

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1, 2021



Schumacher Farm Park
Courtesy Rona Neri

DOG PARK CLEANUP

Help us clean up our dog parks on Saturday, April 3 from 9:00 - 11:00 am!

Clean ups will be happening at each of Dane County Parks seven dog parks. Volunteer crew leaders will meet you at the park entrance with bags and gloves. Dogs are welcome to join. No need to pre-register! A facemask must worn while participating in the clean-up and please practice physical distancing from anyone outside of your household.

- Badger Prairie - Verona
- Capital Springs - Madison
- Indian Lake - Cross Plains
- Prairie Moraine - Verona
- Token Creek - DeForest
- Viking - Stoughton
- Yahara Heights - Waunakee



Token Creek County Park

Dog Grin Photography

CONTROLLED BURNS

Every year Dane County Parks staff and volunteers conduct prescribed burns on over 650 acres of county-owned land to help combat brush, manage invasive species, and maintain healthy native habitats. Check out this amazing video created by volunteer Roger Bindl giving you an inside view of the process!



HEALTHY PARKS, HEALTHY YOU

The Foundation, Dean/SSM Health, and Dane County Parks are kicking off a new three year partnership called "Healthy Parks, Healthy You" to help promote the connection between parks and physical and mental health.

Each month several Dane County Parks will be featured to give you ideas for new places to explore. If you explore any Dane County Park you can post a photo on Facebook and tag it **#healthyparkshealthyyou** for a chance to win gift cards and other prizes.

[Learn More](#)



GROUP FIELD TRIPS

Are you looking to bring your summer campers or youth club outdoors this summer?

Let our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility take your group on an epic summer adventure with our Field Trip Programs. Join us for fishing, biking, hiking, aquatic or prairie adventure programs. These programs are priced to fit your budget, offer free lunch space in the park, and provide all the equipment (bikes, helmets, fishing gear, etc.) you need for beginners and well-seasoned adventurers alike!

Cost: \$5/person, \$50 minimum.

[Learn More](#)



LUSSIER FAMILY HERITAGE CENTER
FIELD TRIPS

Looking for an outdoor adventure and environmental education focused field trip? Our field trips are perfect for first-time outdoor experiences or well-seasoned participants.

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION


The Lussier Family Heritage Center



Nature Notes

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center
a Dane County Parks Facility

CAMPGROUNDS OPEN APRIL 30

Spring is in the air and we've been getting a lot of calls asking about camping! Dane County Park campgrounds open on April 30 but you can plan ahead and make a reservation today. Learn more about our campsites or make a reservation online using the button below.



[Learn More](#)

LOVE TO RIDE: MADISON AREA

Check out the Love to Ride bike challenge happening during the month of May!

You can sign up as an individual or as a group/business and compete for prizes. Register using the link below.

[Learn More](#)



SEED THE NEED

Our multi-year effort to expand and restore the Pheasant Branch Conservancy continues to make progress! On March 17th, parks staff and Dane County Executive Joe Parisi joined volunteers to discuss Dane County's ongoing conservation efforts and participate in a prairie seeding event.

By saving this 160-acre property from being developed and restoring it to prairie, Dane County will be able to prevent the runoff of nearly five million gallons of water from entering the Yahara Chain of Lakes each year, and reduce more than 550 pounds of phosphorus annually.

Thanks to Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy, Clean Lakes Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, and Meringoff Family Foundation for helping to make this effort possible!



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TRANSPORTATION STORIES

Madison Metro is redesigning several bus routes later this year. We have teamed up with the Sierra Club Four Lakes Chapter to gather stories from the public about where bus transportation access to parks could be improved.

If you have ever had trouble getting to a park or trail in Dane County due to limited or nonexistent bus access then we would love to hear your story!

We hope to compile these stories and work with Madison Metro to see where bus lines could be improved or expanded to help the public reach certain parks.

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SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



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**W.G. Lunney Lake Farm
County Park** *@lutrz2*



Prairie Moraine County Park
@madisondogparkmeetup



Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area
@onefootinshortfilm

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