



Wild River Ramblings

Des Moines County Conservation's Newsletter *Fall/Winter 2016*

WILD RIVER RAMBLINGS GOES BIENNIAL AND PAPERLESS

In an effort to reduce waste the Des Moines County Conservation newsletter, Wild River Ramblings, has moved from a quarterly publication to a bi-annual online publication. Fall/winter issues will be published in September and will include October thru March programs. Spring /Summer issues will be published in March and will include April thru September programs. Content will continue to include environmentally-related articles and DMCC news and events. All of our publications are available for download and can be found on the Des Moines County Conservation web and social media sites. To join our electronic mailing list, email your contact information to: conservation@dmcounty.com

Web Site: www.dmconservation.com
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Our Mission...

Des Moines County Conservation is dedicated to the sustainability of natural resources through land stewardship, conservation education and by providing quality outdoor recreation opportunities.

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Autumn & Winter Calendar of Activities

1st Wednesday each month at 5:30 pm, Des Moines County Conservation Board meetings are held at DMCC main office

1st & 3rd Friday night each month, Witte Observatory is open free to the public for stargazing provided by Southeastern Iowa Astronomy Club members at sundown

Monday, September 5
Labor Day, DMCC main office and Starr's Cave Nature Center closed

Friday, September 16, 7:30 pm
Slew Grass concert, Starr's Cave Nature Center

Saturday, September 24, 9-noon
Paddle in the Park, Big Hollow Lake

Saturday, October 8, 2-5 pm
Shooting Range Certification Course, Starr's Cave Nature Center

Friday, October 21, 7:30 pm
Red Rock Hill, Starr's Cave Nature Center

Saturday, October 22, 9-noon
Paddle in the Park, Big Hollow Lake

Friday, November 11
Veterans Day observed, DMCC main office closed

Friday, November 11, 7:30 pm
David Smith concert, Starr's Cave Nature Center

Saturday, November 5, 11-2pm
Kids Science Expo, Starr's Cave Nature Center

Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25
Thanksgiving holiday, DMCC main office and Nature Center closed

Tuesday, December 6, 6-9 pm
Shooting Range Certification Course, Starr's Cave Nature Center

Friday & Monday, December 23 & 26
Christmas holiday, DMCC main office and Nature Center closed

Monday, January 2
New Year's holiday, main office and nature center closed

Tuesday, January 3, 8 am
Classroom and fieldtrip sign up, We will start scheduling field trips and programs for the second semester.

Friday, January 13, 7:30 pm
Joe and Vicki Price concert, Starr's Cave Nature Center

Saturday, January 28, 10 am
Eagle Watch, begins at Port of Burlington Welcome Center

Thursday, February 16, 7 pm
Owl Prowl, Big Hollow Recreation Area

Saturday, February 18, 2-5 pm
Shooting Range Certification Course, Starr's Cave Nature Center

Monday, March 20, 5 pm
Hunter Safety begins, Starr's Cave Nature Center



Starr's Cave Nature Center Autumn Concert Series

Concerts are on Friday evenings in the Starr's Cave
Nature Center Loft. Doors open at 7 pm
and concerts begin at 7:30 pm.
Admission is \$10 for adults, \$2 for students.

Slew Grass

www.reverbnation.com/slewgrass

September 16

Sounds Like: Woody Guthrie, Newgrass revival, The Clash, Gram
Parsons, Townes Van Zandt



Red Rock Hill

<https://sites.google.com/site/redrockhillmusic/>

October 21

The Red Rock Hill Americana sound soars with rich dynamics,
unique arrangements and raw harmonies. Jay Wetmore on Lead
Guitar and Vocals, Elise Fillpot on Rhythm Guitar and Harmony
Vocals, Dale Beeks on Fiddle, Dobro and Harmony Vocals & Dave
Hanson on Bass.



Kevin Gordon

<http://kg.kevingordon.net/>

November 11

Gordon is a graduate of the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop
and plays folk and blues jams that are rich with lyrical storytelling.
Kevin Gordon's voice is made from dust and red clay. The songs on
the Louisiana-born performer's sweeping new album Gloryland are
chiseled from the bedrock of life and explore the honest facts of
rambling, needing, loving, soul-searching and experience.



Joe and Vicki Price

<http://www.joepriceblue.com/>

January 13

Joe & Vick have been making their own brand of blues music for
decades. Hailing from Iowa, this husband & wife duo spend more
time on the road than some musicians half their age. Their take on
the traditional blues is unique and authentic at the same time.



Public Programs

Paddle In The Park

Saturday, Sep. 24, Oct. 22,
9-noon

Big Hollow Recreation Area

DMCC Environmental Education staff will be on Big Hollow Lake once a month from June thru October. Get out on the water for some paddling fun as we explore the lake. Registration for each event is required in advance. (319) 753-5808

Eagle Watch

Saturday, January 28, 10 am - 12 pm

Meet at Port of Burlington Welcome Center

All ages. Free. No registration required.

Learn about bald eagles during a short program at the Welcome Center then head to Lock and Dam 18 to help count eagles. Be sure to dress warm!

Shooting Range Certification (1 day course)

Oct. 8, 2 - 5 pm

Dec. 6, 6-9 pm

Feb. 18th, 2 - 5 pm

Starr's Cave Nature Center

No pre-registration required; cost for range membership \$25/individual, \$30/family

Owl Prowl

Thursday, February 16, 7 pm

Big Hollow Recreation Center

For older children & adults. Free.

Enjoy the nighttime listening for barred owls calling during mating season. We'll be outside so dress for the weather. This years event will be at Big hollow.

Kids Science Expo

November 5, 11-2 pm

Starr's Cave Nature Center

Several hands on activities will be available for kids of all ages including but not limited to: visiting the Star Lab, walking through the solar system, and creating art with the Sun!

Hunter Safety

Registration for Hunter Safety must be done through the Iowa DNR website. Contact Chris Lee for more info (319) 572-1564. Cost \$5.

March 20 (Mon.), 22(Wed.), 23 (Thurs.): 5 - 9 pm

Starr's Cave Nature Center AND

March 25 (Sat.), 8 am - 12 pm

Big Hollow Recreation Area Shooting Range

Classroom and Fieldtrip Sign-up

January 3, 8 am

Interested in bringing a class or group out to Starr's Cave for a field trip? We will start scheduling field trips and programs for the second semester. Call or stop in at the Nature Center to schedule a visit (319) 753-5808.

All programs can be made fully accessible for the disabled. Please call (319) 753-5808 so we may accommodate your special needs or if you would like to register for a program.