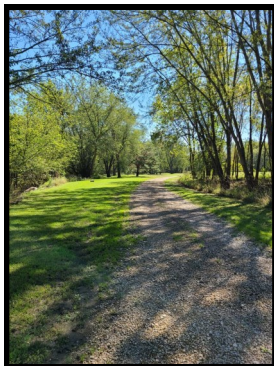


**A NEWSLETTER OF THE
BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

Spring 2022 Edition

*Winter Projects in the Wildlife Areas
By Dave Steere*



Winter is when most of the forest and woodland management is completed. It is ideal since the leaves have fallen and there is an open view of the entire tree, especially the upper portions. Therefore allowing better assessments, evaluations, and comparisons of the trees. With the loss of the ash, it adds a very unique management opportunity. Winter is also when we continue work on 'feathering' the edges of the forests and woodlands. In addition, there is always the never-ending removal of woody vegetation that is invading the prairies and open wetlands, winter is one of the best times for that as well.

Welcome Larry Pavelec

Larry Pavelec has been a Bremer County Conservation Board (BCCB) member since January 2021 and currently serves as the Vice Chair. Recently Larry became the BCCB representative on the Bremer County Nature Alliance (BCNA) board. Below is an introduction he provided to the BCNA board.

“I am Larry Pavelec and my wife is Vicki. I am a lifetime member of the Bremer County Nature Alliance. We live in Readlyn and this is where I grew up and we raised our three boys. I look forward to good times and Covid free events in the future.

The photo to the right is Vicki and me on a trip to Iceland. We love to travel and see nature all around the world.”



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Bremer County Nature Alliance Annual Banquet

Bremer County Nature Alliance (BCNA) exists to support environmental programs for all citizens of Bremer County, especially our youth. We coordinate volunteer efforts and raise funds to help support Bremer County Conservation. We encourage everyone to enjoy and protect our environment and our future.

Last year our main purchases were eight kayaks, a kayak trailer, and a carrying rack for the county's Traverse. The kayaks make a great addition to the fleet that we started in 2019, and the trailer and rack make transporting watercraft much safer and more efficient. The naturalists get great use out of these through many water programs. We are grateful to all who helped meet our goals. This year our goals include a trail counter for the Readlyn Bike Trail, a permanent Bags Game for Cedar Bend Park, "River Access" sign for Cedar Bend Park, as well as other park projects.



This year's banquet will be at the **Denver Legion Hall, April 2, 2022, starting at 5:00 p.m.** In addition, we are offering a carry-out meal option for those unable to attend the entire event. **Carry-out meals will be available from 5:00-5:30 pm.** Our membership dues and the banquet are our main fundraisers each year. We invite you to join us for a fun and informative evening that includes a catered meal; a presentation by Linda Nebbe, Wildlife Rehabilitator; door prizes; and a raffle for a kayak. We also invite you to become a new member or to renew your membership for 2022. Thank you in advance for your support of Bremer County Nature Alliance, Bremer County Conservation, and our natural resources! ~ Janet Hurley

Thanks to the following for donations to BCCB.

Kevin Korman

Memorials for Karen Tyrrell toward North Woods Park

Thomas Scott & Sarah Rada-Scott

Donation toward county parks

Dale & Peggy Rogers

Ingawanis Woodland

BCNA Donations

Dale & Peggy Rogers

Memorial for Robert Dunleavy

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MEAL TICKETS

Number of adult meal tickets for dine-in _____ @ \$15 = _____
 Number of 12yrs & under meal tickets for dine-in _____ @ \$10 = _____
 Number of meal tickets for carry-out _____ @ \$15 = _____
 Dietary Restrictions: _____

RAFFLE TICKETS Number of single tickets _____ @ \$10 = _____
 Or set of 3 tickets for \$25 - Number of sets _____ @ \$25 = _____

MEMBERSHIPS

Individual Annual-Total # _____
 Name _____ Name _____ @ \$20 = _____

Family Annual Names: _____ @ \$50 = _____

Individual Lifetime @ \$200 = _____

Family Lifetime @ \$500 = _____

Small Business (dba _____) @ \$100 = _____

TOTAL Amount DUE \$ _____



Please make your check payable to Bremer County Nature Alliance.
 Mail to: Tickets BCNA
 PO Box 412 Tripoli IA 50676

Questions? Call 319-882-4742

Bremer County Conservation Fees for 2022

Camping

<u>Cedar Bend Park</u>	\$12.00 per night per camping unit without electricity \$20.00 per night per camping unit with electricity \$22.00 per night charge for sites A-G (gravel pads & 50 amp outlets available) \$485 per 30 consecutive nights sites A & B \$410 per 30 consecutive nights grass sites (limit 10)
<u>North Woods Park</u>	\$12.00 per night per camping unit without electricity \$18.00 per night per camping unit with electricity 30 amp lower sites \$20.00 per night per camping unit with electricity 50 amp & water upper gravel sites \$22.00 per night charge for sites A-G (gravel pads & 50 amp outlets available) \$460 per 30 consecutive nights upper gravel sites 2-5 \$360 per 30 consecutive nights grass sites (limit 5)

Alcock Park and North Cedar Park

\$12.00 per night per camping unit
\$18.00 per night per camping unit with electric (30 amp outlets available)
\$360 per 30 consecutive nights grass sites (limit 5)

Wednesday night will continue to be a free camping night unless the Wednesday falls on a holiday (whereby there will be regular fees).

Camping fees will be collected on a self-registration basis, whereby campers fill out an envelope upon arriving at the campgrounds, and deposits the envelope and fees in a vandal-proof collection box at the campground entrance. **Application process for those wishing to use the 30 night options.** For details call 319-882-4742. **No reservations, all sites are first come/serve.**

Showers

Shower facilities are located in all parks. These facilities are free to those camping in one of these parks. For anyone wanting to use the showers and not camping in the park, there is a **\$2.00** charge each time this facility is used. The fee can be placed in a camper self-registration envelope and marked "shower" and placed in the camper vandal-proof collection box.

Dumpstations

Dumpstations are located in all parks. This dumpstation is included in the camping fee for those camping in the park. For anyone wanting to use the dumpstation and not camping in the park, there is a **\$5.00** charge for each time the facility is used. The fee can be placed in a self-registration envelope and marked "dumpstation" and placed in the camper vandal-proof collection box.

Firewood

All parks cost **\$5.00** each time a defined amount of firewood is obtained from the firewood pile. Fees for firewood can be placed in a separate vandal proof collection box located near the firewood pile.

Shelters

Shelters are located in each of the four county parks and an amphitheater is located at Cedar Bend Park. These shelters have electricity as well as nearby water and a grill. They can be used free on a first-come, first-serve basis, but can be held for you by reservation. The charges are **\$25.00 per day** for shelters or the amphitheater. Contact the BCCB office at 319-882-4742 for more information or to reserve.

Ingawanis Woodland Lodge

This facility is located at 2588 Hawthorne Avenue, Janesville. It is an enclosed facility with restrooms, heat, air conditioning and a kitchenette. It can be rented for \$75.00 per day and reservations can be made by calling the BCCB office at 319-882-4742.

**Bremer County Conservation Board park gates are scheduled to be open
May 1 - October 31. For additional information, call Andy Hockenson at the BCCB office at
319-882-4742.**

Picnic in the Park

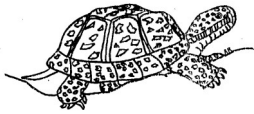
Picnics are meant to help you socialize with other families in the summer and get outdoors. Each family brings their own lunch items and a blanket to spread out on. Picnic tables are also available. Each week will have a book and activity. Please email Angie at angie.ael@co.bremer.ia.us to reserve your spot. There is no fee for this program but it is nice for planning purposes to have a head count.



11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cedar Bend Park - East Shelter
1267 205th Street - Waverly
June 7, 14, 21, and 28

Mini Explorers

New program for Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students. An adult needs to accompany the child to these events. Each week, will explore a different park in the county and enjoy an activity together. Please email Angie at angie.ael@co.bremer.ia.us to reserve your spot. There is no fee for this program but you must register.



10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
June 9 Cedar Bend Park, Waverly
June 16 Ingawanis Woodland, Janesville
June 23 Babcock Woods, Waverly
June 30 North Woods Park, Sumner



Winter Picnic by Mike Stevens

On Sunday, February 6, the Bremer County Nature Alliance (BCNA) hosted a Winter Picnic at Ingawanis Woodland. It was based at Eagle Lodge.

We set up a campfire to warm the participants and cook s'mores. Instead of the usual chocolate bar on graham crackers with marshmallows, we used fudge stripe cookies with marshmallows. They were a hit and we ate over 6 dozen.

At the lodge, we had all of the pairs of snowshoes ready for the enthusiastic group. After they finished, hot cocoa and cider warmed them back up. A few people had to wait until others returned, due to the numbers of people who showed up. We estimated about 75 people came out to have a good time. Many also brought their own snowshoes. There were also a couple of fat tire bikers to explain what winter biking was like.

It was great to see all of the families, especially the young children, who came. Six of the BCNA Board members, and 3 Bremer County staff came to help out. The weather was great, and I think that everyone had a good time.



Field Trips

Trip to Heery Woods (Clarksville) in Butler County

Participants will go fishing and kayaking at Sportsman's Park. Then they will get involved with numerous team challenges and get to check out the nature center at Heery Woods.

Date: Wednesday, June 15
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Age: Completed 3rd grade and up
Fee: \$20

Waverly Archery Club in SE Waverly

Participants will meet at the Waverly Archery Club near Babcock Woods. All equipment will be provided. We will begin our day shooting at a target, then walk through the woods to shoot at the 3D animals.

Date: Wednesday, June 22
Time: 9:00am – 11:00am
Age: Completed 4th grade and up
Fee: \$10

Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch and Twin Ponds Nature Center

This group is off to Chickasaw County to get up-close and personal with animals! Participants will take a hay wagon ride in the buffalo pasture and feed the buffalo ears of corn by hand. Then we will travel to the nature center, where we will touch live animals and fish at the pond.

Date: Wednesday, July 20
Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm
Age: Completed 2nd grade and up
Fee: \$30

Summer Outdoor Explorers Programs

To register for any Outdoor Explorers events, please **register online** at <https://bit.ly/2022outdoorexplorers> and pay at <https://givebutter.com/BCNAOutdoorExplorers> for the amount of the class or combination of classes. Please email Heather Gamm at naturalist@co.bremer.ia.us if you have any questions.

Field Trips

Rockford Fossil Park near Rockford, Iowa

Travel to the Devonian Age when Iowa was an ocean. That's before the dinosaurs! Participants will tour the Fossil & Prairie Center before going out to look for fossils.

Date: Tuesday, August 2
Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm
Age: Completed 2nd grade and up
Fee: \$20

Extreme Kayaking at Manchester Whitewater Park

CrawDaddy Outdoors will provide all the gear and training for this epic adventure! Participants will meet in Waverly and ride with a naturalist or Darrin Siefken, CrawDaddy Outdoors owner. Some kayaking or canoeing experience is preferred.

REGISTER ONLINE for this program only! Here is the link to register.

<https://bit.ly/2022whitewaterkayak>

Date: Wed. August 17
Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Age: Completed 5th grade and up
Fee: \$40 (Pay online)
Location to meet: Behind CrawDaddy Outdoors at 9:30am or in Manchester at 10:30am

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Beginner Outdoor Explorers

Ensure your child is outside this summer by signing them up to enjoy and learn about the great outdoors! Outdoor activities are listed below. Your child may take this class 2 years in a row. Most activities will alternate every other year.

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:15 am

Grades Completed: 2nd - 3rd

Place: Cedar Bend Park East Shelter (1267 205th Street, Waverly)

Fee: \$30

Date	Activity
July 7	Get to Know You Games
July 12	Survival (Poisonous Plant ID, Fire)
July 14	Birds
July 19	Painting Rocks
July 21	Super Soaker Day
July 26	Fishing/SUP/Kayaking
July 28	Using a Compass



Intermediate Outdoor Explorers

Participants will enjoy a longer session to engage in hands-on activities. This Outdoor Explorers group will meet at various locations around Waverly. Please be on time for all activities. Children should bring a water bottle and dress to be outdoors which includes tennis shoes.

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Grades Completed: 4th - 5th

Place: various locations around Waverly

Fee: \$50

Date	Activity	Location
July 7	Intros, Slacklining & Disc Golf	Brookwood Park
July 12	Outdoor Cooking, Digital Scav. Hunt	Cedar Bend Park
July 14	Biking (Bring your bike & helmet.)	South Riverside Park
July 19	Pellet Guns/Archery/Stepping Stones	Cedar Bend Park
July 21	Creek Stomp	South Riverside Park
July 26	Fishing/SUP/Kayaking	Three Rivers Park – Duck Pond
July 28	Geocaching	Around Waverly

Advanced Outdoor Explorers

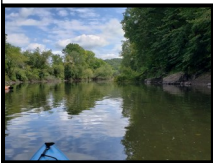
This group meets for two sessions on Fridays in July.

Day: Friday from 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Grades Completed: 5th - 8th

Fee: \$30 for all dates

If you sign up for only one event, the price will be as follows:
\$20 for kayaking and \$10 for biking.



Date	Activity	Location
June 17	Kayaking	Shell Rock River
July 15	Biking (Bring your bike & helmet)	Waverly Rail Trail

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