

Calendar of Events

Friday/Saturday, October 9th/10th - Annual Haunted Trail at Rodgers Park

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Saturday, October 17th, 10:00 am - *Prairie States Mushroom Foray*

Join the Prairie States Mushroom Club as we explore Rodgers Park for fall mushrooms. We will meet at the Nature Center. Wear appropriate clothing as we will be going off trail. Bring a basket or bag to hold your fungal finds, and a small pocket knife to harvest mushrooms. After the foray, we will return to the Nature Center for a pot luck lunch, please bring a dish to share (your dish doesn't need to contain

mushrooms). During lunch, we will label all of our finds with the scientific name and the common name. After lunch, we will have a short program highlighting edible fall mushrooms. If all goes as planned, there will be 2016 calendars for sale featuring edible mushrooms - See more at: <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Benton/Park/Rodgers-Park-Nature-Center/Events/7663/Prairie-States-Mushroom-Club.aspx#sthash.6ppk4aG2.dpuf>

Saturday, October 24th, 7:50 am - *Pizza Hut Doggone Tired Ultra Marathon*

50K/10 mile run at Rodgers Park. For more information visit: <http://vintonpizzahutrunch.weebly.com/october-10mile-50k-trail-run.html>

Thursday, October 29th, 6:30 pm - *Monarchs!*

Benton County Naturalist, Karen Phelps, has spent time in the over-wintering grounds of the Monarch butterfly in Michiocan, Mexico. From 2006 to 2010, she has personally witnessed the decline of this indicator species. As pollinators continue to decline in Iowa and the United States, Phelps will present the life cycle of the Monarch, and it's fascinating migration to Mexico and what can be done to ensure its place among pollinators. Register by October 28th. Free



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Thursday, November 12th, 6:30 pm -

Bison at the Nature Center!

Join your county Naturalists and learn about the amazing bison that once roamed the Midwest. Learn how Native Americans used various parts of the bison for their everyday life. Fun facts and a great family program. Register by November 11th. Free

Friday, November 13th, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 am - *Toddler Time (ages 2-6 yrs)*

Stories and a craft will enlighten your child. Must be accompanied by an adult. Register by November 12th. Free

Friday, November 13th, 1:30 - 3:30 pm - *Youth Program, Feeders for the Wild Animals*

Join the Naturalists and help recycle those pumpkins. Participants will help create feeders out of pumpkins and place them outdoors around the Nature Center. Register by November 12th. Free

Saturday, December 5th - 9:00 am -

Baskets at the Nature Center

This unique basket has wrought iron handles and fits perfectly on the back of your toilet or nestled in a corner of the bathroom. Cost includes all supplies, instruction, soup and beverages. Please bring a snack to share. Cost \$50.00 Register by November 26th.



Friday, December 11th - 1:30 - 3:30 *Holiday Crafts at the Nature Center*

Designed for children in First through Fourth grade, this program will focus on simple crafts to make and take just in time for the holidays. Class size limited to 20. Register by Dec. 10th. Free

Friday, December 18th - 6:30 pm *Snowshoeing at the Nature Center*

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 December 18th. Free

Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 - 6:30 pm *Snowshoeing at the Nature Center*

Repeat of December 18th program. Register by Noon on January 5th. Free

Saturday, January 23rd 2016, 8:00 am - *Hannen Lake Ice Fisheree*

Prizes awarded for the biggest fish of each species caught plus raffle drawing for Clam Ice Shack and Vexlar Sonar Fish Finder. Contact Logan Hahn for more information, 319-560-9804

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