

Pathways to Nature

A Newsletter of the Webster County Conservation Board

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What's New... By Matt Cosgrove

Looking for a new place to visit close to home? Ever wonder what it's like to stay in a tiny house? Here's your chance to try Webster County's newest form of overnight accommodations at the Gypsum City OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) Park!

Thanks to a partnership with Iowa Central Community College, Webster County has joined the growing "glamping" movement; a form of glamorous camping. Three tiny houses are available for overnight stays at Iowa's largest OHV Park. The houses include: restrooms, sleeping areas, kitchens and air conditioning.

The project was created through a joint venture with ICC's Carpentry Program that is housed in the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. The program is coordinated by ICC Instructor Dan Oswald. The houses were constructed inside the correctional facility by inmates learning the construction trades and were delivered to the park upon completion.

The houses offer a variety of themes (Mill House, Hunting, Bunk House) and floor plans. They can accommodate two – four guests. The houses are available for rent on the mycountyparks.com website for \$50-75 per night.

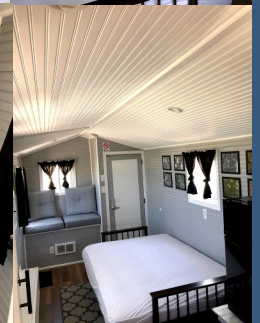
The Bunk House



The Hunting Cabin

For more photos and general information on ALL tiny homes, please visit
www.mycountyparks.com

The Mill House



OHV Updates

Track Update

The original 1.5-mile MX Track at Gypsum City recently underwent an update and remodel. The track was constructed approximately fifteen years ago and was in desperate need of a little TLC. Thanks to Cody Rodenborn the track has a new life and offers a variety of features for park visitors to enjoy! Thanks Cody!!



New Track Alert!!!

The park has recently received a State ATV Grant to construct a new motocross track at Gypsum City. Local rider, Teddy Maier with Maier Landscaping has designed the new track and is currently building the new park feature. The ATV Grant Program is funded through rider registrations that are required to ride in Iowa's designated OHV Parks.



You're Invited!!

OPEN HOUSE

Join us for an Open House to see and hear about these park improvements!!

Sept. 12th—4:00—6:00 pm

Gypsum City OHV Park

Hayrides & Food available for purchase

Gould Brothers Exhibition Shooting

In partnership with Iowa Central Community College, we have brought an event to Fort Dodge as we've never seen before! On September 19th at 6 pm the Gould Brothers Exhibition Shooting will be performing for those who would like to see some of the nation's top trick shots. Located at the Iowa Central Shooting Range, 2091 Rich Mill Road in Fort Dodge, it is sure to be an evening of fun family entertainment. Out of Minnesota, Aaron and Steve Gould have taken their passion of trick shooting and turned it into a career. Check out their website www.gouldbrothers.com to view their best of videos, upcoming events, and just to learn a little more about brothers.



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

PRESENTS

GOULD BROTHERS

WWW.GBXSHOOTING.COM

EXHIBITION SHOOTING

SEPT 19TH 2019, 6 PM

FAMILY FUN EVENT
bring your lawn chair

SHOTGUN RAFFLE
drawing during event

**PORK PATTY OR BRAT
2 SIDES AND A DRINK
FOR \$6**

ICCC SPORTS SHOOTING FUNDRAISER

@ ICCC Sports Shooting Range 2091 Rich Mill Rd Fort Dodge IA

LOCAL PARTNERS
WEBSTER COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER
AND
WEBSTER COUNTY CONSERVATION

Get to know our newest employee—Kyle Redmond!



Hi! I am Kyle Redmond. I am from Long Grove, IA - a little town north of Davenport. I went to school at the University of Dubuque for Environmental Science. I currently live in Fort Dodge with my wife, Kelsey, and our Dog, Millie, and two cats, Leo and Theo. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, hiking, kayaking, wood working and biking. An interesting fact about me is that I am an Eagle Scout. I am a Conservation/Trail Technician for Webster County Conservation. My favorite part of my job is that I get to be outside. I also enjoy being able to maintain the trail system throughout Webster County so that other people can enjoy the outside too!

2019 Day Camps

This year our day camps focused on many fun outdoor activities including land stewardship, primitive hunting, camping basics including fire building, reading a compass and looking to places out of this world like the planets and stars. We had a great time and hope to have many more fun filled nature adventures next summer!!!



Now Taking Applications for 2020 Seasonal Campsites

**Seasonal sites at
John F Kennedy Park Campground
will offer asphalt pads, electric, water & sewer
hook ups. Sites will be available
April 15 through October 15.**

**6 months of
camping for only
\$2,000**

For more information or for a seasonal campsite application, visit

www.mycountyparks.com/County/Webster.aspx

Or call 515-576-258

Applications are also available at the Webster County Conservation office

1415 Nelson Ave, Fort Dodge

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Applications are due in office by Monday, **October 1, 2019 at 4:30 pm**

Drawing for sites will take place during regularly scheduled October

Conservation Board meeting, **October 8, 2019 at 5:30 pm**

If selected for a site, a \$500 deposit will be due by November 1, 2019.

The remaining \$1,500 will be due by April 15, 2020.

Upcoming Public Programs & Events

Your Guide To The Outside

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sept 12	4 - 6 pm	Gypsum City Open House	Gypsum City
Sept 19	6:00 pm	Gould Bro Exhibition Shooting	ICCC Trap Range
Sept 19		Fireside Chat	Camp WaNoKi
Oct 12	5:30-7 pm	Trick or Treating	Kennedy
Oct 15th	12:00 pm	Campground Closes	Kennedy
Oct 19th	TBD	Youth Pheasant Hunt	Seltz Prairie

THANK YOU

to Fran Long, for the donation of
2 hand-made, children-sized,
cedar picnic tables. They are the
perfect addition to the
Playscape area at Kennedy Park!



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Webster County Conservation*

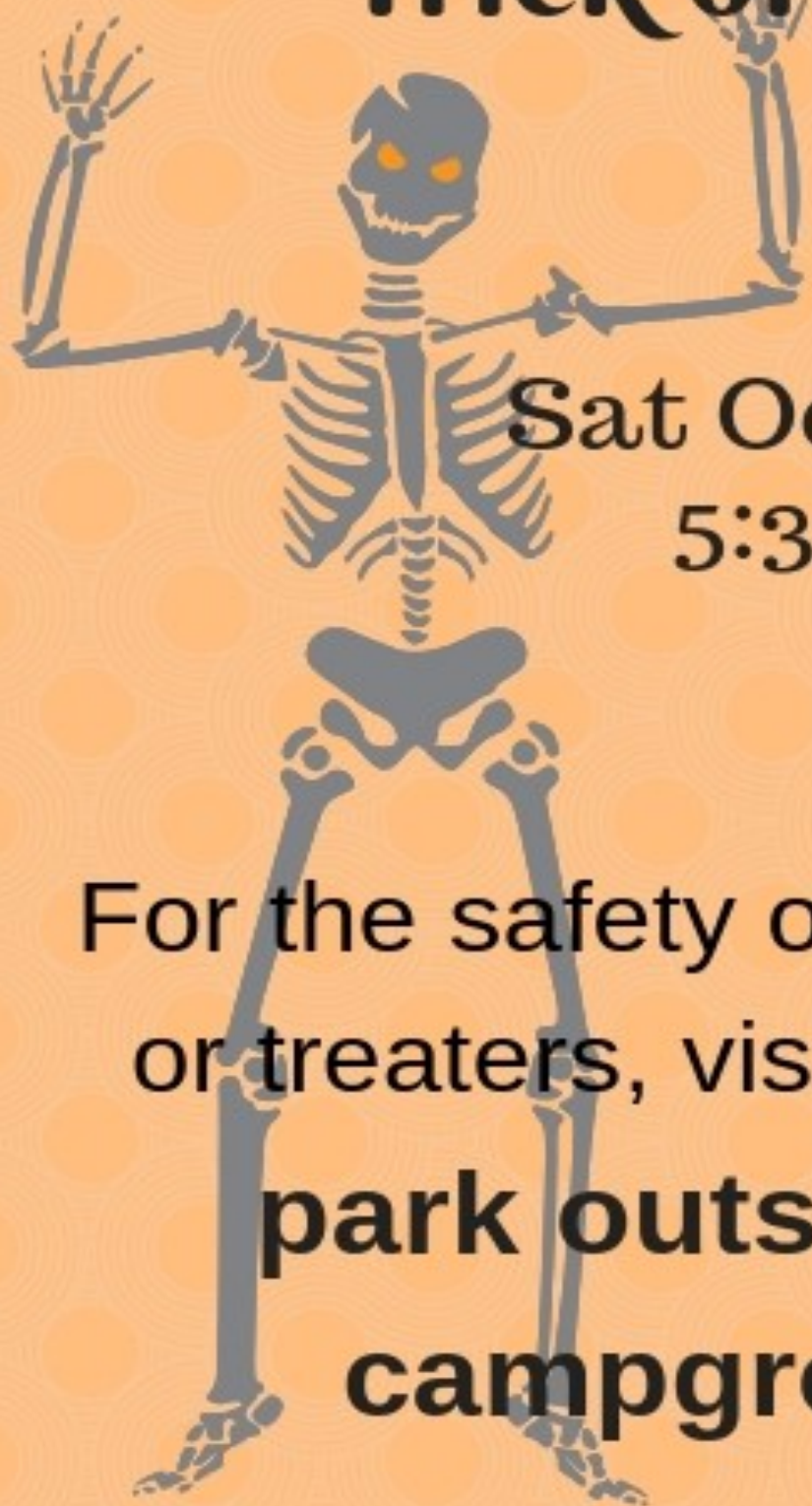
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.com



Kennedy Campground Trick or Treating

Sat Oct 12th, 2019
5:30 - 7:00 pm

For the safety of all our trick
or treaters, visitors are to
**park outside the
campground.**



Let's Be Friends!

*With your support, we can make a difference in Webster County now and
for future generations*



Sign Up Today!

Fill out this form and mail to:

**Friends of Webster County
Conservation
1415 Nelson Ave
Fort Dodge, IA 50501**

Membership Form

☐ **Membership** \$25 _____

☐ **Business** \$100 _____

Name

Address

City, State Zip

Email

Phone

The mission of the Friends of Webster County Conservation is to provide awareness, appreciation, and the preservation of Webster County's natural resources for future generations.

The "Friends of Webster County Conservation" is a non-profit, 501c3 organization that helps the WCCB with volunteers and raising funds to enhance environmental education, outdoor recreation, and conservation projects in Webster County.

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The Webster County Conservation Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Kennedy Park Office building at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.



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