

Nature Programs

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION • JANUARY 2019 NATURE PROGRAMS

Toddler Tales

Thursday, January 3 @10-10:30am

Jester Park Nature Center

Let your imagination run wild with this fun, nature-themed story time! Hear a story followed by the naturalist's choice of an activity such as an animal encounter, puppets or a craft. Recommended for ages 3-6. FREE. No registration required.

Snowshoe Hikes

Saturday, January 5 from 10-11:30am

Thomas Mitchell Park, meet in pond parking lot

Saturday, January 5 from 1-2:30pm

Yellow Banks Park, meet in pond parking lot

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.)

Open Range - Archery

Saturday, January 12 @ 10am-12pm

Jester Park Outdoor Recreation and Wellness Center

The archery range will be open to anyone 12 years old and older to experience the sport of archery target shooting. Two trained and certified naturalist instructors will be on the range to give instruction and assist with form and technique. All equipment provided, personal bows allowed at 35lbs max draw. FREE. No registration required.

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

Ice Fishing

Saturday, January 12 from 1-3pm

Jester Park, Shelter #5

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.



Owl Prowl

Friday, January 18 @ 6-7pm

Jester Park Nature Center

After a brief discussion around the campfire about these flying predators of the night, we'll go for a hike and learn how to call three different species of owls. Pre-registration required; deadline is January 16. Fee: \$5.

Critter Club

Monday, January 21 @ 1-2:30pm

Jester Park Nature Center

Come visit Jester Park Nature Center's resident turtles, snakes, and salamanders to learn about these misunderstood animals. You may even get to touch a turtle or snake. This is an open house program.

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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