

# DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1, 2021



*Festge County Park  
Seed collecting*

*Photograph taken by Sevie Kenyon*

# WAUNAKEE ARTISAN MARKET

The Waunakee Artisan Market is a juried one-day event held on the historic 40-acre Schumacher Farm Park in Waunakee on **Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** This unique market blends the charm of fall on the farm with quality art exhibitors and food carts. Come to shop from a wide variety of unique artisan wares emphasizing the talents of local artists and get a head start on your holiday shopping. Make a day of it and stay to enjoy delicious meals from area food carts on the pastoral grounds of a 1920's farmstead. The event will cost only \$2 admission per person.



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*Schumacher Farm  
County Park  
From Create  
Waunakee*

# YOGA IN THE PARK

Yoga in the Park has been extended into the fall! Come Join instructors from Wishing Tree Studios under the solar shelter at the W.G. Lunney Lake Farm Campground for a family friendly yoga class. **Every Sunday** in October from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. we will have this fun outdoor yoga class. The cost is \$10/person, \$15 for two, and \$25/family. Bring your water and yoga mat to enjoy the fall scenery and yoga class!

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# VOLUNTEER SEED COLLECTION

Each year volunteers, staff, partners, and Operation Fresh Start participants collect and process native plant seed from prairie, savanna, wetland, and woodland ecosystems. The seed is worth approximately \$600,000 and is used to restore over 170 acres of park lands.

Join our natural areas staff to help us collect seed!  
Upcoming opportunities include:

**Oct 5** - [Ice Age Junction Reddan Unit](#)

**Oct 7** - [Yahara Heights County Park](#)

**Oct 8** - [Brigham County Park](#)

**Oct 8** - [Donald County Park](#)

More opportunities will be posted on our [event calendar](#) throughout the fall.



# BUMBLEBEE BRIGADE

Join the **FINAL** bumble bee survey at the Capitol Springs Recreation Area! Come learn how to take a bumble bee survey by using photos of bumble bees found in blooming prairie. Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area naturalist Clare Carlson will lead surveys in different locations in the Capital Springs Recreation Area. Children are welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- 10/6 @ W.G. Lunney Lake Farm Park, Shelter 3, Libby Rd, 9 a.m.

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*Prairie  
Learning  
Center  
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# FALL COLOR WALK

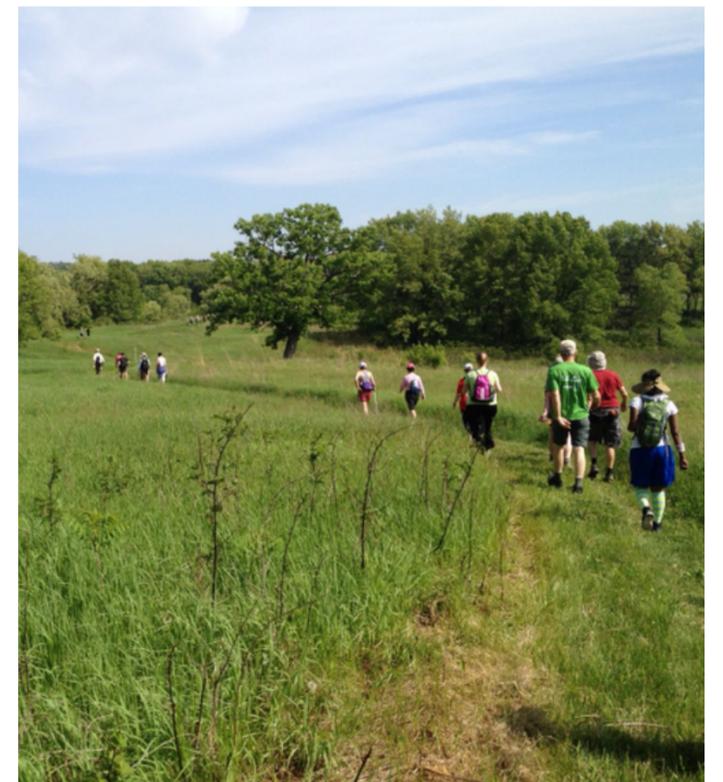
Join us on **Wednesday, October 13th from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** for a Fall Color Trail Walk along the Ice Age Trail at Badger Prairie County Park. Hosted by the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Dane County Parks, and the Verona Senior Center.

Take in the wonder of Wisconsin's fall wildflowers and foliage along the Ice Age National Scenic Trail on a Fall Color Trail Walk. The walk will begin at the Badger Prairie County Park Shelter. All ages are welcome to join the leisurely, guided stroll. The trail walk will be out and back, so walk as far as you'd like. You can turn around at anytime and gather back at the shelter for some post walk treats and refreshments provided by Oakmont Senior Community. The complete trail walk will be about 60 minutes (approximately 2.0 miles).



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Bernard Lynch*

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*Photographer:  
D.Lonsdorf*

# YOUTH PROGRAMMING AT STEWART LAKE

Come join the Lussier Family Heritage Center staff and Friends of Stewart Lake at Stewart Lake County Park for an afternoon of outdoor exploration! On **Monday, October 11th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** staff will be hosting a hike, water exploration, and crafts for youth ages 5-13. The group will meet at the Stewart Lake shelter at 1:00 p.m. and head out for a hike at 1:15. Come prepared with water, snacks, bug spray, and good walking shoes for this fun filled day exploring our natural areas!



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# STORYWALK

A new StoryWalk has been set up at the Lussier Family Heritage Center!

Come to the Lussier Family Heritage Center to enjoy a walk around the beautiful prairie trails and the book, Countdown to Fall by Fran Hawk. This walk is fit for the whole family and it is the perfect time to watch the fall blooms in the prairie. Bring some water and walking shoes for this short walk. Trails are open from sunup to sundown.

The book starts just northeast of the Lussier Family Heritage Center parking lot. If you have any questions feel free to ask the Lussier Family Heritage Center staff!

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# HALLOWEEN AT THE FARM

Head to Schumacher Farm County Park for Halloween at the Farm, a fun event the whole family can enjoy! On **Saturday, October 23 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.** there will be activities and food to get you in the mood for spooky season. Come enjoy spooky activities such as storytelling, interactive characters and fortune telling. There are also events such as live music, hay rides, and face painting. Admission is \$10 / person or \$30 / family. Kids 3 and under free. Pay at the door.



*Schumacher Farm County Park  
Halloween at the Farm*

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# BEER CAVE RESTORATION

Join Dane County Parks on **Saturday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m.** to celebrate the restoration completion of the historic Beer Cave at CamRock County Park. The event includes a presentation by Richard Moen on the history of the area and the beer cave and a description of his volunteer restoration efforts on the beer cave. The presentation will be followed by remarks from Dane County Parks on the importance of volunteer efforts for completing projects like this and will end with a "grand reveal" of the restored beer cave entrance. Stone soup and Sunshine Brewing Company "beer cave" oatmeal stout and a special farmhouse ale will be served.



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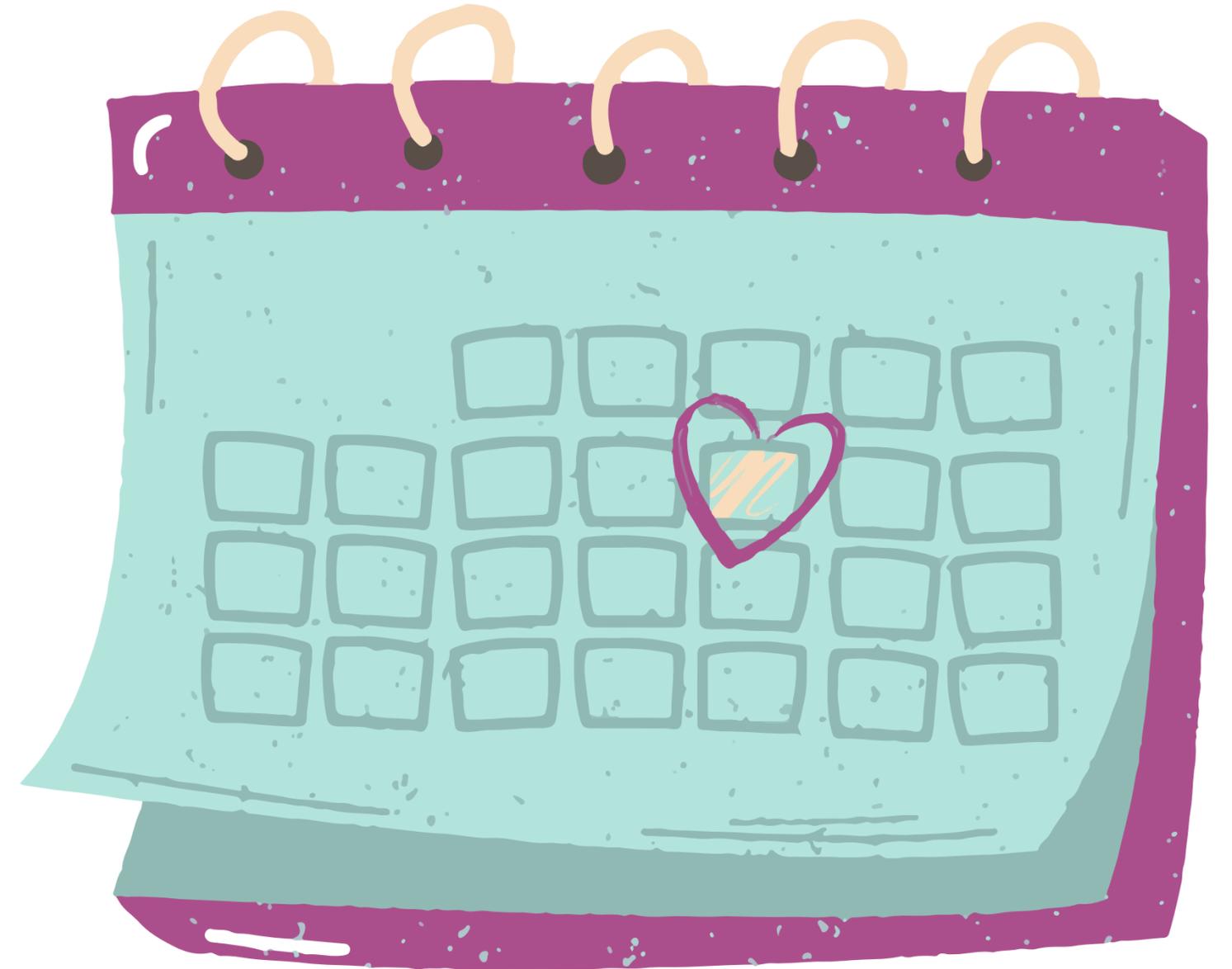
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# FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more event listings, check out the event calendar on our website. Events include:

- Youth Adventure Days
- Volunteer Workdays
- Music and craft events hosted by friends groups
- and more!

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