

# DANE COUNTY PARKS

## INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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*Pheasant Branch Conservancy*

# PARK SAFETY & HUNTING

Please remember that hunting is allowed on a select number of our properties. Gun deer season runs from November 21-29. Gun hunting is **ONLY** allowed in Dane County Wildlife Areas. To see a list of wildlife areas, visit our [website](#).



## Safety Tips:

- **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:** Hunting Season dates set by the Wisconsin DNR.
- **WEAR BLAZE ORANGE** or other highly visible clothing.
- **IF YOU HIKE WITH A DOG**, it should have a dog permit and wear a blaze orange vest and be on a leash at all times, unless engaged in hunting activities.
- **USE EXTRA CAUTION AT DAWN and DUSK.** Hunting activity may increase at dawn and dusk when animals are feeding.
- **AVOID HUNTER INTERFERENCE:** It is prohibited by Wisconsin law to interfere with people engaged in lawful hunting, fishing, or trapping (WI Statutes 29.083).
- **BE HEARD:** Make sure you are heard, by whistling, singing, or talking while you hike.

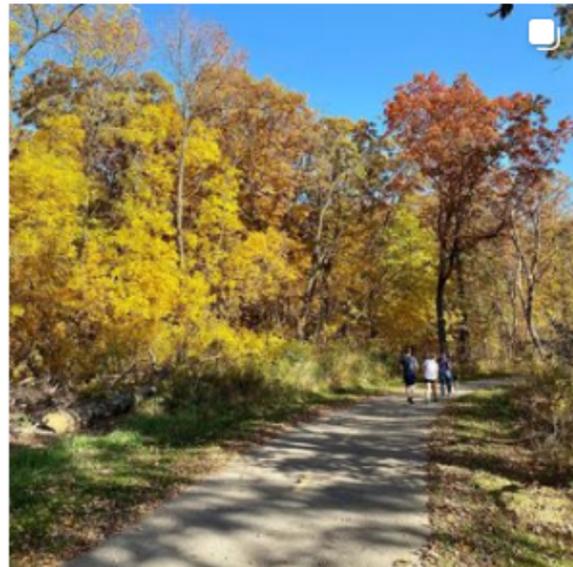
# GREEN FRIDAY

Enjoy the fall (winter!) weather with members of your household and visit one of our parks or trails. With over 12,000 acres of land and over 100 miles of trails, you are sure to find something that will quickly become your new favorite. Visit our [hiking](#) webpage or check out this list of [park properties](#) to find a new place to explore. If you visit one of our parks, make sure to tag @danecountyparks in your adventures on Facebook or Instagram.

## Check out the places others have explored recently:



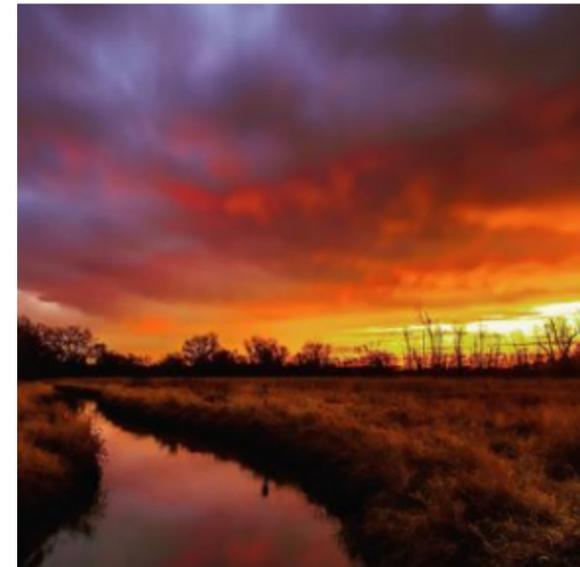
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**Brigham County Park**  
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**Pheasant Branch Conservancy**  
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**Lewis Nine Springs E-Way**  
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**Springfield Hill Natural Resources Area** @jenbaldock

*A reminder that gun deer season runs from November 21-29 and is only allowed in Dane County Parks Wildlife Areas so it may be best to avoid those.*

*Find more Hidden Gems on next slide*



# GROUNDSWELL PODCAST

The Downtown Madison Down-low podcast recently featured Heidi Habeger from Groundswell Conservancy and Dineo Dowd from Hike It Baby. They talked about their work getting people outside and described some great ways you can get out and explore and some new places you may not have heard of.

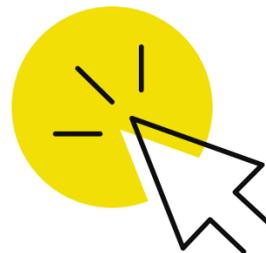


## Episode 21: Heidi Habeger & Dineo Dowd

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## Hiking with a dog?

Dogs are allowed on leash on ALL Dane County Park Properties but a dog permit is required. Buy yours [online](#) before heading out.

# NEW RESERVATION SYSTEM

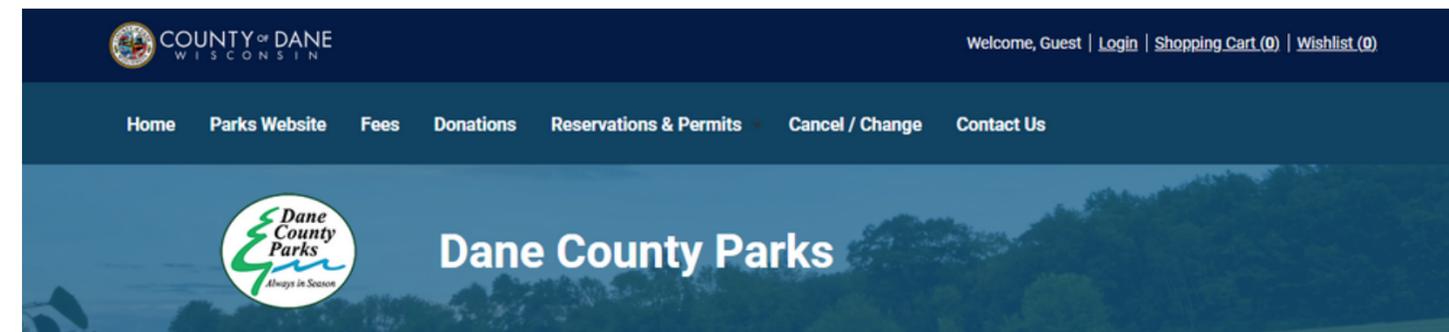
If you haven't seen it yet, Dane County Parks has a new online reservation and permit sales system!

The new site is more mobile friendly and allows users to reserve campsites, group campsites and shelters, and order park permits.

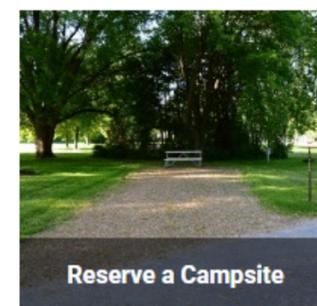
Even if you had an account in our old system, **you will need to create a new account in this new system.**

[Learn More](#)

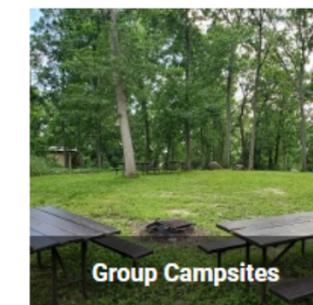
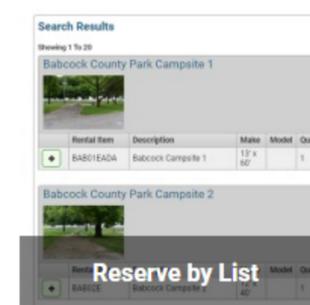
[WWW.RESERVEDANE.COM](http://WWW.RESERVEDANE.COM)



## Make a Reservation / Purchase a Permit



## Reserve a Campsite



# NEW FOUNDATION WEBSITE

The **Foundation for Dane County Parks** just launched a new website.

The Foundation for Dane County Parks raises funds to support Dane County Parks by promoting volunteerism, education, interpretation, and community involvement.

Learn more about who they are and what they do by checking out their new site.



Foundation ▾ Parks Get Involved ▾ How We Help ▾ News ▾ 

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Welcome to the Foundation for Dane County Parks

## Providing support and stewardship of Dane County's beautiful park system.

The Foundation for Dane County Parks is a passionate team of people dedicated to raising funds to support all of the Dane County Parks by promoting volunteerism, education, interpretation, and community involvement.

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# NATURE CRAFTS



Our **Lussier Family Heritage Center** facility has been creating nature craft videos for kids.

This craft activity goes along with the current StoryWalk book "Who Grows up in the Snow".

[Learn More](#)

 **Nature Notes**  
from the Lussier Family Heritage Center  
a Dane County Parks Facility

# FORESTRY RESTORATION PROJECTS

Two more projects will be starting soon to enhance oak habitats at **Mud Lake Wildlife Area** and **Scheidegger Forest**. Oak savanna was once one of the most common vegetation types in the Upper Midwest but today is highly endangered with only a fraction of one percent remaining. Intact oak savannas are now one of the rarest natural communities on earth. Removal of non-oak species is one important step to restoring these globally rare natural communities and improving habitat for wildlife.

Park visitors at the Mud Lake Wildlife Area and Scheidegger Forest will notice informational signs describing the restoration work that is occurring. Some trails may need to be temporarily rerouted to provide access for equipment.

[Learn More](#)



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Korinne Pollison**

Lussier Family Heritage Center Assistant

Korinne helps clients that are interested in booking events at the center. She also helps lead the Get Outside recreational/educational program and has helped the center add new public programming. Her favorite activities include birding at William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park, running and biking all over the Cap City Trail, and taking her dog to the dog park at Prairie Moraine County Park.



**Carlos Rubio**

Park Laborer

Carlos is part of on our Mow Crew. He works on the eastern part of the county mowing parks, trails and keeping them looking great for park visitors. In the winter, Carlos helps with mower maintenance to make sure they are ready to go for the next season. It takes a lot of work to mow trails and access areas on 12,000 acres of parkland!

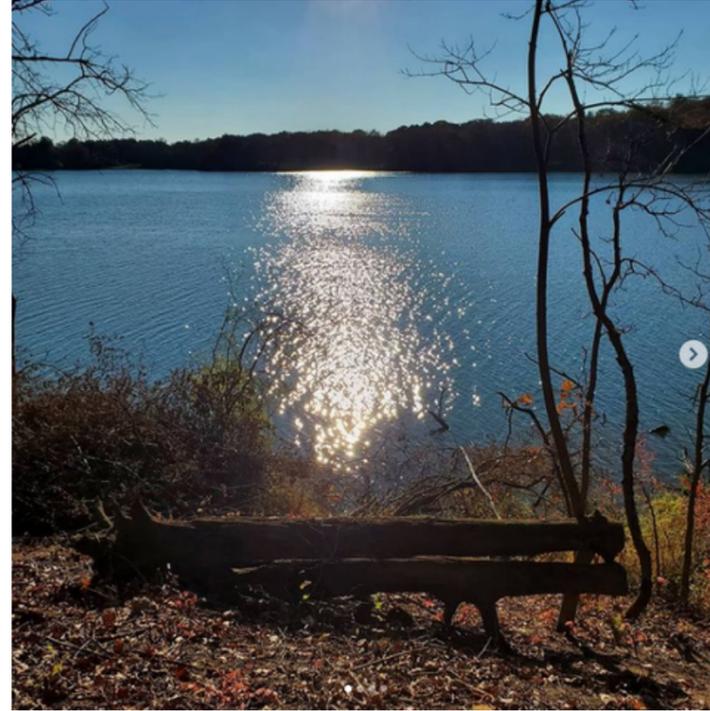
# SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



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**McCarthy Youth and Conservation Park**  
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**Silverwood County Park**  
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