

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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Brigham County Park

GIFT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Dane County Parks offers multiple ways to give the gift of the outdoor adventure this holiday season! Options include:

- Merchandise to support park programs
- 2022 park permits
- Gift certificates redeemable for permits and reservations.

Visit our web store to purchase.

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**Disc Golf • Dog Park • Lake Access
Ski Trail • Mountain Bike • State Trail Pass
Horse Trail • Aeromodeling • Tenney Lock**

SEED COLLECTION

It has been an incredible seed collection season! We are pleased to announce this year's totals: native seed was collected from **202 species**, resulting in a record-breaking **3,390 pounds** of clean seed with a value of over **\$1,256,400!**

This seed is now currently being allocated for about **300 acres of restorations** across the county for seeding this winter. Several hundred acres of new prairies will be planted between January and March, and ongoing prairie, oak savanna, and oak woodland restorations will have new species introduced to increase their biodiversity. These restorations supply many ecosystem services, such as food and habitat for wildlife, water infiltration, and carbon sequestration.

Thank you to our volunteers, friends groups and partner organizations that contributed more than **1,700 hours** to help us accomplish these record numbers.



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PRAIRIE MORaine RESTORATION - 1

Our restoration work is in full swing at the Prairie Moraine Dog Park! In several areas of the park, invasive species have taken over and diminished the use of the area where dogs can run, blocked views of significant geologic features and crowded out native vegetation.

Volunteers have worked for many years to remove invasives and restore the three primary natural resource communities which historically existed in the park: prairies, oak savannas/openings, and oak woodlands. The restored landscape will provide more space for dogs to run, improve ecosystem benefits such as water infiltration and pollinator habitat, and offer a biologically diverse landscape.



View of the terminal moraine before and after removing invasives

PRAIRIE MORaine RESTORATION - 2

In October, we added a temporary fence to enclose the restoration area so volunteers can work without having to close the park for work days. The fence will remain in place through the fall of 2022 so volunteers can continue to remove invasives, treat any resprouts and plant trees and native vegetation in accordance with the vegetation management plan.

We are excited to report some of the project accomplishments, including:

- All invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle has been removed from the project area. Native shrubs including hazelnut, elderberry and plum will be planted in 2022.
- Twenty-four oaks have been planted in the oak woodland unit.
- Around 50 dying ash trees, infested by emerald ash borer, have been removed.
- A grove of young oaks, a stand of American plum, and several American hazelnut were uncovered from the invasive brush, helping to ensure their long term survival.
- Several gorgeous views of the terminal moraine have been opened up.



*Learn more about this project
on our website!*

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Walking Iron County Park Restoration Workdays** – hosted by park staff the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month from 9:00 am – noon.
- **Stewart Lake County Park Restoration Workdays**– Oak Trail Woodland and Savanna restoration hosted by Friends of Stewart Park December 19th from 1:00–3:00 pm
- **Tree and Brush Removal Workdays** – hosted by park staff at various county parks.



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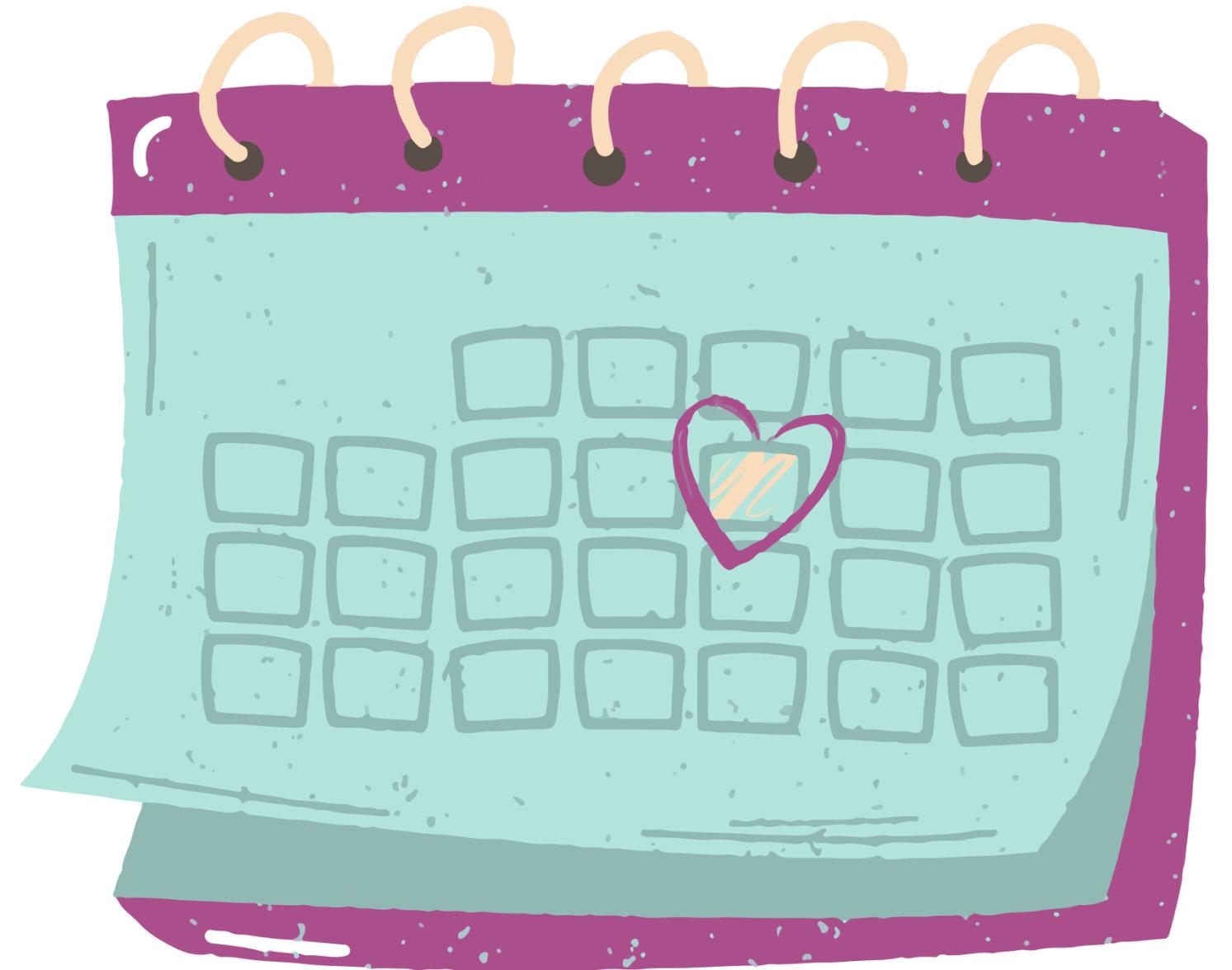
Find these volunteer opportunities
and more on our event calendar

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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