



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

State Park News

Conservation and Recreation



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IA State Parks: Art in the Park, Join our Volunteers

20 artists, 20 parks public events

Earlier this summer, the DNR, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Iowa State University announced the [20 Artists, 20 Parks](#) project to celebrate next year's centennial of the Iowa state park system. Artists from ISU have been visiting state parks this summer, creating art inspired by the outdoors. Check out a few upcoming events to see artist demonstrations!

Saturday, July 13

- [Pine Lake State Park](#) — Meet artist Jennifer Drinkwater who connects studio art and the world through painting and drawings. She will be at the [CCC museum](#) in Eldora from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Monday, July 15 and Tuesday, July 23

- [Palisades-Kepler State Park](#) — Meet artist Celinda Stamy, oil painter and faculty member at ISU, who will be painting throughout the day at Palisades-Kepler State Park.

2019 — Year of the volunteer

As Iowa prepares for the 100th anniversary of state parks in 2020, the DNR is putting the spotlight on our volunteers who help keep parks in excellent condition and assist visitors.

Waubonsie State Park campground hosts make a difference

This spring, disastrous flooding from the Missouri River took over the town of Hamburg, IA. Waubonsie State Park opened its campground for free to those whose homes were inundated by flood waters. When campground hosts Deb and Dave White got news, they decided to start their hosting responsibilities a little early. From March 15 to May 15, Deb and Dave maintained the cleanliness of campground facilities, served community meals and spoke with families who lost their homes to the flood. Deb and Dave are just two of many people who volunteered their time to help people amidst a natural disaster and we appreciate their service!



Save the date -- September 28, 2019 is the annual statewide Volunteer Day at Iowa state parks! Discover how you can get involved with state parks:

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Upcoming state park events

A variety of naturalist programs and events are happening at state parks this weekend. Check out the list below to find one near you!



Friday, July 12

Walnut Woods State Park

- [Kayaking program at 5 p.m.](#) — Join us for a kayaking program that will cover safety instruction followed by paddling on the lake. Kayaks and life jackets will be provided, or bring your own. Meet at the parking area at Purple Martin Lake.

Saturday, July 13

Lake Anita

- [Kayaking program at 10 a.m.](#) — Join us for a kayaking program that will cover safety instruction, followed by paddling on the lake. Kayaks and life jackets will be provided, or bring your own. Please wear sunscreen and bring a water bottle. Meet at the boat ramp.

Viking Lake State Park

- [Amphibians Program at 10 a.m.](#) — Join us to learn what makes amphibians so unique. A craft will follow. Meet at the playground.
- [Frog Craft at 10:30 a.m.](#) — To help us remember what we learned about frogs let's make a craft you can take home and show your parents.

Pikes Peak

- [Aquatic Invasive Species Program at 2 p.m.](#) — We will discuss ways to prevent the spread of these species and how to identify them. Please bring lawn chairs and blankets. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in the picnic area.
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Enjoy your weekend at Iowa State Parks!
