do the decorating and eating), snowball fight with the winning team receiving prizes; sleigh rides with Santa Clause, reindeer and Christmas music, campsite decorating contest (prizes will be awarded for day and night displays). Christmas movies with free creamy hot chocolate and buttery popcorn. We may have one small problem: Scrooge has threatened to meddle with our Christmas. It has been reported by several elves and confirmed by Rudolf that Scrooge said, "Christmas is a bunch of humbug, and I am going to put a stop to it." Do not be alarmed! The elves have taken precautions; Christmas will be rescued. The elves have put in place a special Scrooge neutralizer that we affectionately call, "Tiny Tim." All campers will be deputized and will have an opportunity to help neutralize Scrooge. There will be rewards for those who do the best neutralizing. There will be a small fee for operational costs of "Tiny Tim," the neutralizer. Remember, all sites in the campground may be reserved; be sure you have a place at the table for our down-home old fashioned country Christmas.

Hog Roast

August 21. We will heat up the charcoal and break out the rotisserie to celebrate our third semi-annual hog roast. A master chef will prepare a fall-off-the bone whole hog. The feast, along with the barbecued pork masterpiece, will include all the trimmings; beverages, and hot dogs for the kids. This will be a summer's mouth watering, tongue tantalizingly, stomach satisfying treat. Bring your table setting and an empty stomach. The cost for this summer gastronomical extravaganza is \$6 for adults, \$3 for 10 and under, and free for five and under. Pack up the camper, grab the whole family and come on out! If you want to insure a place at the table, consider reservations.

Halloween Camp Out

September 17-18 our extra-ordinary Halloween celebration will unfold. The crew from "The Night At The Museum" will be joining us. Come aid in the battle between Ahkmenran (boy king) and his evil brother Kahmunrah (King of the underworld). We will need everyone's help to fight the evil king Kahmunrah and his cronies; Al Capone, Ivan the Terrible, and Napoleon. Amelia Earhart, Attila the Hun, Teddy Roosevelt, Sacajawea, Jedediah, Octavius and Larry (the night guard); will all join in the battle against the evil Kahmunrah. Octavius has brought his personal legion's catapult to help us in the fight. You will all have an opportunity to fire the catapult using roman orange stones. Jedediah has converted some of his mining gold to cash as a reward for the best at the catapult. Apple dunking, pumpkin carving, trick or treat bag decorating, movie with popcorn, campground decorating contest, costume contest, and costume parade will also occur. Prizes will be awarded for night and day Halloween displays, and for adult and youth costume contest. On Saturday at noon, we will have our potluck. We will furnish homemade chili and beverages (no cost), you bring the side dishes, table settings, and appetite. We will have pumpkins available, trick or treat bags, and markers for coloring. There will be a minimal charge for these supplies, based on our cost. Don't forget trick or treating; bring candy for the kids. Saturday night will be the spook ride; join forces to fight the evil King of the underworld, Kahmunrah.



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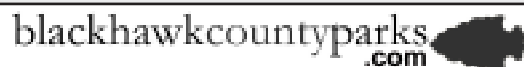
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Saturdays 6 AM - Noon

Breakfast & Lunch served Tues-Fri

Saturday breakfast served until 11:30 AM

Calendar of Events



Key for abbreviations

BHP	= Black Hawk Park
CTP	= Cedar Trails Partnership
HHP	= Hickory Hills Park
HRNC	= Hartman Reserve Nature Center
McF	= McFarlane Park
RR	= Rotary Reserve Lodge

March 2	Dr. Suess Birthday Celebration, HRNC
March 6-7	Maple Syrup Festival, HRNC
March 9	Women in Science, HRNC
March 9	Water Gardens, PR Audubon Program
March 12-14	Eastern Iowa Sports Show, UNI-Dome
March 13-14	Maple Syrup Experience, HRNC
March 13-14	Hunter Safety Course, Hawkeye Comm College
March 15-19	Spring Break Camp - Silos & Smokestacks, HRNC
March 20	Bluebird Box Workshop, HRNC
March 21	Maple Syrup Stout Brewing, HRNC
March 28	Bushcraft Survival Series: Tracking & Sign Reading, HRNC
April 1	Composting with Worms Workshop, HRNC
April 5	Animal Fools, HRNC
April 8	Intro to Canoeing, HRNC
April 11	Bushcraft Survival Series: Woodland Survival Tools, HRNC
April 13	Jim Pease - Retired ISU Ornithologist Prairie Rapids Audubon Program
April 15	Family Camping Skills, HRNC
April 17	Spring Wildflower Walk, HRNC
April 18	Earth Fair, HRNC
April 18	Stargazing, HRNC
April 24	Getting Fit in the Outdoors, HRNC
April 25	Shooting 101: A Beginners Guide to Firearms HRNC
April 29	How to Take a Kid Fishing Clinic, HRNC
May 1	Iowa's River Rivival, HRNC
May 2	Bushcraft Survival Series: Improvised Equipment, HRNC
May 11	Oneota Flow - A Deep History of Birds & People on the Mississippi Flyway Prairie Rapids Audubon Program
May 15	Green Thumb Roadtrip, HRNC
May 20	Backyard Composting 101 Workshop, HRNC
May 21	Frog & Toad Hunt, HRNC
May 22	Harley's Birthday Bash, McF
May 22	Wild Edible Plant Hike, HRNC
May 22	Big Woods Lake Dedication Big Woods Lake Campground
May 29	Discover Nature, HRNC
May 29	"All About Birds", McF
June 5	Mississippi River & Effigy Mounds Roadtrip HRNC
June 5	Youth Fishing Contest, BHP

June 8	Ada Hayden Prairie & Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum, HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks
June 10	Seed Savers & Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum, HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks
June 13	Campfire Cookery, HRNC
June 14	EWALU Low Ropes - Explorers, HRNC
June 15	Hansen's Dairy & Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks
June 15	Nature's Musicians -Green Earth Gang, HRNC
June 16	EWALU High Ropes Course - Jr. Naturalists, HRNC
June 17	Dairy Center & Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks
June 17	Net Dipping at Turtle Pond - On the Wild Side, HRNC
June 18-19	Festival of Trails, La Porte City
June 19	Dad's Field Day, HRNC
June 19	Turtle Races & Program, La Porte City
June 21	Summer Solstice, HRNC
June 22-25	Messy Jobs Camp, HRNC
June 26	Women in Nature, HRNC
June 27	Bushcraft Survival Series: Survival Hunting & Trapping, HRNC
June 28	Nature Exploration at Twin Springs - Explorers, HRNC
June 29	Get a Backbone!-Green Earth Gang, HRNC
June 30	Outdoor Skills & Shooting Sports - Jr. Naturalists, HRNC
June-July	Monarch Butterflies, McF
July 1	Campfire Treats - On the Wild Side, HRNC
July 3	Pond Study, McF
July 7-9	<u>Hatchet Camp</u> for Boys, HRNC
July 12	Finding your Way at Hickory Hills - Explorers, HRNC
July 13	Living History Farms, HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks
July 13	Fox Hunt - Green Earth Gang, HRNC
July 13-15	Outdoor Journey for Girls, HHP
July 14	Rock Climbing at Backbone - Jr. Naturalists HRNC
July 15	Herbert Hoover Pres. Library & Museum HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks
July 15	Nature's Yucky & We Love It! - On the Wild Side, HRNC
July 17	Native Plant Garden & Landscape Tours, HRNC
July 20-23	Iowa Then & Now Camp, HRNC
July 23-24	Christmas in July, McF
July 24	Natural Dyes & Wild Edibles, HRNC
July 25	Bushcraft Survival Series: Shelter Building, HRNC
July 26	Paddle at Sweet March - Explorers, HRNC
July 27	Calkins Nature Center & Scenic Empress Boat Club, HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks
July 27	Hide & Seek - Green Earth Gang, HRNC
July 28	Cedar River Expedition - Jr. Naturalists HRNC

Calendar of Events

July 29	Effigy Mounds Nat. Monument & River Cruise, HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks	Sept. 17-18	Halloween Weekend "At the Museum" McF
July 29	"Cribs" of the Feathered & Famous On the Wild Side, HRNC	September 25	Environmental Fair @ CFU
July 31-Aug 1	Paddle Trail, HRNC	September 26	Bushcraft Survival Series: Fire Building, HRNC
July 31-Aug 1	Cedar River Cleanup, CRFG	October 15-16	Halloween Weekend, BHP
August 3-5	Island of the Blue Dolphins Camp for Girls HRNC	October 9-10	Hunter Safety Course, Hawkeye Comm. College
August 9	Spelunking at Maquoketa Caves - Explorers HRNC	October 15	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
August 10	Wapsipinicon Mill & Canoe Float HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks	October 16	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
August 10	Mystery Critters-Green Earth Gang, HRNC	October 22	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
August 11	Trout Fishing - Jr. Naturalists, HRNC	October 23	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
August 11-15	Cedar Trails Festival, CTP	October 27-29	Halloween Hikes, HRNC
August 15	Eco-Triathlon, HRNC	October 29	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
August 12	Motor Mill & Turkey River Canoe Float HRNC & Silos & Smokestacks	October 30	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
August 12	Hollar for Solar!-On the Wild Side, HRNC	October 31	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
August 14	Bicycle Rodeo, BHP	November 5	Under the Harvest Moon, HRNC
August 14-15	Hunter Safety Course, Hawkeye Community College		
August 20	Lights on the Lake, HHP		
August 21	Hog Roast, McF		
September 4	Snake Program, McF		
September 5	"Roadkill" Stew, BHP		
Sept. 11-12	Hunter Safety Course, Hawkeye Comm. College		

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Sept. 17-18	Halloween Weekend "At the Museum" McF
October 8-9	Halloween Campout, HHP
October 1	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
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October 8	Panic Park Haunted House, RR
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<u>Class Dates for 2010</u>	<u>Course Number</u>
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