



# DANE COUNTY PARKS

## INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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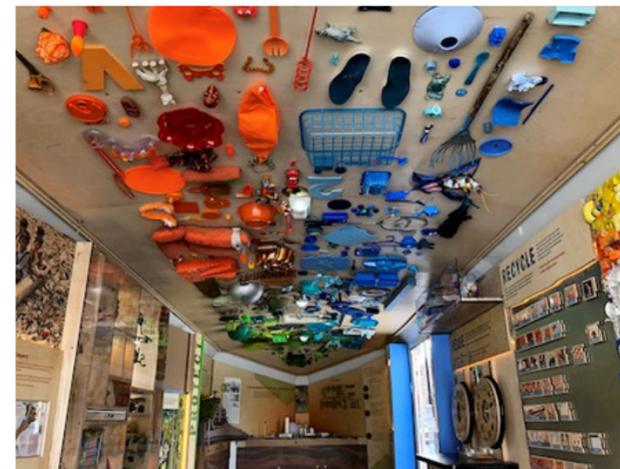
Paddles in the Park on the  
Upper Sugar River

# ENVIRONMENTAL FUN FAIR

Join us this SUNDAY, July 10 from 1-3:00 p.m. on the grounds of our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility for a FREE fun afternoon full of hands on activities appropriate for all ages. Activities will include:

- Rainfall Simulator and a Mobile Trash Lab
- Camping Demo and a Scavenger Hunt
- Guided Prairie Walks and Bike Rides
- Nature Crafts and Fruit and Veggie Hopscotch
- Renewable Energy Info and a Recycling Game
- Native Plants and Pollinators – Reptiles and Amphibians
- Skins, Skulls and Scat Touch Table - FUN with Birds
- Diagnostic Laboratory with Microscope
- Discovering Basic Electricity
- Wisconsin Fossils
- ...and more!

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# NORTH MENDOTA TRAIL

Join Dane County Parks and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on July 14 at 3 p.m. for a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** to celebrate the opening of a new shared-use trail connection.

This nearly ½ mile of new trail through the park completes a 4-mile segment of the North Mendota Trail that connects the Village of Waunakee and the Town of Westport between the North Mendota Wildlife Area Prairie Unit and the North Mendota Natural Resource Area. Future phases will connect the trail to Mendota County Park and the City of Middleton.

**Where:** Governor Nelson State Park, 5140 Cty Hwy M, Waunakee.

Bring your bike and ride across the trail to celebrate!



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# LIMITED ACCESS ARCHERY PERMITS

Archers interested in applying for an opportunity to receive a 2022 Dane County Parks Archery Limited Access Permit may apply July 11 through August 15, 2022. The program provides opportunities for archers to hunt deer and fall turkey on specific county lands with the required Wisconsin DNR hunting licenses.

More information is available online.



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# DANE COUNTY PODCAST

**It's time to gear up for Dane County's bike trails!** In this episode of The Dane County Podcast, County Executive, Joe Parisi, sits down with Chris James, Senior Landscape Architect of Dane County Parks, to discuss our growing network of bike trails. Chris oversees planning and development at Dane County Parks and has been with the Parks Division for 20 years. We discuss everything from the Lower Yahara River Trail and North Mendota Trail to our PARC and Ride Grant Program and the steps it takes to make a bike trail become reality!



[Learn More](#)

# PADDLE ON THE SUGAR RIVER

Get out on the water this summer with parks staff! These fun, introductory paddles will be fun for the whole family. Learn canoe paddle strokes, gain comfort in a canoe, and enjoy a late afternoon paddle on Dane County waterways.

Our next paddle is Thursday, June 28 on the Upper Sugar River from 5-8pm. This event is free if you bring your own boat. We have some canoes available to rent for \$20 each. Registration required in advance for boat rentals.



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**Nature Notes**

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center  
a Dane County Parks Facility

# VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

There are a number of volunteer workdays happening this summer! Join to help remove invasive species, collect native seeds, clear trails and help keep our parks beautiful! Find an event that fits with your schedule on our event calendar.



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# JUNIOR NATURALIST

In the Junior Naturalist program, youth cohorts, ages 9 – 11 or 12 – 14, will practice being naturalists and discovering the world around them. Through biking, hiking, and canoeing, will look high and low in water, prairies, and woodlands to gain a deeper understanding of the surrounding environment. Register today!

## **Session 2: July 11 – July 20** (age 9-11)

Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

## **Session 3: July 19 – August 9** (age 12-14)

Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays – 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

## **Session 4: August 1 – August 10** (age 9-11)

Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

*Each session is \$125 (Scholarships/Reduced Price options available)*



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# FREE NATIVE PLANTS

The Dane County Land & Water Resources Department is currently accepting applications for the Free Native Plants for Schools and Community Projects program. Schools and community groups are welcome to apply! Applications are due July 20, 2022. Learn more and apply online by clicking below.



[Learn More](#)

# DISC GOLF WITH KARBEN4 BREWING

Join Karben4 Brewing for a popup event at the Token Creek County Park Disc Golf Course from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on:

- July 14
- August 11
- September 8

Disc Golf permit fees are being waived during this event so you can try out disc golf for free. Dane County Parks staff have a limited number of discs available for check out at our ranger table. 10% of sales will be donated to Dane County Parks!

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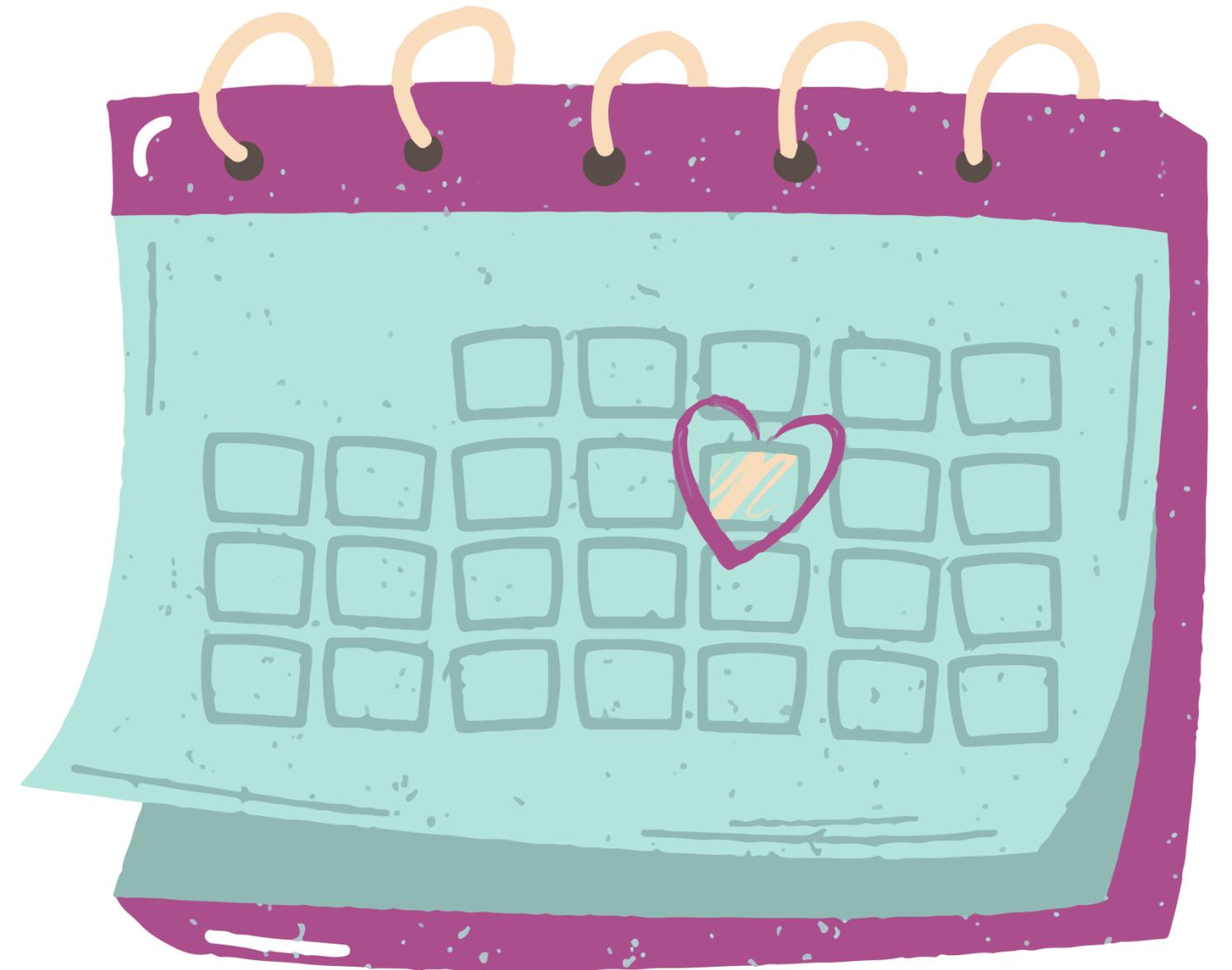


# FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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