

Fall Calendar of Events

Friday, September 8th, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Monarch Tagging

Discover more about the Monarch life cycle and migration. Learn about why we tag monarchs, and get the chance to try out tagging for yourself!

Friday, September 15th, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Iowa Honey Queen

Get the chance to meet this year's Honey Queen, Carly Vannoy, with her interactive, visual program on honey bees! She will have lots of beekeeping tools for you to see up close, and will help to answer questions you have about bees and beekeeping. Carly's goal is to visit every county in Iowa. This program is sponsored by the Iowa Honey Producer's Association.

Saturday, September 16th - 10:00 a.m. - Mushroom Foray at Rodgers Park

Join members of the Prairie States Mushroom Club, as they guide you to discover more about the fall mushrooms Iowa has to offer. They will help you to identify mushrooms that are edible. Make sure to dress for the outdoors, as we may get dirty or wet! We recommend that you wear long pants for off trail exploring. Meet by the grilling garden at Rodgers Park.

Saturday, September 16th, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-

Kayak Demo Days at Rodgers Park

Join CrawDaddy Outdoors to test kayaks on Rodgers Lake before buying. Finding the correct kayak for you will add to your enjoyment of this fun sport! Test a fleet of 16+ kayaks to find the one that is right for you. Let CrawDaddy Outdoors' knowledgeable staff teach you the features and benefits of each kayak and help you choose the right PFD and paddle to enhance your kayaking experience. Demo days are free and no preregistration is required.

Thursday, October 5th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Full Moon Hike

Join us on a relaxing hike under the glow of the full moon. Test out your night vision and find out more about Iowa's nocturnal critters!

Friday and Saturday, October 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Terror on the Trail at Rodgers Park!

The name says it all. Rodgers Park annual Halloween hike. Tickets available at the gate. Participants gather at the grilling garden for a ride to the trail head.

Wednesday, October 25th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Make a Walking Stick

A good hiking stick can make hiking a pleasure; it can also help you record the memorable times on your journeys. Come out to the Nature Center to make your own personalized walking stick. Please pre-register by Monday, October 23rd by emailing info@bentoncountyparks.com or by calling [319-472-4942](tel:319-472-4942).

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Thursday, October 26th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Toddler Time: Creepy Crawlies

It's getting close to Halloween and that means spiders, snakes, and other creepy critters! Bring your tots to learn more about these animals and why they may not be so "creepy" after all. Feel free to dress in costume!

Friday, October 27th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Geocaching Trick-or-Treat

Use GPS units to find treats hidden around the Nature Center; although there may be a few tricks along the way! We will have GPS units available for you to use. You can dress in your Halloween costume, but some of the treats will be off the beaten path, so you might get a little dirty! Pre-registration is appreciated for this program.

Wednesday, November 15th, 6:30-7:30 - Recycle and Create!

Celebrate America Recycles Day! During this family-friendly program we will make several recycled crafts, including colorful recycled paper that you can turn into a card or gift tag!

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 a.m. - ?? - Holiday Basketry

That magical time of year when we gather with friends to once again make baskets to be used as decorations, gifts or simply pure enjoyment. We will be making snowmen, star/snowflake, or a Santa treat basket. Please bring a snack to share. Lunch will be provided. \$34.00/Santa treat basket or \$10.00 for snowman and \$5.00 for star/snowflake. **Please register by Monday, November 20th** by emailing info@bentoncountyparks.com or calling 319-472-4942.

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Meet at the Nature Center if no location is listed.

Although the majority of our programs are free, we always welcome donations to help offset the cost of materials and to further enhance our programming options.

Thank you for joining us and referring us to a friend.

