



# DANE COUNTY PARKS

## INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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***Anderson Farm Dog Park Ribbon Cutting***

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# FREE DISC GOLF DAY

Madison Parks and Dane County Parks are offering a permit-free disc golf day on **Saturday, May 28** at four local disc golf courses:

## City of Madison Parks Courses

- Elver Park (18 holes) - 1250 McKenna Boulevard
- Hiestand Park (18 holes) - 4302 Milwaukee Street

## Dane County Parks Courses

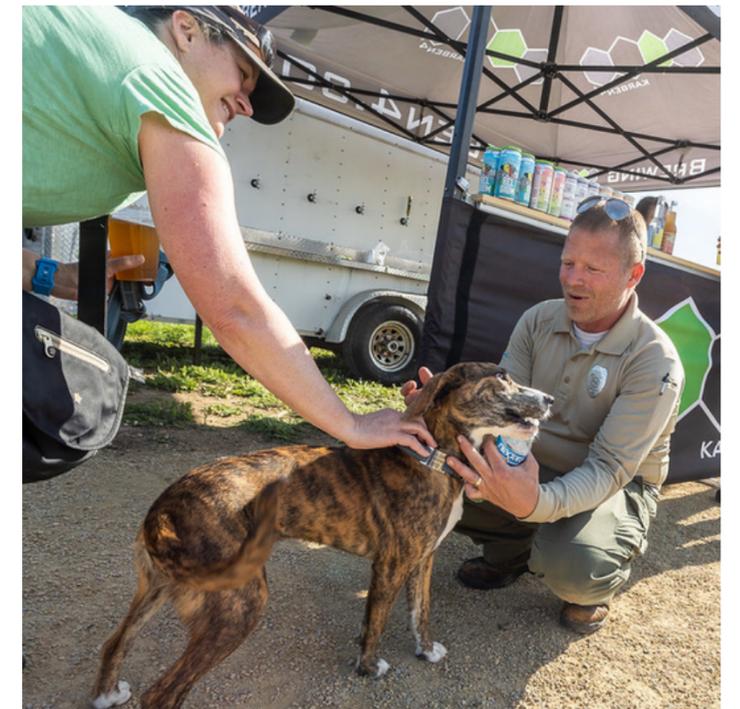
- Vallarta-Ast at Token Creek County Park (27 holes) - main entrance is closed for road repaving. Use alternative entrance at 4036 Anderson Road.
- Capital Springs Recreation Area (18 holes) - 3398 Lake Farm Rd



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# ANDERSON FARM DOG PARK

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone that came out to the Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting event at the Anderson Farm Dog Park last week! The 36 acre off-leash dog park is our 8th dog park and includes a separate small dog area, accessible crushed limestone trail, a vault toilet and electric vehicle charging stations. Grab your dog permit from [www.reservedane.com](http://www.reservedane.com) and go check it out!



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# TOKEN CREEK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Dane County Parks is reconstructing a portion of the park road at Token Creek County Park starting May 25.

Road closures at the main park entrance will require park users to use alternative routes to access the park via the entrance at **4036 Anderson Road**. Campers can continue to use Williamsburg entrance.



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# RESTROOM UPGRADES

Dane County Parks is part of the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department. The department created an Equity and Inclusion plan in 2018 and we have been working on implementing it. We wanted to share a few ways we are working to make our park restrooms more inclusive:

- We have upgraded all of the portable toilets in our park system to units that are **ADA accessible**.
- The signage on all of our single stall restrooms is currently being replaced with **gender-inclusive signage**.
- We have a new [Open Restrooms](#) webpage on our website to help the public figure out which parks have open restrooms that will work for them.

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# JUNIOR NATURALIST

If you are between the ages of 9-14 and are interested in the outdoors, natural history, hands-on science, and wildlife data collection, then you should join our **Junior Naturalist** summer program.

In these sessions, we will explore, track bumble bees, conduct a bird survey, scout for berry patches, identify prairie plants, and assess stream health. All while adventuring through William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park! This summer we are offering sessions for two age groups (9-11 and 12-14).

Learn more and register online at:

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**Nature Notes**

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center  
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# HELP US NAME OUR RESCUE TURTLE

Dane County Parks is adopting a Western Painted Turtle. The turtle was originally from Viking County Park and was kept as a pet for several years before being surrendered to the Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center. The turtle will live in a snazzy enclosure at the Lussier Family Heritage Center, a Dane County Parks Facility, and will help educate the public about local wildlife.

We need your help coming up with a name! People submitted their name ideas and our staff voted to help narrow it down to the top 10! Now you have until **Sunday, May 29th** to vote!



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# FREE FUN WEEKEND

Dane County Parks is offering a permit-free weekend on **June 4th and 5th**. Many activities that normally require a permit will be free so Dane County Park visitors can try out new activities. This includes: lake access, dog parks, disc golf, Capital City Trail, mountain bike trails, and equestrian trails.

The public can also visit the prairies in our parks and natural areas which are currently in full bloom and alive with butterflies, birds, and wildlife. With over 17,000 acres of land and 100 miles of trails owned by the county, there is no shortage of ways to get out and explore the amazing resources our county has to offer. Visiting Dane County Parks for walking, hiking and nature exploration never requires a permit to park or visit.



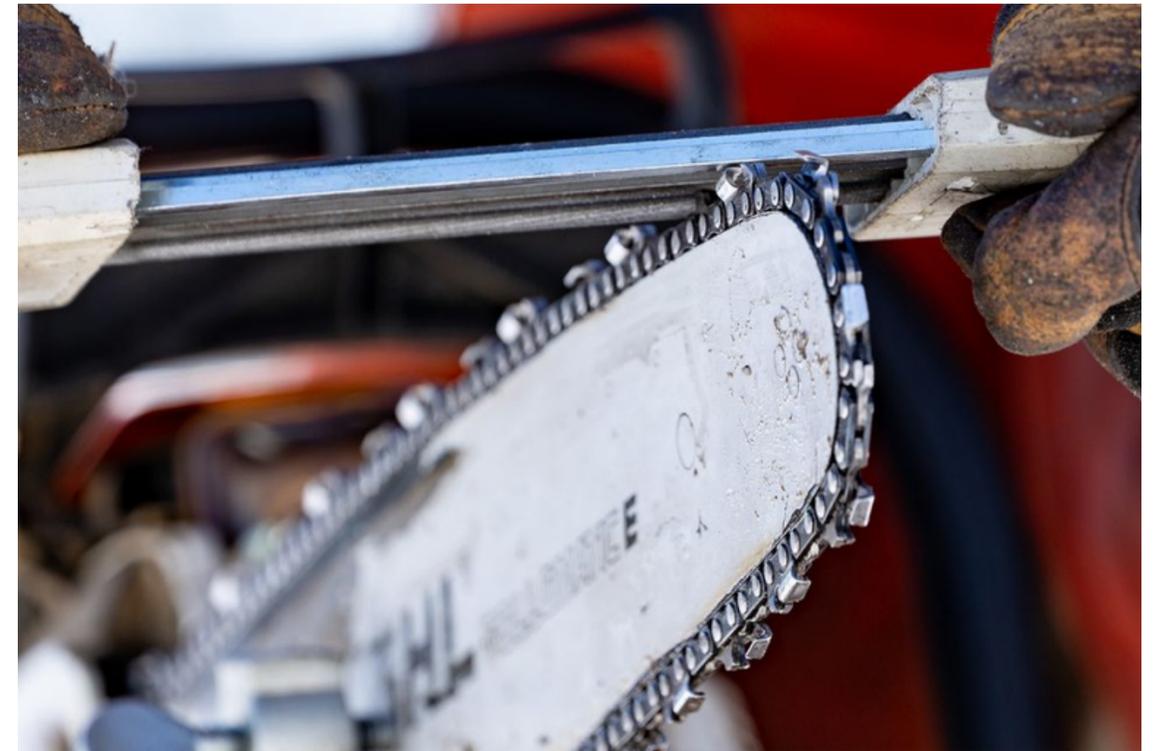
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# CHAINSAW SAFETY TRAININGS

Dane County Parks is offering Level 1 and Level 2 **SAWW Chainsaw Safety Trainings**. These courses are taught by certified SAWW (Safety and Woods Working) trainer Luke Saunders of Adaptive Restoration. Level 1 and Level 2 are part of the four-level SAWW series designed to increase safety and efficiency of chainsaw use.

These are open to community residents and Dane County Parks volunteers. Learn how you can use a chainsaw safely and learn more about how you could volunteer those new skills to help maintain and improve our park lands.

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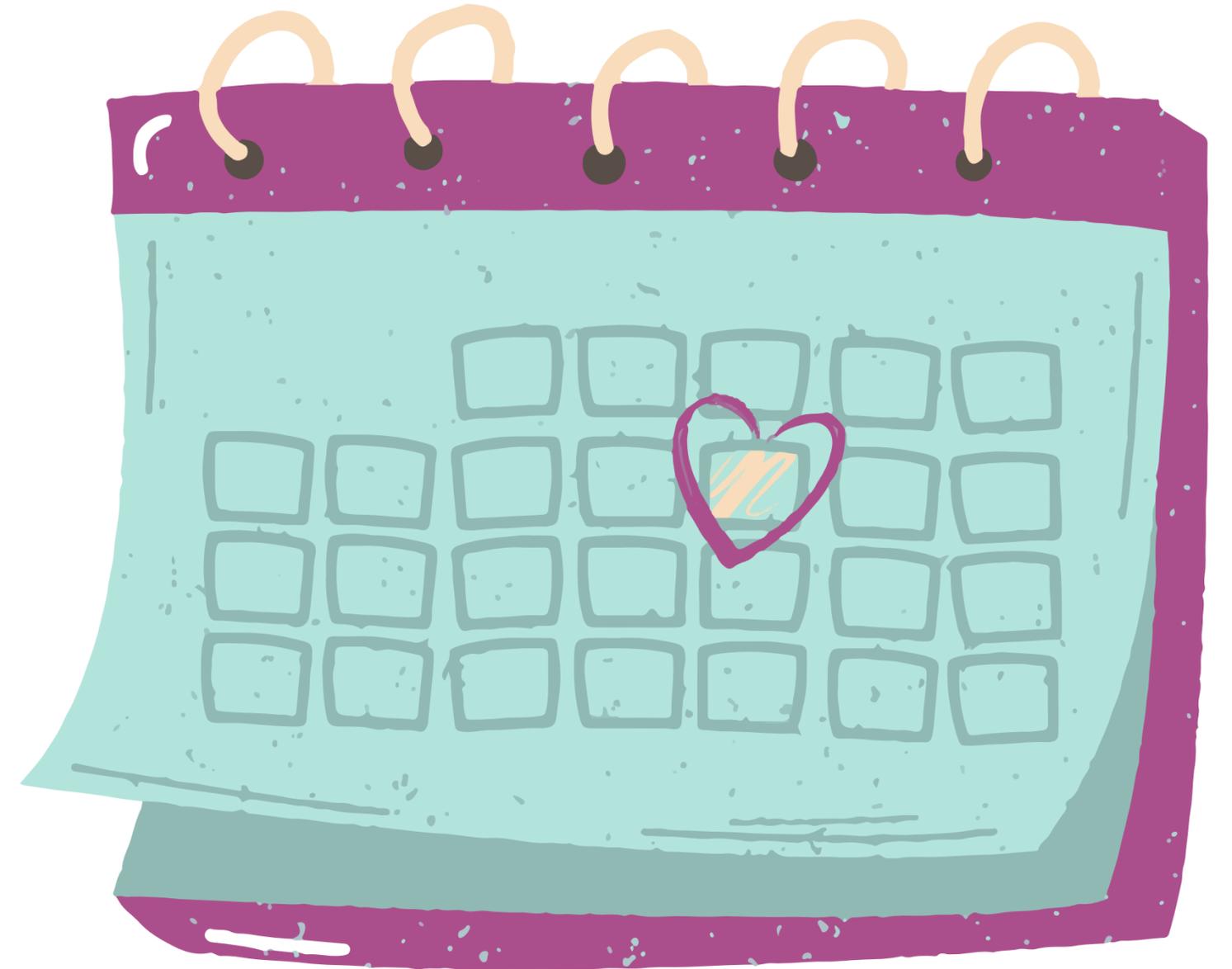


# FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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