

## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, July 22nd - Sunday, July 26th - *Benton County Fair* Saturday,**

**August 1st, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm -  
*Canoe Float on the Cedar River***

\$10 per person (includes lunch). Enjoy a leisurely float down the scenic Cedar River while observing local plants and animals. You will have time to do some beach-combing and then fix a simple lunch on a sandbar. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Release and location details provided upon registration. Canoes and PFD's will be provided. Register deadline July 31st.



**Saturday, August 8th, 9:00 am - ??? - *Cedar River R.A.T.S.***

Join the 8th Annual Cedar River clean up. This year volunteers will be disembarking at 9:00 a.m. from Riverside Park boat ramp. Contact Tami Stark with questions or to pre-register for our clean up, @ 319-558-7476.

**Friday, August 21st, Noon - 3:00 pm - *Canoeing at Rodgers***

Join the Benton County Naturalists for some canoeing safety, and then we'll take to the waters in canoes and enjoy paddling on Rodgers Lake. All equipment provided. No registration required.

**Tuesday, August 25th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - *NRCS Day at the Nature Center -***

For more information, contact [www.BentonTamaNutrientReduction.org](http://www.BentonTamaNutrientReduction.org) or phone:319-472-2161

**Saturday, September 5th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm - *CrawDaddy Outdoors Kayak Demo Days***

Join the staff from CrawDaddy Outdoors and try out a variety of kayaks at Rodgers Park, near Vinton. This free event provides a great opportunity to experience different kayaks and find that perfect fit for you. Show up anytime during the event.

**Friday-Sunday, September 18th-20th, *Becoming an Outdoor Woman, (BOW)***

The annual BOW event for women 18 and over, will be held at the Springbrook Education Center near Guthrie Center, Iowa. Register online at: [Iowadnr.gov](http://Iowadnr.gov) or Contact Julie Sparks at 515-725-8285 or [Julie.Sparks@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Julie.Sparks@dnr.iowa.gov)

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**Saturday, September 26th -**

### ***Egg Baskets at the Nature Center***

This class is all about versatility. Participants can choose to make an egg basket or repeat participants can finish up old projects, or even bring something they want help getting started. Egg basket prices range from \$25-\$45 depending on size (8"-18" baskets). Other baskets available as well, prices vary. Register by September 18th.



**Saturday, October 3rd, 9:00 am-4:00 pm - *Survival Skills***

\$20 per person - minimum age 12, includes all materials and lunch.

Could you survive in the outdoors without all your electronic gadgets? We'll show you how. Participants will learn how to build a shelter, make a simple fishing kit, start a fire, and make survival bracelets, just to name a few. Come prepared to learn the basics - basics that could save your life. Register by September 30th.

**Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00 am - *Pizza Hut Stomp Out World Hunger 5K Run***

4th Annual Pizza Hut 5K at Rodgers Park will start at 10am on October 3rd, entry by Sept 18th to ensure shirt. For more information or to register visit: <http://vintonpizzahutruns.weebly.com/october-5k-trail-run.html>



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

New this year, two weekends = twice the fun. Proceeds will benefit Rodgers and Wildcat Bluff Parks. See our website or Facebook page for more details.

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

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

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