



Lee County Conservation 2016 Public Programs

For more information about any of LCC's public programs or to pre-register for a program call Mary at 319-463-7673 or email mbulger@leecounty.org

Summer / Fall

Kids Fishing Tournaments - Various Locations and Dates summer 2016

LCC will be hosting kids fishing tournaments this summer for ages 3-16. The top two from each age group will participate in a finals tournament held in August 2015. Each individual tournament will include a lunch, medals, and big and little fish prizes. There will be a \$2 fee per child to help pay for prizes and lunch. Registration will start at 7:30a and the tournaments will be from 8-11a.

Heron Bend Fishing Area - May 21, 2016

Dallas City - June 11, 2016

Pollmiller Park - June 18th, 2016

Chatfield Park - July 23, 2016

Finals - Location TBD - August 13th, 2016



Paddle at Pollmiller - June 24, 2016 - Pollmiller Park Beach Area - 7-9p

Join the LCC naturalists for a paddle around Pollmiller Park Lake to enjoy the sunset and evening wildlife. Participants can stop by the beach area any time between 7-9p to try out a kayak or canoe. All equipment including lifejackets will be available and staff will be on hand for basic instruction. Equipment and paddling time may be limited based on number of participants. There is no charge for this event, but donations are appreciated.

Concert in the Park with Will Schmitt - July 29, 2016 - Wilson Lake Main Shelter - 7-8p

Join us for an evening of music at Wilson Lake with folk musician Will Schmitt. Will is traveling and performing at many county parks in Iowa this summer., and will make a stop on July 29th, 7-8p here in Lee County. This event is FREE, and family friendly. So bring the family, a picnic basket and enjoy a beautiful summer evening outdoors.

Richard Proenneke Exhibit - July 30, 2016 - Lee County Conservation Center - 4-7p

Join Lee County Conservation, The Friends of Donnellson Public Library, and The Richard Proenneke Museum for an open house exhibit about Lee County native Richard Proenneke. Featured in the exhibit timeline of Richard's life, Kodiak grizzly bear fur, artifacts, memorabilia, replicas, photographs and letters. Refreshments featuring sour-dough from Richard's own starter. This is a family friendly event. For more information please call the library at 319-835-5545. This is a family friendly event. For more information please call the library at 319-835-5545.

Horseback Riding - August 20 or October 29, 2016 - Shimek State Forest - 2-5p

Join a LCC naturalist and the Westercamp family on a 3 hour horseback ride through Shimek State Forest. Horses and snacks are provided. **Pre-registration and pre-payment is required and space is limited to 12 riders.** All participants are required to sign a waiver form and the fee is \$30 per rider. Directions will be given upon registration. In the event of rain or trail closure, we will contact each rider to reschedule. Refunds will only be made if LCC cancels the ride. To register call Clay at 319-463-7673 or email csteele@leecounty.org



Migrating Monarchs - September 17, 2016 - Lee County Conservation Center - 1-3p

Learn about Monarch Butterflies, then go on a monarch hunt. We will have a short presentation about monarch life cycle, what they eat, where they live, and how we tag and track their long migration! We will have live monarch caterpillars on hand, and some adults to tag. Then we will send you on a hunt to see if you can catch and tag your own wild monarchs. Cost is \$2 per participant.

Hunter Safety Course - August 27, 2016 - Lee County Conservation Center - 9a-5p

Hunter education classes are mandatory for everyone born after January 1, 1972. To purchase an Iowa Hunting License you must have a certificate showing completion of a hunter's education course. There is no fee for this class and space is limited. To register sign up on the online training registration and tracking system at www.iowadnr.gov/training If you have any questions regarding the class or how to sign up, please call IDNR Conservation Officer Ben Schlader at 319-470-0788.

Youth Mentor Dove Hunt - North Heron Bend Wildlife Area - September 3, 2016 - Time TBA

Youth 12-16 years old are invited to participate in a Youth Mentor Dove Hunt. Youth will receive hands on gun handling and field experience through instruction from a mentor hunter. A trap shoot and meet and greet will be held September 3, 2016 previous to the dove hunt. **Pre registration is required by August 27, 2016. For more information or to pre-register call Rick Tebbs at 319-463-7673**



Halloween Hike - October 15, 2016 - Wilson Lake Large Shelter - 6:30-8p

Join the LCC staff and volunteers for a non-scary hike through the woods along a lighted trail. We are still working on this year's nature theme, but its always something new and fun. The cost is \$2 per person to help cover costs of refreshments and costumes. Groups will leave every 20 minutes from the large shelter. **Pre-registration is required.**

Wilson Lake Trout Release - Wilson Lake Park - Date TBD (late Oct. / early Nov.) 1-4p

The Iowa DNR will release trout in Wilson Lake and a fishing derby will follow the release. This is a FUN and EDUCATIONAL event with limited prizes available. The Wilson Lake Fishing Derby will officially begin at 1p and end at 4p. All anglers must possess a valid fishing license, have paid the trout fee, and abide by daily bag and possession limits. Lee County Conservation is excited to support this event in coordination with the Iowa DNR and support from Three Rivers Conservation Foundation.

Live Reptile & Amphibian Program - November 19, 2016 - Lee County Conservation Center - 1p

Come meet the wildlife ambassador reptiles and amphibians that live at the Lee County Conservation Center. We will give an up close and personal presentation with these live animals, including snakes, turtles, frogs and a salamander. This is a family-friendly program and is FREE.



Holiday Nature Crafts - December 3, 2016 - Lee County Conservation Center - 1-3p

Join naturalists from Lee County Conservation for a fun nature crafts program. We will be making crafts out of natural and recycled materials just in time for gift-giving. This is a family-friendly event and all materials will be provided. Cost is \$5 per person. **Pre-registration is required.**

Winter Break Break - December 30th, 2016 - Lee County Conservation Center - 1-3:30p

The new toys are already broken and cabin fever has set in. What's a parent or grandparent to do? Get those cooped up kids out and to the Lee Co. Conservation Center for a break from winter break! We'll spend the afternoon exploring the park and tracking critters along the river, followed with some warm adventures in the new nature center. Dress to be outside. This camp is for youth 2nd-5th grade. Cost is \$8 per child. **Pre-registration required.**



We also invite you to visit the Lee County Conservation Center. Come check out our live education resident wildlife, youth library, and nature displays! Open M-F 8-4:30p and some weekend. Find us on Facebook to stay up to date with our program and news.