

Nature Programs

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION • JANUARY 2018 NATURE PROGRAMS

Ice Fishing

Saturday, January 6 from 1-3pm

Thomas Mitchell Park, Pond

Learn the basics of ice fishing and get some hands-on experience. Bait and poles will be provided. FREE. No registration required. Participants over the age of 16 need a valid fishing license.



Snowshoe Hikes

Saturday, January 13 from 10-11:30am

Thomas Mitchell Park, meet in pond parking lot

Saturday, January 13 from 1-2:30pm

Fort Des Moines Park, Shelter #3

Learn how fun and easy snowshoeing can be while experiencing the great outdoors. Wear warm waterproof boots. Class will be canceled without snow. Pre-registration required; deadline is January 11. Fee: \$10 (includes snowshoes.)



Owl Prowl

Friday, January 19 from 6-7pm

Yellow Banks Park, Tent Camping Area

Bundle up and join a naturalist for a campfire program to learn about owls. After a brief discussion about these flying predators of the night, we will go for a hike and learn how to call three different species of owls. FREE. No registration required.

Cross-Country Ski Basics

Saturday, January 20 from 10am-12pm

Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing and practice your skills on the trails. Proper clothing, equipment, and skiing techniques will be discussed before we head outside. Class will be canceled without snow. Pre-registration required; deadline is January 17. Minimum age 12. Fee: \$10 (includes skis, boots and poles.)

To register for a program, visit www.leadingyououtdoors.org and click on the calendar tab.

Polk County Conservation manages 20 parks, wildlife areas, and recreation trails throughout the county. As well as performing park maintenance, we also provide free or low cost educational programs. These programs are designed for families with children of all ages. We additionally offer recreational trips and outdoor skill training for adults. For more information about our programs, parks, or a map to the locations of these programs contact

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