

Buchanan County Conservation Events Winter 2018 - 2019

**12/10
2018**

NATURE KIDS - BACKYARD BIRDS

Bring a child age 3-5 to the park to learn about and experience different Iowa animals each month. The program will start with a story, encounter with backyard birds, and end with time spent outside exploring (dress for the weather). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10 AM - 11 AM

Where: Fontana Nature Center



**12/17
2018**

OWLS - BIRDING 101

Join a naturalist and experience bird life and bird identification in Fontana Park during this featured program for "Older, Wiser, Livelier Souls" (OWLS). OWLS is a program specifically designed for adults to learn and explore nature in and around Buchanan County. Several programs are offered each quarter. Be sure to bring your binoculars because there will be plenty of time to watch the birds. There will be many great winter birds that will be viewable. Starting at the nature center then making our way over to the woodland trail we will encounter cardinals, blue jays, and downy woodpeckers.

Time: 10 AM - 11 AM

Where: Fontana Nature Center



**01/01
2019**

NEW YEAR'S WOODLAND WALKS

Start off the first day of 2019 with a guided walk through Guy Grover Timber and Tree Plantings. The rolling landscape along the Wapsipinicon River Corridor provides a great nature experience in this wonderful resource located near Quasqueton. Following the Grover walk, participants can grab a lunch in Quasqueton (or bring their own), and then head to nearby Cedar Rock State Park at 1 p.m. for another walk. Participants need to be sure to register for each walk online.

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: Guy Grover Timber

Time: 1 PM - 2 PM

Where: Cedar Rock State Park



**01/07
2019**

OWLS - BOTANICAL CENTER

Join a naturalist and enjoy the beauty of the UNI Botanical Center. Billie Hemmer, Preserves Manager, will provide a group tour of the center. This is a great opportunity to get into a nice tropical environment without having to leave Iowa. Those interested in carpooling will meet at Fontana at 9 a.m. There will be limited seating in the county van, for those who register quickly. Please note if you would like to ride in the van while registering online.

Time: 10 AM - 11 AM

Where: UNI Botanical Center



Preregistration is required for programs so go to www.buchanancountyparks.com to get registered or click on date.

Fontana Interpretive Nature Center is open 7 days a week (except some holidays)

Monday & Tuesday 8 am - 12 pm,

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 8 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 4:30 pm,

Saturday & Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm.

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WINTER OPEN HOUSE

01/12
2019

Tired of being stuck inside the house? Come out to Fontana and enjoy an afternoon exploring, building a fire, and cooking. There will be a snowshoe hike through the Fontana Woodland trails, followed by a fire building activity and delicious desserts. No prior snowshoeing experience is necessary. Be sure to preregister because there are a limited number of snowshoes available. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family

Time: 1 PM - 3 PM

Where: Fontana Nature Center



01/14
2019

NATURE KIDS - TURKEYS

Bring a child age 3-5 to the park to learn about and experience different Iowa animals each month. The program will start with a story, encounter with turkeys, and end with time spent outside exploring (dress for the weather). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10 AM - 11 AM

Where: Fontana Nature Center



01/19
2019

MOONLIT SNOWSHOE

Strap on a pair of snowshoes and explore the beauty of a winter evening at Cortright Wildlife Area northwest of Independence. Participants will meet in the middle parking lot on River Road Blvd. If the sky is clear, the moon will light our way. No prior snowshoeing experience is necessary. All ages are welcome.

Time: 5:30 PM - 7 PM

Where: Cortright Wildlife Area



02/11
2019

NATURE KIDS - OWLS

Bring a child age 3-5 to the park to learn about and experience different Iowa animals each month. The program will start with a story, encounter with a live owl, and end with time spent outside exploring (dress for the weather). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 10 AM - 11 AM

Where: Fontana Nature Center



02/16
2019

COYOTE CLUB - ICE FISHING

Coyote Club is for kids age 6-10 who are interested in nature, animals, and outdoor fun! Participants engage with the Naturalist at Fontana Park, with programs scattered throughout the year.

Fontana Lake is a great spot to fish, even in winter. The February Coyote Club program is a great time for young people to get out on the lake and try their luck at ice fishing. All supplies will be provided, including bait, snacks, and drinks. Adults are encouraged to learn and participate with their kids. The cost is \$5 per child.

Time: 9 AM - 10 AM

Where: Fontana Nature Center



02/25
2019

OWLS - OWL CHAT

There are many different owls that call Iowa home, so come out and explore the different species. The group will discover the amazing owl adaptations as creatures of the night, and even get a close encounter with one! There will be a short hike to call for owls (and perhaps hear owls calling back!). Be sure to give a hoot for this fun program. OWLS is a program specifically designed for adults to learn and explore nature in and around Buchanan County.

Time: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Where: Fontana Nature Center

