

# Pathways to Nature

A Newsletter of the Webster County Conservation Board

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CAMP WaNoKi

*Edition*

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## What's New...

By Matt Cosgrove

If you were lucky enough to attend a camp at Camp WaNoKi as a child you will be excited to hear about all of the great things happening at the camp! If you have never been to the camp we invite you to plan a visit and start making memories!

This "special edition" of our monthly newsletter is dedicated to Camp WaNoKi and the exciting new opportunities it provides for outdoor recreation and nature exploration in Webster County.

The camp currently offers primitive hike-in campsites, a beautiful remodeled cabin for remote weekend get-aways, fireside chats, access to the Des Moines River and miles of woodland hiking.

With the generous help of the Webster County Board of Supervisors we are excited to offer a new lodge for daily rentals....weddings, family reunions, birthday/anniversary parties, etc. (see details and open house information on the next page).

The recent improvements and future plans have breathed "new life" in to the former camp and we are extremely excited to share the camp experience with you and your family....**book your escape today!!**

# *The Lodge* at Camp WaNoKi

*The Lodge* is available for rent on a reservation basis for graduation parties, family reunions, weddings, and seasonal parties. Reservations can be made in advance up to 2 years before the date of use. The lodge is equipped with a refrigerator, sink and microwave. It has air conditioning, heat, bathrooms and chairs and tables for 100 guests.



## **OPEN HOUSE**

**WHEN : Sept. 27th, 2018**

**6:00—8:00 p.m.**

**WHERE : Camp WaNoKi**

**2401 WaNoKi Camp Road**

**Open for Business!!**

### **Rental Rates**

Fri/Sat/Sun \$260.00 / day  
Monday - Thursday \$130 / day

### **Winter Rates**

December 1st—March 31st  
\$130 / day





## Find Your Escape at Camp WaNoKi

By Cody Peterson

Last fall the Conservation Staff finished construction on a camping cabin at the newly acquired Camp WaNoKi. The cabin is named the “Riverview” cabin for its picturesque view of the Des Moines River Valley.

The cabin is roughly 14'x24' and sleeps up to 6 people. Solar panels charge batteries to provide “green” electricity for your stay. The electricity can last a long time depending on sunlight availability and what type of devices get plugged in. We recommend only plugging in low power draw devices.

The cabin is heated by a wood stove (firewood is



provided) and has no running water. There is an outhouse located close to the cabin along with a fire ring and two outdoor chairs.

In the near future the Conservation Department has plans to build a second cabin nearby. If your looking to “get away” for a weekend this is a great opportunity to get back to nature and recharge your batteries.



**Make your reservation at [www.mycountyparks.com](http://www.mycountyparks.com)**

**Rental Rates - \$50/night (6 person max.)**

\*Reservations may be made up to two years in advance of your arrival date.

\*Two night minimum for weekends (Friday & Saturday), 3 night minimum for holidays

\*Camping reservations must be made at least three days in advance of arrival date.



# Hike-In Campsites

**For the adventurous spirit** looking for that primitive getaway, Camp WaNoKi has two back-country campsites.

The Oak Hill campsite located near the north end of the park is set in a majestic white oak setting. To access this site there is a 1/8 mile hike through the woodlands from the front parking lot.

The Hickory Hill campsite is located near the south end of the park. This site is located near breath-taking views overlooking the Des Moines River. From the front parking lot hikers must hike 1/2 mile to this campsite. Both sites provide an open shelter and fire pit with grill and can be rented on-line at [www.mycountyparks.com](http://www.mycountyparks.com).

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Whether you are looking for peaceful time away or interested in the beauty we have right here in Webster County we have a place just for you!



**Rental Rates** - \$15/night (6 person max. per site)

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\*Two night minimum for weekends (Friday & Saturday),  
3 night minimum for holidays

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in advance of arrival date.





# Upcoming Public Programs & Events

## *Your Guide To The Outside*

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sept 13	6 - 8 pm	Fireside Chat	Camp WaNoKi
Sept 25	5:30 pm	Fall Colors Hike	Camp WaNoKi
Sept 27	6:00 pm	WaNoKi Lodge Open House	Camp WaNoKi
Oct 11	5 - 7 pm	Fireside Chat	Camp WaNoKi
Oct 13	6 - 7 pm	Trick or Treat	Kennedy Park
Oct 15	12:00 pm	Campground Closes	Kennedy Park
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**Kennedy Park Campground Spook-tacular Weekend!!**

**October 13th—Trick-or-Treat**

**6:00—7:00 pm**

**Mark Your Calendar...**



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Webster County Conservation*



For more information or a complete listing of all 2018 public programs and events, visit  
[www.mycountyparks.com/County/Webster.aspx](http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Webster.aspx)

**mycountyparks**  
**.com**





## Fireside Chat at Camp WaNoKi

Sept. 13      6:00 -- 8:00 pm

### Walking Sticks



Bring a comfy campfire chair and relax around a campfire, enjoy a campfire snack, and make your own cedar walking stick. Then test out your new hiking stick on a guided hike thru the color changing woodlands. Great family memories to be made....

**\*\* Bring a bag chair, comfy hiking shoes,  
and a friend / family members.**

**Camp WaNoKi is located 1 mile east of Coalville (235th)  
and 1 mile south on WaNoKi Camp Road.**



**Call Karen at 576-4258 or email [khansen@webstercountytia.org](mailto:khansen@webstercountytia.org) for info  
Sponsored by Webster and Hamilton County Conservation**





**YOU'RE INVITED TO A**

# *Fall Colors Hike*

**SEPT 25TH, 2018 | 5:30 PM |  
CAMP WANOKI**

**Meet naturalist Erin as she leads a Fall hike around Camp WaNoKi. Bring a water bottle and wear shoes you can hike up hills in. We will be hiking through woodland, and prairie with a stop along the river as we check out fall colors. The hike will last 45 min to an hour. Hope to see you there.**

**Meet at the parking lot near the entrance gate.**

**If you have any questions please feel free to call 515-576-4258.**



# Now Taking Applications for 2019 Seasonal Campsites

**Seasonal sites at  
John F Kennedy Park Campground  
will offer asphalt pads, electric, water & sewer  
hook ups. Sites will be available  
April 15 through October 15.**

**6 months of  
camping for only  
\$2,000**

For more information or for a seasonal campsite application, visit

[www.mycountyparks.com/County/Webster.aspx](http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Webster.aspx)

Or call 515-576-258

Applications are also available at the Webster County Conservation office

1415 Nelson Ave, Fort Dodge

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Applications are due in office by Monday, **October 1, 2018 at 4:30 pm**

Drawing for sites will take place during regularly scheduled October

Conservation Board meeting, **October 9, 2018 at 5:30 pm**

If selected for a site, a \$500 deposit will be due by November 1, 2018.

The remaining \$1,500 will be due by April 15, 2019.





The “Friends of Webster County Conservation” is a non-profit, 501c3 organization that helps the WCCB with volunteers and raising funds to enhance environmental education, outdoor recreation, and conservation projects in Webster County.

# Volunteer Donate Protect

The mission of the Friends of Webster County Conservation is to provide awareness, appreciation, and the preservation of Webster County’s natural resources for future generations.

## Sign Up Today!!

*Please fill out this form and mail to:*  
*Friends of Webster Co. Conservation*  
*1415 Nelson Avenue*  
*Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501*

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

- |  |       |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership   | _____ | \$15  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership   | _____ | \$25  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Membership | _____ | \$100 | _____ |

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*Volunteers don't get paid,  
not because they're worthless,  
but because they're priceless.*  
*~Sherry Anderson*



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The Webster County Conservation Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Kennedy Park Office building at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.



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