

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 19, 2020



LOWER YAHARA RIVER TRAIL PHASE 2

Dane County Executive Joe Parisi recently announced funding for the next phase of the Lower Yahara River Trail as part of his 2021 budget proposal. The trail's bridge and boardwalk that connect Lake Farm County Park with the Village of McFarland have become fun family destinations for the entire region. Phase 2 of the trail will connect Fish Camp County Park to Lake Kegonsa State Park.

A web-based public information meeting regarding planning and design status of phase 2 is available on the project webpage linked below.

[Learn More](#)



*Lower Yahara River Trail
Courtesy Joshua Hastings*

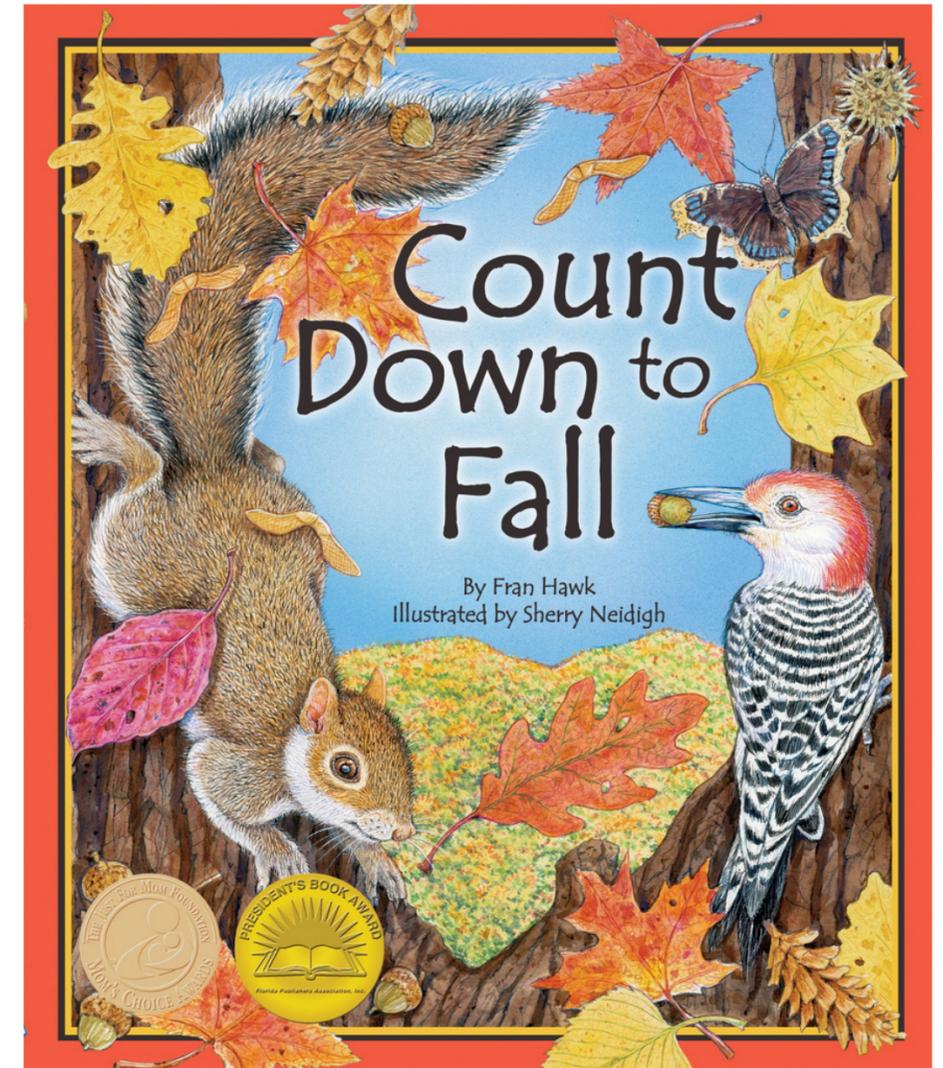
NEW STORYWALK® IS UP!

Come out the Lussier Family Heritage Center prairie trails for a self-guided StoryWalk® featuring Count Down to Fall by Fran Hawk.

The book starts just past the Prairie Learning Center sign (behind the Pollinator Garden). In the book, the animals frolic outside in the crisp autumn air beneath a wide blue sky. Critters play in the time of changing seasons, and remind us that the changes of the earth affect us all—animals and humans alike!

The book will be on display until November 14. Every month the StoryWalk® book will change. Visit the website to learn more and see upcoming book titles.

[Learn More](#)



Nature Notes

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center
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FIRESIDE YOGA

Come out the Lussier Family Heritage Center for **Fireside Yoga** with Wishing Tree Studio. They will be hosting 45-minute Yoga Flow by the campfire. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel, any props, and your mask.

All experience levels welcome! Cost is \$10 per person. Must sign up using the link below.



[Sign Up](#)

Fireside Yoga

Sep. 25 @ 5:45

Oct. 9 @ 5:30

Oct. 16 @ 5:15

Oct. 23 @ 5:00

Oct. 30 @ 5:00



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PARK EXPANSION

Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced Thursday that the county hopes to purchase 295 acres in the town of Berry would make the popular Indian Lake County Park the largest recreational park in the county. Parisi said the already popular park has seen an increase in visitors this year during the pandemic, and the purchase would allow the county to “enhance the park’s year-round outdoor offerings.”

The proposal still needs approval from the County Board. The board will vote on the potential purchase in coming weeks.



Indian Lake County Park
Courtesy Tamara Berry

The Wisconsin State Journal recently featured this story



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NEW EDUCATIONAL TRAIL



The Upper Sugar River Watershed Association has created a new watershed trail at Prairie Moraine County Park. You can explore the natural landscapes while learning about the environmental and cultural history of the area.

Download the free GeoTourist app and locate the **Prairie Moraine County Park trail** to learn more. Along the trail you will find numbered sign posts and either listen to or read the story about each site.

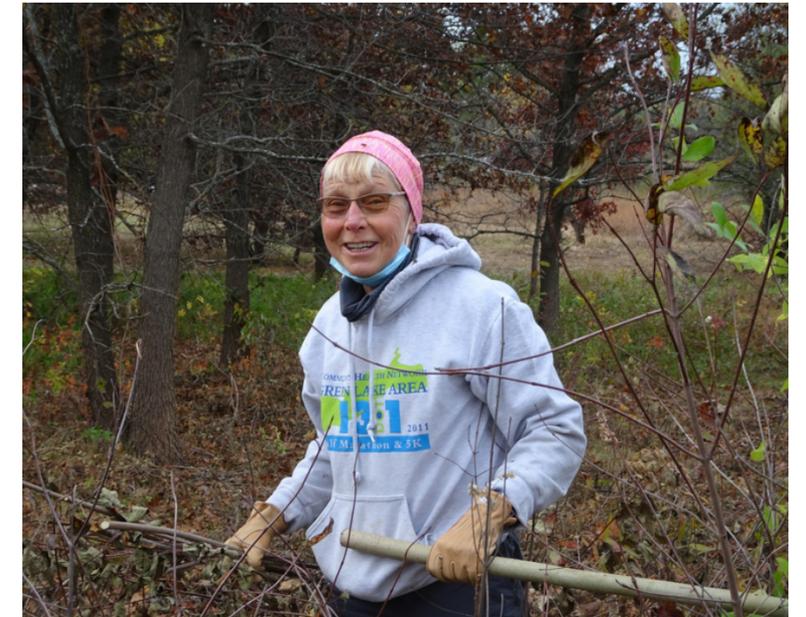


VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THANK YOU to our awesome volunteers and staff for the work they do on a daily basis in our parks! Even with limitations due to COVID, volunteers have been able to get outside in small groups to help with tree planting, invasive species removal, tree planting and other activities.

There are many ways to get involved, from one time events to joining a park friends group. Visit our volunteer page to learn more!

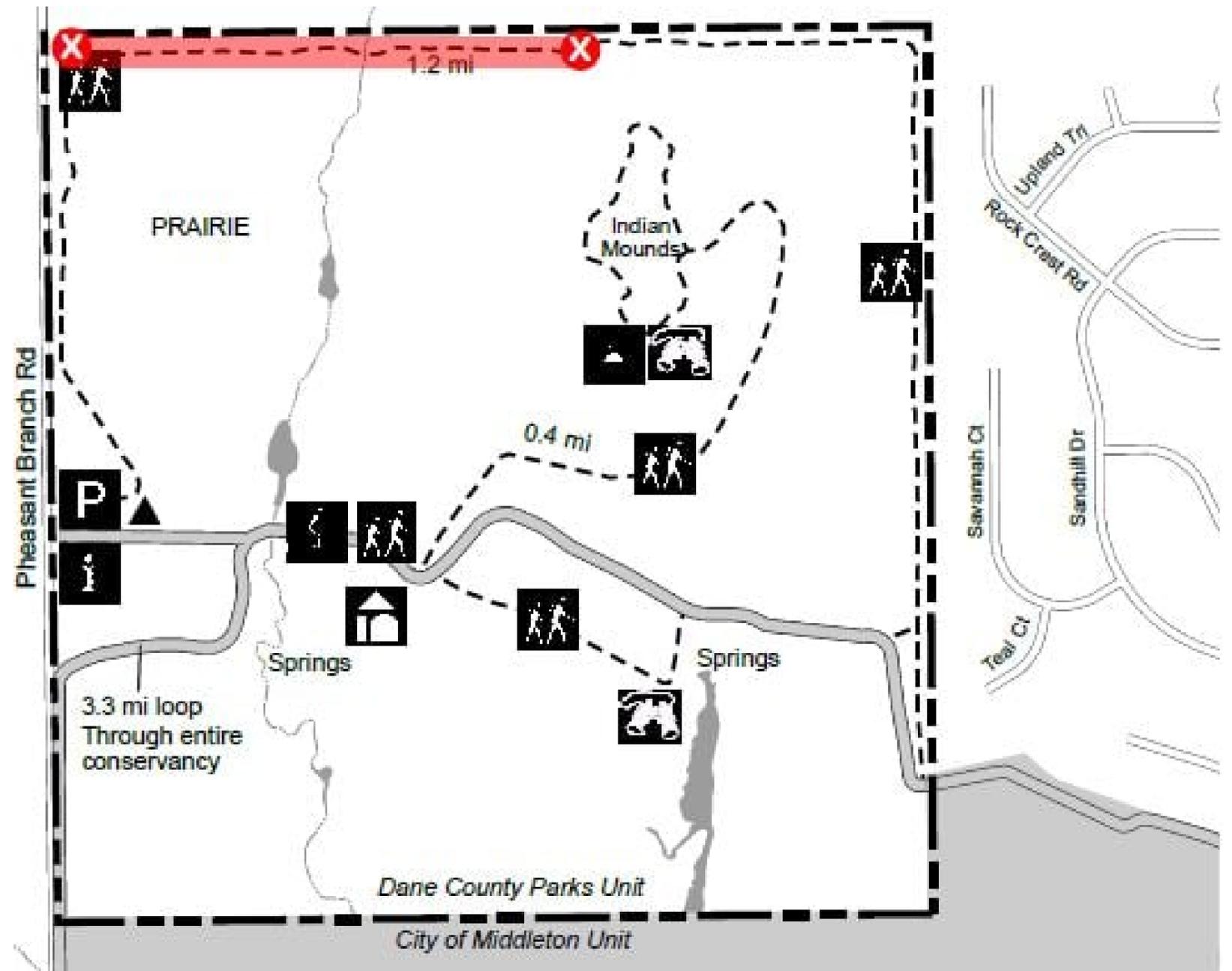
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TRAIL CLOSED AT P. BRANCH

A section of the Pheasant Branch Conservancy outer loop trail within the Dane County Unit will be closed from October 12 - October 30. The section of trail that is closed is indicated on the map below. Construction crews will be working on berm construction for the wetland restoration project that is occurring on the new addition to the north (former Acker farm). For your safety and theirs, please avoid that area until it has been reopened. To learn more about the restoration project, visit our website:

[Learn More](#)



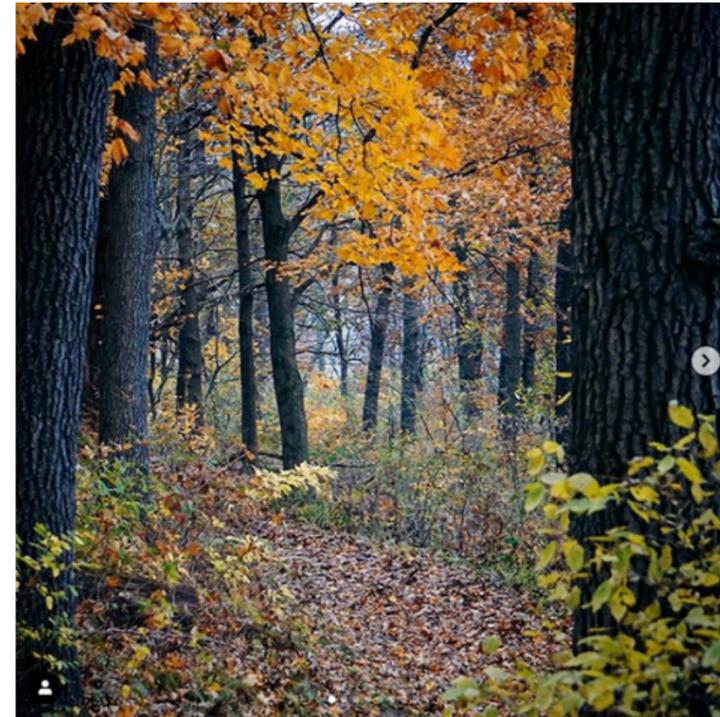
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