

## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, January 31st, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm - *Ice Fisheree at Rodgers Park***; Prizes, Raffle and ice fishing fun. Program subject to ice conditions. No preregistration required.

**Saturday, January 31st, 9:00 - 11:00 am - *Ice Fishing Clinic at Rodgers Park***; Learn the basics of ice fishing. Instructors will be on hand to answer all your questions and get you out on the ice to fish. All equipment provided. Program subject to ice conditions. No preregistration required.

**Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:00 pm -7:30 pm - *Snowshoeing Under a Full Moon***; Take a hike with the naturalists of Benton County Conservation as we discover the outside world through the ancient technology of snowshoes. It is a great way to explore the outdoors during the cold winter months. Program is weather dependent. Registration is required by noon the day of the event.

**Friday, February 20th, 10:00 - 11:00 am - *Toddler Time @ the Nature Center***; Come out and enjoy a story and toddler activities. Participants need to be accompanied by an adult and be between the ages of 18 months to 4 years. No preregistration required.

**Friday, February 20th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm - *Snowshoeing at the Nature Center***; Repeat of February 3rd program except during the day and no full moon. No preregistration required.



**Saturday, February 21st, 1:00-3:00 pm - *Gourd Bird Houses***; It is a great time to think about the birds coming back. You will have the opportunity to decorate a gourd that will have the holes already drilled at the start of class. You will receive instructions on how to make a birdhouse from a raw, dried gourd from start to finish. General information will be given about gourds and we will try to answer any questions you may have. Fee \$10. Preregister by February 18th.

**Sunday, February 22nd, 1:00-4:00 pm - *Nature Center Open to Public***;

Join our volunteers as they host another fun day at the Nature Center. The public is invited to simply enjoy the new displays or participate in an activity designed to highlight our traveling turtle display. Come anytime between the hours of 1-4pm.

**Unless otherwise noted, to register for programs:  
319-472-4942 or email us at: [info@bentoncountyparks.com](mailto:info@bentoncountyparks.com)**

## Calendar of Events continued

### **Saturday, March 14 , 9:00 am - Noon, - *Antler Scoring;***

Join Naturalist Karen Phelps, an official Pope and Young scorer, as she demonstrates the proper technique to scoring antlers. Bring your deer racks or shed antlers and find out what they measure. Officially scored racks that qualify for P&Y will be entered into the record books for \$35.00 each. No cost for the program.

### **Sunday, March 22nd, 1:00-4:00 pm - *Nature Center Open to Public;***

Join our volunteers as they host another fun day at the Nature Center. The public is invited to simply enjoy the new displays or participate in an activity designed to inspire. Come anytime between the hours of 1-4pm.

### **Tuesday, March 24th and April 7th, 6:30-8:30 pm - *Build a Leopold Bench***

The first night of class, participants will learn the fine art of pyrography (wood burning). You'll have two weeks to "burn" your bench parts and then return on the 7th to assemble your bench. Cost of the class is \$60.00 and includes all materials and pyrography tool. This is a 2-part class and participants must attend both sessions. Preregistration and payment is required by Friday, March 6th.



**Friday, March 27th, 10:00 - 11:00 am - *Toddler Time @ the Nature Center;*** Come out and enjoy a story and toddler activities. Participants need to be accompanied by an adult and be between the ages of 18 months to 4 years. No preregistration required.

**Saturday, April 11th 10:00 am to Noon - *Dugout Canoe;*** Join Naturalist Aaron at the Nature Center as we continue work on our ever popular dugout canoe. As work progresses, our canoe is starting to take shape. Our goal is to launch it this fall, so come and lend a hand. No preregistration necessary. Free

**Saturday, May 9th 10:00 am -3:00 pm - *Wild Edibles; Dandelions & Morels;*** Join Mike Krebill, Iowa's Wild Food Ambassador, at the Nature Center as he reveals ways to reduce the bitterness in dandelions and turn them into family and company pleasing food. Bring your personal sack lunch & beverage to supplement dandelion-tomato appetizers, dandelion brats, and the improbable, but delicious, dandelion root ice cream. Kids may don aprons and fix dandelion donuts. After lunch, get 50 tips to put more morels in your basket, and then join members of the Prairie States Mushroom Club on a mushroom hunt. Fee of \$10/adult or \$20/family of 4. Maximum of 24 participants; preregistration required by May 2. Register early. This class fills fast!

**Unless otherwise noted, to register for programs:  
319-472-4942 or email us at: [info@bentoncountyparks.com](mailto:info@bentoncountyparks.com)**