

Nature Programs

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION • FEBRUARY 2019 NATURE PROGRAMS

Owl Prowl

Friday, February 1 @ 6-7pm

Yellow Banks Park, tent camping area

After a brief discussion around the campfire about these flying predators of the night, we'll go for a hike and learn how to call three different species of owls. Pre-registration required; deadline is January 30. Fee: \$5.

Open Range – Air Rifles & Archery

Saturday, February 9 @ 10am-12pm

Jester Park Outdoor Recreation and Wellness Center

The ranges will be open to anyone 12 years old and older to experience the sport of target shooting. Trained and certified naturalists will be on the range to give instructions and assist with form and technique. All equipment provided, no personal air rifles allowed. Personal bows are allowed at 35lb max draw. FREE. No registration required.

Tracks & Scat

Sunday February 17 @ 1-2pm

Brown's Woods

Join a naturalist to explore off the beaten path as we search for signs of wildlife in this beautiful forest. FREE.

Critter Club

Monday, February 18 @ 10:30-11:30am

Jester Park Nature Center

Come visit Jester Park Nature Center's resident turtles, snakes, and salamanders to learn about these misunderstood animals. You may even get to touch a turtle or snake. This is an open house program, so come anytime between 10:30-11:30. FREE. No registration required.

Mammals of Iowa

Monday, February 18 @ 1-2pm

Jester Park Nature Center

Join a naturalist to learn about the wild mammals of Iowa. Feel animal furs and make an animal track sheet. FREE.

Outdoors Afterschool

Wednesday, February 20 @ 2:30-4:30pm

Jester Park Outdoor Recreation and Wellness Center

Early out Wednesday and looking for something fun, active, and educational for your teen? We'll provide instruction, equipment and hands on activities to keep your teen active and engaged. Activities will include, archery, air rifle, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, kayaking, canoeing, geocaching, shelter and fire building, and hiking. Activities are weather dependent. Ages 12 years old and up. FREE.

Antler Shed Hunt

Saturday, February 23 @ 1-2:30pm

Thomas Mitchell Park, meet at park shop

Learn tips on finding shed antlers and then head outside to find sheds that have been hidden around the park just for you! FREE. No registration required.

Bald Eagle Watch

Sunday, February 24 @ 12-4pm

Saylorville Lake & Jester Park Lodge

Stop by the Saylorville Visitor's Center to learn about the bald eagle, then venture outside to view them in their natural habitat. Jester Park Lodge will host a live eagle used for education. Hourly programs start at 1 pm. FREE.

To register for a program, visit www.leadingyououtdoors.org and click on the calendar tab.

Polk County Conservation manages 20 parks, wildlife areas, and recreation trails throughout the county. As well as performing park maintenance, we also provide free or low cost educational programs. These programs are designed for families with children of all ages. We additionally offer recreational trips and outdoor skill training for adults. For more information about our programs, parks, or a map to the locations of these programs contact
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