

Pathways to Nature

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What's New...

By Matt Cosgrove

On September 25th, the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance Ambassadors joined the Conservation Board, Webster County Supervisors and the Conservation Department Staff for a ribbon cutting and official “opening “ of the *Lodge at Camp Wa-No-Ki*.

The event was followed by a public open house that welcomed approximately 100 people to tour the new facility and roast marshmallows and hotdogs over the new patio fire pit.

The lodge will be used for environmental education programming at the Camp and will be available to the public on a rental basis. The facility holds 100 people and can be reserved two years in advance through the mycountypark.com website.

Find your escape at Camp Wa-No-Ki!!

Fireside Chat at Camp Wa-No-Ki

Bring a campfire chair and join us on **October 11th from 6 - 8 pm** as we relax around a campfire while getting into the fall season at our next Fireside Chat with a "gelli print" art project provided by the Iowa Central Community College work study art students



and the Fort Dodge Fine Arts Association. Gelli printing is a form of art called monoprinting where you press to transfer paints from a plate to paper or fabric. This fun take home activity can be done with children of all ages. Continue the fun experience with a guided hike through the woods on an illuminated night hike and search for animal tracks using fluorescent tracking powder and blacklights. Discover the Autumn woods as nocturnal animals would through this adventure for your senses. What new things can you discover in the night that you wouldn't during the day?

A Fall, family fun adventure awaits!

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“Getting By With A Little Help From Our Friends”...

Recently three groups of volunteers from *Elanco Animal Health* joined the Conservation Department Staff to lend a helping hand on a variety of projects. The projects included: clearing invasive plants at Camp Wa-No-Ki, sprucing up the natural playscape at Kennedy Park, trimming and mulching trees at the Children’s Forest and weeding and mulching planters at the Veteran’s Memorial Park.

The volunteer effort was part of *Elanco’s* “Global Day of Service”. “Each September or October, more than 24,000 Lilly employees spend a day out of the office, helping friends and neighbors in communities around the world. Since the program launched in 2008, employees in over 65 countries have given more than 1 million hours through Lilly Global Day of Service initiatives. It is one of the largest single-day volunteer programs of any global enterprise. “ (*Eli Lilly website*)

A HUGE “Thank You” to our friends at *Elanco* for helping keep our parks looking great!! These projects would not have been possible with out your generous volunteer efforts!!

THANK YOU!!



Fort Dodge Elanco Animal Health Volunteers!



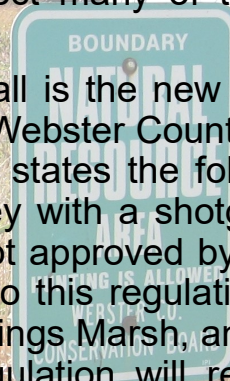
New Non-Toxic Shot Regulations for 2018-19 Hunting Season

By Brad Janssen, Park Ranger

The Webster County Conservation Park Rangers would like to remind all sportsmen and women this upcoming hunting season to please read all posted signs at the public hunting areas they plan on hunting this fall. The Webster County Conservation Board has made regulation changes that effect many of the public hunting areas throughout Webster County.

One change that will effect a number of hunters this fall is the new non-toxic shot only regulation that pertains to 5 public hunting areas in Webster County. These are posted at each area they pertain to and the regulation states the following: It shall be unlawful to hunt any game other than deer or turkey with a shotgun while having in one's possession any shot other than non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The following areas are subject to this regulation: Miller Marsh, Rossow Prairie, Meier Memorial Marsh, Whispering Wings Marsh, and Shirley Kirchner-Seltz Youth Prairie. Failure to comply to this regulation will result in a simple misdemeanor violation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new regulations please refer to webstercountyaia.org for a listing of all regulations that pertain to Webster County Conservation Areas or contact the Webster County Park Rangers at 515-576-4258.



Upcoming Public Programs & Events

Your Guide To The Outside

Date	Time	Event	Location
Oct 11	6 - 8 pm	Fireside Chat	Camp Wa-No-Ki
Oct 13	6 - 7 pm	Trick or Treat	Kennedy Park
Oct 15	12:00 pm	Campground Closes	Kennedy Park
Oct 15	12:00 pm	Campground Closes	Gypsum City OHV
Oct 26	5:30 pm	Hunter Ed Field Day Course	Camp Wa-No-Ki
Nov 1		Trout Stocking	Moorland Pond
Nov 27	5:30 - 8 pm	Friends Annual Banquet	Bob Heun Shelter



Did You
Know?

The fall colors will peak between
October 10th and 20th



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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

Kennedy Campground

Trick or Treating

Sat Oct 13th

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Kennedy Memorial Park is hosting a trick or treating night in the campground. Campers are encouraged to decorate their campsites and handout candy. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated sites.

For the safety of all our trick or treater's visitor's are encouraged to park outside the campground in the grass field or any available parking spot.



Hunter Education Field Day Course

Friday, October 26, 2018

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Camp WaNoKi Lodge

2401 WaNoKi Camp Road

Fort Dodge, IA 50501

In order to receive certification, a student must successfully complete an Iowa approved online Hunter Education Course prior to registering and attending a field day. To locate an approved Iowa Online Hunter Education Course visit: www.iowadnr.gov/huntered. Students will be required to provide a field day voucher to the instructor upon arrival to the field day. The student must also pass the final exam in order to receive certification.

We do not prevent attendance based on age; however:

- Any child under 11 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during every session.
- A person who is 11 years old or older may enroll in a course, but those who are 11 and successfully complete the course shall be issued a certificate which becomes valid on that person's 12th birthday.

Sign up at <https://register-ed.com/events/view/130562>





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"/> Membership	_____	\$25	_____
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To See In The World
~ Mahatma Gandhi*

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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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