

Calendar of Events

All programs meet at the Benton County Nature Center unless otherwise noted.
Programs are all FREE of charge unless a price is listed.

Friday, March 2nd, 10:00 — 11:00AM, Critter Corner: Crayfish

Come meet this lowan crustacean up close and personal! Get the chance to see and touch some crayfish, and learn more about these neat critters.

Friday, March 9th, 10:00 — 11:00AM, Toddler Time: Signs of Spring

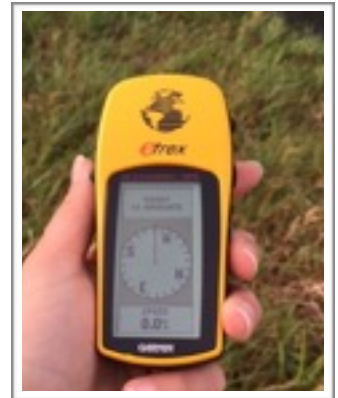
The weather is starting to change, but what are some other changes we can observe outside? What are animals doing in the springtime? Explore the coming Spring with the naturalists. This program is geared towards toddlers but open to all ages.

Wednesday, March 21st, 6:30 — 8:00PM, Woodburning 101

We will be making drink coasters with a nature theme. This beautifully simple project is designed for all abilities. Some of the patterns might be animal tracks, mushrooms, or feathers — you decide! All participants will be able to make a coaster to take home. Please register for the class by March 19th by calling 319-472-4942 or emailing info@bentoncountyparks.com.

Friday, March 30th, 1:00 — 2:30PM, Geocache Egg Hunt

Try out the modern-day treasure hunt to find your eggs this year. Find the eggs to win some small prizes. Preregistration is appreciated by calling 319-472-4942 or emailing info@bentoncountyparks.com.



Saturday and Sunday, March 24th and 25th, Hunter Education Course at Izaak Walton League. Register for course through Iowa DNR online at <https://register-ed.com/programs/iowa?>

Saturday, April 14th, 10:00AM — 2:00PM, Kayak Demo Days at Hannen Park

Join CrawDaddy Outdoors to test kayaks on Hannen 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.

Saturday April 14th, 2:00 — 4:00PM, Fresh Paint “Spring Painting”

The very talented Christine Boeve from Fresh Paint will be teaching a painting class at the Nature Center. She will instruct the class how to make Spring themed painting. Each participant will be able to create their own 11" by 14" painting with all supplies being provided. Light refreshments will be provided and you are invited to bring your own beverages. Please register for the class by April 11th by calling 319-472-4942. The cost of the class is \$30.

Saturday, April 21st, 12:00 — 3:00PM, Eco-Extravaganza!!!

Celebrate Earth Day one day early at our second Eco-Extravaganza! Join us for bird banding, crafts, outdoor activities, and fun for all ages! Bring the family out for an afternoon of Earth Day excitement. Keep posted on our Facebook page at “Benton County Conservation” for more details.



Do your kids love exploring and being outside? Keep an eye out on our Facebook page at “Benton County Conservation” for details about our summer camps! We offer summer camps for ages 4-13. More details to come in our spring newsletter.

