

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 19, 2021



Walking Iron County Park

EARTH DAY PINE TREE GIVEAWAY

Pick up a **FREE** pine tree sapling on Earth Day, April 22 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. In addition to picking up a sapling, there will be information about our park system, benefits of spending time in nature, and more health & wellness program offerings.

Trees can be picked up at either of these locations on a first-come, first-served basis:

Badger Prairie County Park (4654 Maple Grove Drive, Verona)

Pick up saplings at the park shelter. Pull into entrance, take first right into the park, follow park road past the barn and dog park to the shelter.

William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park (4330 Libby Rd, Madison)

Pick up saplings at Shelter #1. Pull into the park entrance – shelter #1 is the first shelter on your right.



DISC GOLF COURSES ARE OPEN

The Capital Springs and Token Creek disc golf courses are now open! Purchase a daily or annual disc golf permit online at www.reservedane.com. There is an electronic pay station at the Capital Springs dog park entrance gate that can be used to purchase disc golf permits as well. Disc golf permits can be used at both courses

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SPRINGTIME AT THE FARM

Join the Friends of Schumacher Farm Park this Sunday (April 25) to celebrate spring! Look for spring wildflowers on a naturalist-led hike, start garden seeds to take home, play yard games, and everyone's favorite - kite-flying! Seasoned flyers from the Wisconsin Kites Club will give tips and demonstrations on flying kites.

This is a free, family-friendly event but attendees must sign up for an arrival time between either 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. to help with social distancing and sharing of kites. Sign up on their website linked below.

[Learn More](#)



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.

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YOUTH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Do your kids love exploring and trying new things? Bring them out to one of our new kids adventure programs this summer!

Join us for a bike ride through William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park on the Lower Yahara River Trail or learn to fish at the Jenni & Kyle Preserve. This is open to kids from kindergarten through 8th grade.

Cost: \$5 per child

A parent/chaperone is required to attend the activity as a free attendee.



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Nature Notes

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center
a Dane County Parks Facility

NEW STORYWALKS

There are currently StoryWalks up at two different county parks. This fun, educational activity places the pages of a book along a walking path. Combine the joy of reading with your child with the benefits of being active in an outdoor environment.

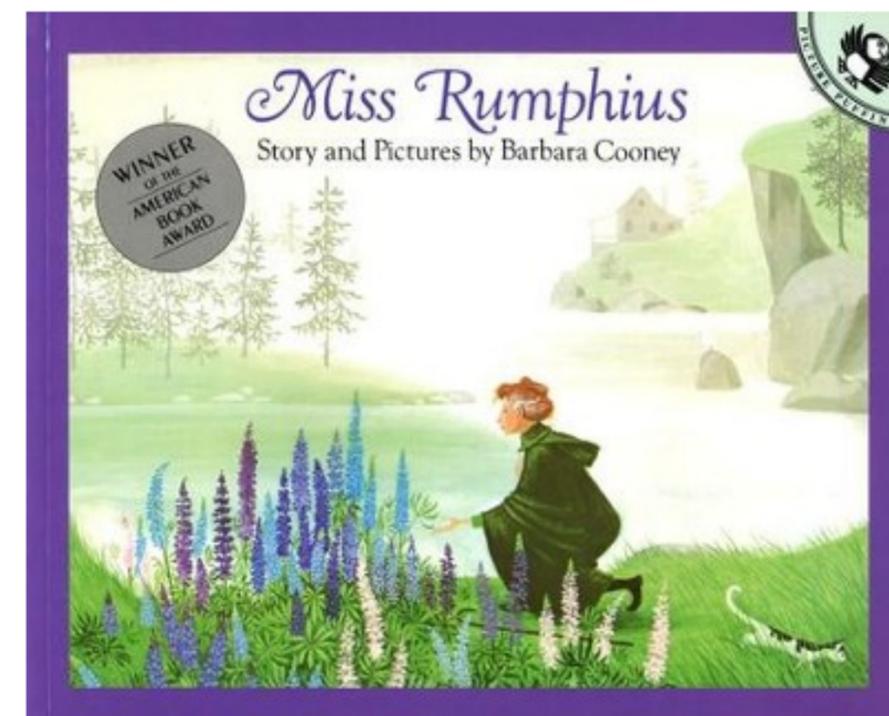
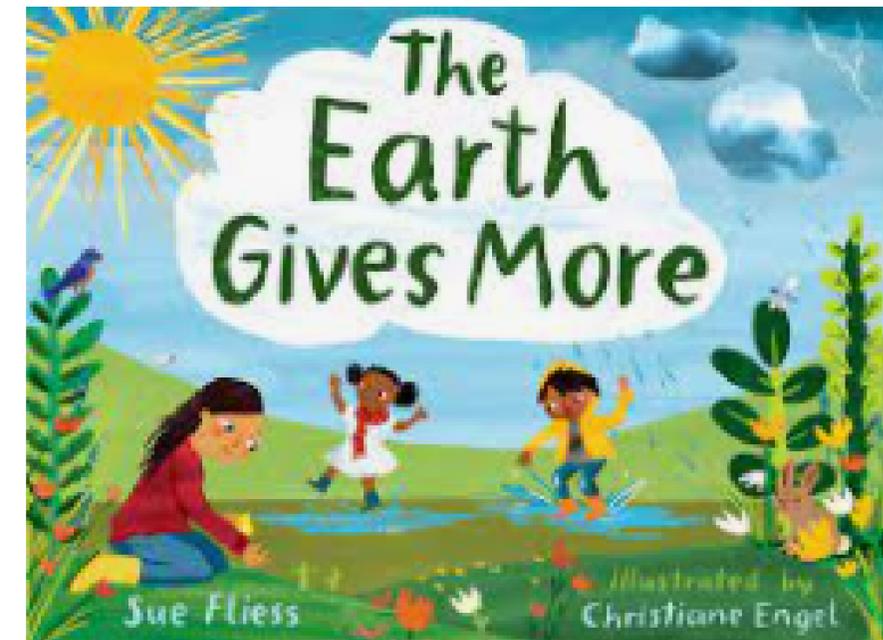


Lussier Family Heritage Center: The Earth Gives More by Sue Fließ and illustrated by Christiane Engle. April 15– May 14



Schumacher Farm Park: Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney. April 1 – April 30

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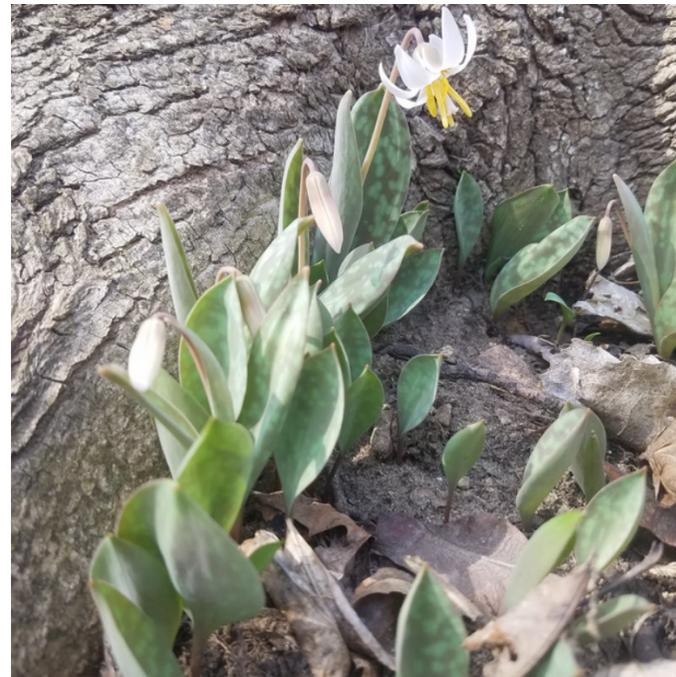
SPRING EPHEMERALS

Now is a great time to spot flowers popping up in the woodlands, savannas, and remnant prairies at Dane County Parks. Spring ephemerals are some of the first native plants to start flowering, providing much needed nectar and pollen sources for many invertebrate species. In the case of woodland ephemerals, they are able to take full advantage of the sunlight that reaches the forest floor before trees start to leaf out.

Enjoy them while they last, it goes quicker than you expect!



(1) PASQUE FLOWER



(2) TROUT LILY



(3) BLOODROOT



(4) DUTCHMAN'S BREECHES

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.

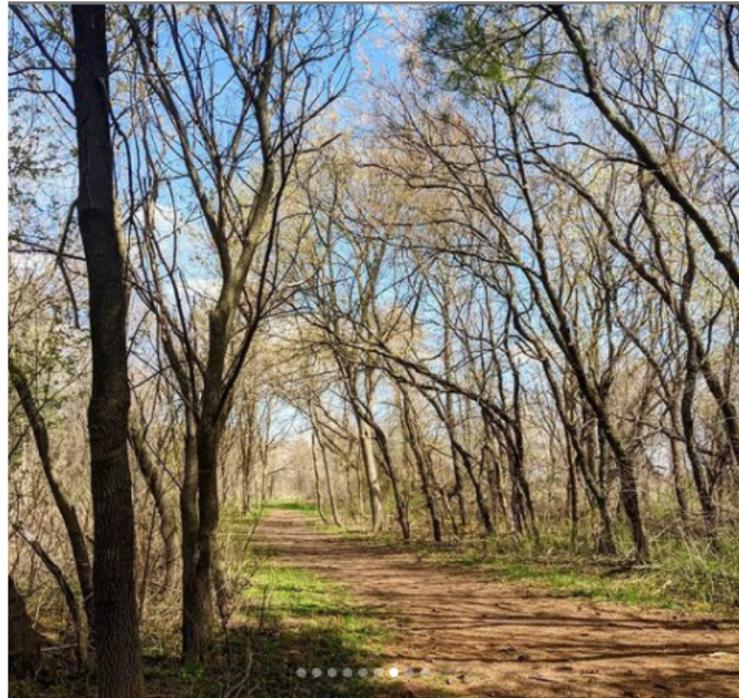
If you have ever had trouble getting to a park or trail in Dane County due to limited or nonexistent bus access then we would love to hear your story!

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.

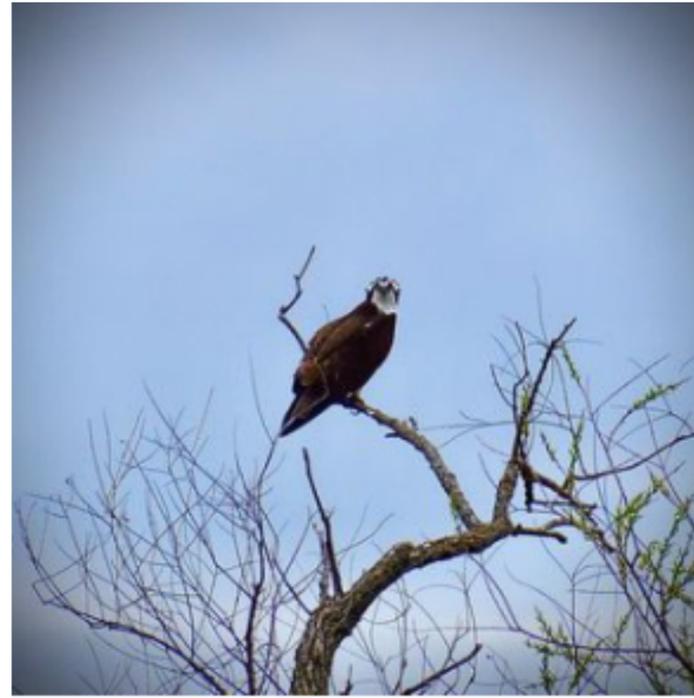
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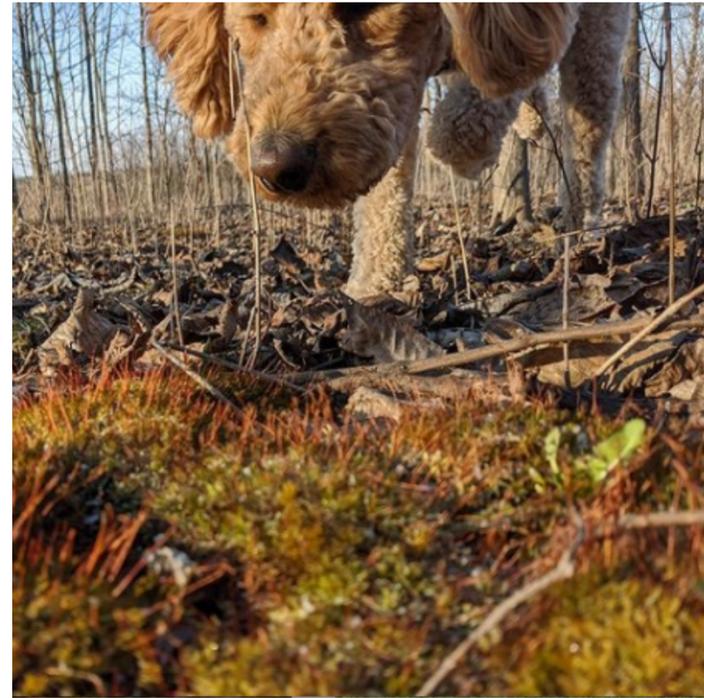
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