

Up and Down the River

JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD SPRING 2019

ONE STEP FORWARD, THREE STEPS BACK

By Daryl Parker, Director

On Monday, March 4th, I traveled to Des Moines to the state capital building to attend sub-committee meetings by the House and Senate Natural Resources Committee. These committees were discussing a couple of new bills that had been introduced in the Iowa Legislature. I was not alone in the sub-committee meeting as there were several hundred people from all over the State of Iowa there for the same reason. These two bills are an organized effort to limit natural resource agencies from acquiring conservation lands in our state. I will address the outcome of those bills in a moment, but first let's look at our public lands in the State of Iowa.

Research done by the U.S. Census Bureau shows Iowa has a total of 35.7 million acres of land mass. If you total up all public lands owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Iowa DNR, and County Conservation, the total acres available for public access is about 825,000 acres (2017 U.S. Census Figures). That public land total amounts to 2.3% of the total acres in Iowa. If we look at all 50 states in our country and the percentage of public land in relation to the total acres in each state, Iowa ranks 47/48 out of all 50 states. Iowa is tied with Nebraska; only Rhode Island and Kansas have a lower percentage of public land available for their residents to hike, hunt, fish, bike, and enjoy other outdoor related activities.

These public lands have a multitude of functions. Some are parks with hiking trails and campgrounds with very active management, but others are natural resources areas that provide wildlife habitat including prairies, woodlands, and wetlands. These areas are not intended for active management but rather are intended to remain in a natural state, letting nature take its course. Why do I mention this fact? Rumbblings from our elected officials seem to focus on our existing public lands and the idea that our agencies cannot "manage" what we already have. Again, I stress every public area has a different "management" objective. I would also add that in the past 10 years several agencies, especially the Iowa DNR, have seen nothing but budget cuts. How can you manage public lands without dollars and staff to do the management? The vast majority of Iowans are not landowners and probably never will be landowners in the sense of having a large tract of property. Most Iowans rely on our public lands for a multitude of outdoor recreation activities they enjoy. As our state population transitions from rural to urban, we will probably see more intense pressure on public lands. Then we must address the "quality of life" factor. In order to recruit and retain the 20 and 30 year old's to move to our state and raise a family, we need to provide quality parks, trails, and wild places for them to enjoy. Are these outdoor areas important to our next generation of Iowans? All research and surveys indicate leisure activities and access to those activities as one of the most important factors millennials determine in relocating to an area. We need to provide access to outdoor activities on public lands for Iowa to move forward.

Now back to that meeting in Des Moines and the bills introduced in the legislature. The bill introduced in the House would have prohibited all public land acquisitions by any public agency for parks, trails, or natural resource enhancement. That concept alone seems very extreme and really concerns me. Thankfully, with the literally hundreds of Iowans who packed the sub-committee meeting to speak against this bill, the sub-committee did not move the bill forward. Incidentally, the only person in the room during the committee meeting speaking in favor of this bill was a lobbyist representing the Iowa Farm Bureau. The second senate bill was initially written to prohibit a person from receiving a tax credit on a land donation or bargain sale to a public agency and prohibits the use of the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) for a land acquisition project. The SRF has been utilized by organizations like the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to purchase properties for public agencies and with the low interest rate on this loan, passing the savings on to the public agency. The SRF loan process can only be used if the project meets certain criteria related to

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JCCB Summer Youth Corps

For Jackson County Youth Ages 11-15

Calling Jackson County youth ages 11-15. Build your volunteer portfolio and have fun working outdoors this June by joining our Youth Corps Program!

Five youth will have the opportunity to volunteer with Jackson County Conservation and work on projects at various parks. Youth will meet every Tuesday in June from 8:30-Noon. This is a great opportunity for youth to work in the great outdoors, make new friends, get a student membership to Friends of Jackson County Conservation, and earn a sense of accomplishment and ownership in your community at your local parks.

Interested youth can download an application form from our website (JacksonCCB.com, under News). Application forms must be submitted by April 15th. Send to Jeny Meyer at jen@jacksonccb.com or drop off at the Hurstville Interpretive Center.

Sponsored by Friends of Jackson County Conservation!



Annual Native Plant Sale

Friends of Jackson County Conservation is holding a native plant sale this spring to help people obtain native wildflowers.

Live Plants for sale include:

- ◇ Butterfly milkweed
- ◇ Sky blue aster
- ◇ Purple prairie clover
- ◇ Leadplant
- ◇ Prairie coreopsis
- ◇ Wild geranium



Prairie plants are finding their way back into Iowa's landscapes! Native plants are a great choice for your yard or garden projects for many reasons.

- ◇ Native flowers and grasses are well adapted to the local climate and can better withstand the severe drought, flooding and temperatures of Iowa.
- ◇ Native plants require little to no fertilizers.
- ◇ Native plants are resistant to local diseases, insects, and other pests, and also provide habitat and food for local wildlife, **including our insect pollinators!**

Plants cost \$2.50 each or 3 of the same species for \$6.00. Order forms are available online at JacksonCCB.com and at the Hurstville Center. Orders will be accepted while supplies last. Live plants will be ready to pick up at the Hurstville Interpretive Center around May 23. You will be notified two weeks prior with exact pickup date and time.

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water quality. This bill has passed the Senate with the tax exemption language removed but prohibits the use of SRF for future land acquisition projects in our State. Now the bill will be debated in the House. Who knows what amendments will be added to this bill or what the outcome will be.

In 2009 the voters of Iowa passed (63% approval) the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund which funds a multitude of conservation programs with a 3/8 of a cent increase in the state's sales tax. Here we are in 2019 and all movement on that bill seems to go nowhere. Each and every year since 2009 some version of a bill to fund the trust is introduced in one of the legislative branches and never seems to make it out of committee? Back in 2009 a bipartisan group of legislators, conservation groups, and agriculture interest groups developed the funding mechanism for the Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. The funding formula utilizes several existing programs like REAP, (Resources Enhancement and Protection Program), State Trails Program, Lake Restoration Fund, and creates some new programs like the Local Conservation Partnerships program to assist with park development projects in our state. The formula makes sense, will be easier to manage since a lot of the programs already exist and will provide a consistent funding mechanism to address conservation, water quality, and watershed protection in our state. Again since there is a land acquisition component in some of the formula like REAP there is a planned attack to change the formula. I probably do not have to tell you which groups are leading the effort to change the formula on the trust fund.

We live in a state where nearly 98% of the land is privately owned. We should be looking at the remaining 2% as a treasure and embrace each and every acre. We have been so fortunate in Jackson County to receive two land donations totaling over 500 acres from Robert Martin, (Prairie Creek Recreation Area in 2014) and Paul Junior Papke in 2015. I think these two land donations not only speak volumes about the person making the donation, but the decisions by these donors to leave their legacy with Jackson County Conservation for all of the public to enjoy. We don't need legislation restricting agencies from acquiring land; we need legislation to move this state in a positive direction to what the voters passed in 2009, the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund.

Be an advocate and contact your legislator.

Spring Calendar of Events



April

Pollinator Workshop

Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn about the monarch life cycle and what you can plant to help monarchs and other pollinators. Also learn about cost-share programs available to landowners for pollinator habitat.

Woodcock Walk & Owl Prowl

Friday, April 5 at 7:00 pm

Whitewater Canyon

The woodcock mating ritual is truly a remarkable sight. This small, camouflage, timber nesting bird has a few strange attributes and will amaze hikers with its aerial acrobat moves! Following, we'll call the owls and hope they call back. Dress for the weather and be prepared to hike up to 1 mile. Park is located 5 miles NE of Cascade off Curoe Road.



Geocaching: Wherigo Basics

Sunday, April 7 at Noon

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn about Wherigo geocaches, how to find them and how to create them. Bring your smart phone to learn how to download Wherigo Cartridge. Program is for those interested in learning more about geocaching!

Friends of JCC Quarterly Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join Friends for their spring meeting and learn more about how to become involved. Bring a friend! **Podluck at 6:30**—bring a dish to share; drinks and table service provided.

Landscapes that Shape Us

Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

The Iowa DOT presents the video "Landscapes that Shape Us: Mitigation Efforts for US 20". This video tells the story of cultural resources discovered during the planning stages of the US 20 expansion and how government agencies, Native American tribes, historians, and archaeologists worked together to balance transportation needs while protecting the integrity of the land. The video will be followed by a Q&A session with Brennan Dolan, archaeologist and cultural resource manager for the Iowa DOT.

Shrooms and Wine Tour—OWL Event

Monday, April 15 from 10 am—1 pm

Dubuque County

Tour the Stone Hollow Garden Shroomery and then visit Park Farm Winery for wine tasting and wood fired pizza. Cost for lunch and wine is on your own. Carpooling is available. OWL (older, wiser, livelier) events are geared for adults who are interested in learning more about our environment.

Registration is required by April 11.



Jackson Co. Conservation Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Learn what's happening with county parks at the Conservation Board's monthly meeting. Meetings open to the public.

KinderNature: Earth Day Celebration

Friday, April 19 at 10:00 am

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Celebrate Earth Day with fun games and activities! Program is geared for homeschool families with youth Kdg-3rd grade.

Spring Wildflower Walk

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am

Maquoketa Caves State Park

Spring has sprung and the hillsides are blanketed with flowers. Join Naturalist Tony Vorwald for an enjoyable hike at the park and learn to identify spring woodland wildflowers.



Friends Night at River Ridge Brewery

Friday, April 26 from 5-7 pm

River Ridge Brewery, Bellevue

Support Friends of Jackson County Conservation at River Ridge Brewery! Friends members will be on hand to talk about current and past projects.

StoryWalk Celebration

Saturday, April 27 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

We are putting up a new story this spring, *Creekfinding: A True Story* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin who along with the illustrator, Claudia McGehee, will be joining us for the event! Families will enjoy walking the trail and reading the story and participating in fun games and activities. Grade Level Reading will also be present and be giving away books.

Tree Planting Volunteer Event

Saturday, May 4 from 8:30 am—Noon

Prairie Creek Recreation Area

Volunteers are invited to assist the Conservation department in planting 1,000 hardwood tree seedlings on a 5-acre section at Prairie Creek. This is part of the forest management plan to improve woodlands at the park. Volunteers will be needed to plant the trees and put tubes around a portion of them. Refreshments will be served. *RSVP by May 1st.*



Household Hazardous Waste & Metal Collection

Saturday, May 11 from 8:00-11:00 am

Clinton Engines Museum

Not sure what to do with hazardous waste materials like paint thinners and pesticides? Do you have scrap metal laying around? Bring them in to be recycled or disposed of properly. This collection is being held in conjunction with Maquoketa Hometown Pride's Spring Clean-up Day.

**Great Give Day
Thursday, May 9**

GreatGiveDay.org

Donate to our Friends Endowment Fund! Details on page 5.

Mushroom 101

Sunday, May 12 at 2:00 pm

Prairie Creek Recreation Area

Take a hike with Naturalist Jeny Meyer and learn how to identify mushrooms and learn what is edible. Meet at northeast parking lot on 223rd Ave.

Codfish Hollow Prairie Walk

Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 pm

Ray Hamilton's Codfish Hollow Farm

Ray will share his knowledge of prairie plants as we walk through his remnant and restored prairie. Learn to identify many native prairie flowers.

Prairie Work Day

Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Help remove woody vegetation and non-native species from the Hurstville prairie. Wear work gloves and long pants. All tools and instruction will be provided.

Urban Foraging

Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 am

5th Ward Park, 804 W Summit Maquoketa

Your average urban yard is full of opportunity for tasty meal additions. We'll take a walk around the park and look for plants than can transcend the weed label and become part of your plate. This is a free event and all ages are welcome.

Kayaking on the Marsh

Sunday, May 26 between 1:00-3:00 pm

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Join us for some kayaking on the Hurstville Marsh! All ages are welcome to come out and enjoy kayaking.



Guided Hike

Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 am

Pine Valley Nature Area

Take in the natural beauty of the limestone bluffs and streams as you enjoy a hike through the woodlands and prairies. Learn more about Iowa's ecological treasures from Naturalist Tony Vorwald as he guides you along the trails at the park.

Free Fishing Clinic

Saturday, June 8 from 9:00-11:00 am

Hurstville Fishing Pond

All ages are welcome to learn fishing basics at this clinic. Practice casting, learn to tie a fisherman's knot and more. Then head to the pond to see if you can catch the biggest fish. Lots of door prizes! Free event. *Sponsored by Family Dollar!*



Free Fishing Weekend in Iowa

June 7—9, 2019

Iowa residents may fish without a license June 7, 8, 9 as part of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources free fishing weekend. Each year during the first full weekend in June, Iowa residents can enjoy a weekend of free fishing without a license. All other regulations remain in place.

Summer Day Camps

At the Hurstville Interpretive Center

Explorer Camp

For youth entering Kdg & 1st grade; \$35
July 9, 10, 11 from 9:00-2:00 each day.

Ranger Camp

For youth entering 2nd & 3rd grade; \$35
July 16, 17, 18 from 9:00-2:00 each day

Adventure Camp

For youth entering 4th & 5th grade; \$35
June 25, 26, 27 from 9:00-3:00 each day

Voyage Camp

Overnight trip on the Maquoketa River!

For youth entering 6th-8th grade; \$35
June 18 at 9 am—June 19 at 3 pm

Scholarships are available for all our camps, thanks to a donation from the Maquoketa Optimist Club.

Please talk to a staff member if you need assistance on the cost of camp.

Thanks Optimists!



Registration forms are available at the Hurstville Center and online at JacksonCCB.com

Youth Backpacking Trips

Youth will have fun backpacking, hiking and camping on a multi-day adventure lead by Naturalists with Clinton, Dubuque and Jackson County Conservation.



Yellow River Backpacking Trip

For youth ages 11-15; \$50
July 29—31

Black River Backpacking Trip

For youth ages 14-18; \$75
August 5—8

Registration forms are available at the Hurstville Center and online at JacksonCCB.com

Join the JCCB E-Mail List

You can receive this newsletter plus other publications via email. Send your name and e-mail address to jess@jacksonccb.com or go online to http://eeepurl.com/_DS4D to join the email list.



Friends of Jackson County Conservation

Great Give Day

Donate to the Friends Endowment Fund on
Thursday, May 9



Help Friends of Jackson County Conservation continue to build their endowment fund by making a donation during this 24-hour online giving day!

GreatGiveDay.org

Donors have the option of scheduling their donation in advance at GreatGiveDay.org.

The Friends Endowment Fund will ensure we continue to carry out our mission of providing outdoor opportunities in Jackson County well into the future.

Endow Iowa Tax Credits Those who give \$50 or more to our endowment are eligible to receive 25% tax credits for their gifts.

Next Friends Meeting is

Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm

Potluck at 6:30 pm—All are welcome!
Come learn what Friends is all about and help make decisions about projects and events.

Friends Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye to two Friends members this year. Jeanne Hoesley is heading to Texas this March and Kathi Atkinson is moving to Arizona in June. We will miss them both and are so thankful for all they did for Friends of Jackson County Conservation over the years! Good luck with your future endeavors Kathi & Jeanne!

Membership Renewal Reminder

If you haven't renewed your 2019 membership, do so now! Student: \$5, Senior Citizen: \$5, Regular: \$10, Family: \$20, Sustaining: \$50, Life: \$500. Send to Friends of JCC 18670 63rd Street Maquoketa, IA 52060.

Hurstville Celebrates 15 years!

The Hurstville Interpretive Center opened to the public in August of 2004. We want you to celebrate 15 years with us! Details are still in the works. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 17!

Donate Today

to help build the last spur of the
Pedestrian Trail



from the City of Maquoketa to the Hurstville Center

Jackson County Conservation has secured 90% of the funds needed to build the remaining 0.8 miles of trail. Help us raise the rest! Any donation helps us towards our goal! Donations can be made online at JacksonCCB.com (click on Donations) or mail a check to Friends of JCC, 18670 63rd Street Maquoketa, Iowa 52060.



Help Needed for Codfish Fundraiser!

For the past two years, Friends has been providing food for the band members who perform at Codfish Hollow Barnstormers (near Maquoketa) as a way to raise funds for our organization. Friends members volunteer their time serving the band members donated food and cleaning up. Codfish pays Friends in exchange for the work and food. It has been a great success and we are continuing it this year.

**We will need
your help!!
Spring dates
include:**

April 11, May 24, June 2



If you are interested in donating food or volunteering your time, please contact Friends Member Dan Holm, Email: holmsthebutler@aol.com Phone: 563-249-7722

Bonus: Codfish Hollow allows those that help to go to the concert that night at no cost!

Winter Activities with Jackson County Conservation!



"Insectigations" was the theme for one of our Cabin Fever Days. Kids enjoyed learning about pillbugs and hissing cockroaches through various experiments.



This winter offered some good opportunities to go snowshoeing! Students in grades 3rd-6th at Easton Valley and Delwood School were able to try it out during their PE class with our Naturalists.



Our Conservation Board Members are a great asset to our organization. These volunteers work diligently every month to ensure our department continues to carry out its mission.



Sledding at Prairie Creek! There are some great hills adjacent to the Pavilion and kids and adults alike had a good time coasting down them.

Fun Corner!

The Spring Night Sky

The sky map to the right is set for mid-March (10 pm) or mid-April (9 pm) or mid-May (8 pm).

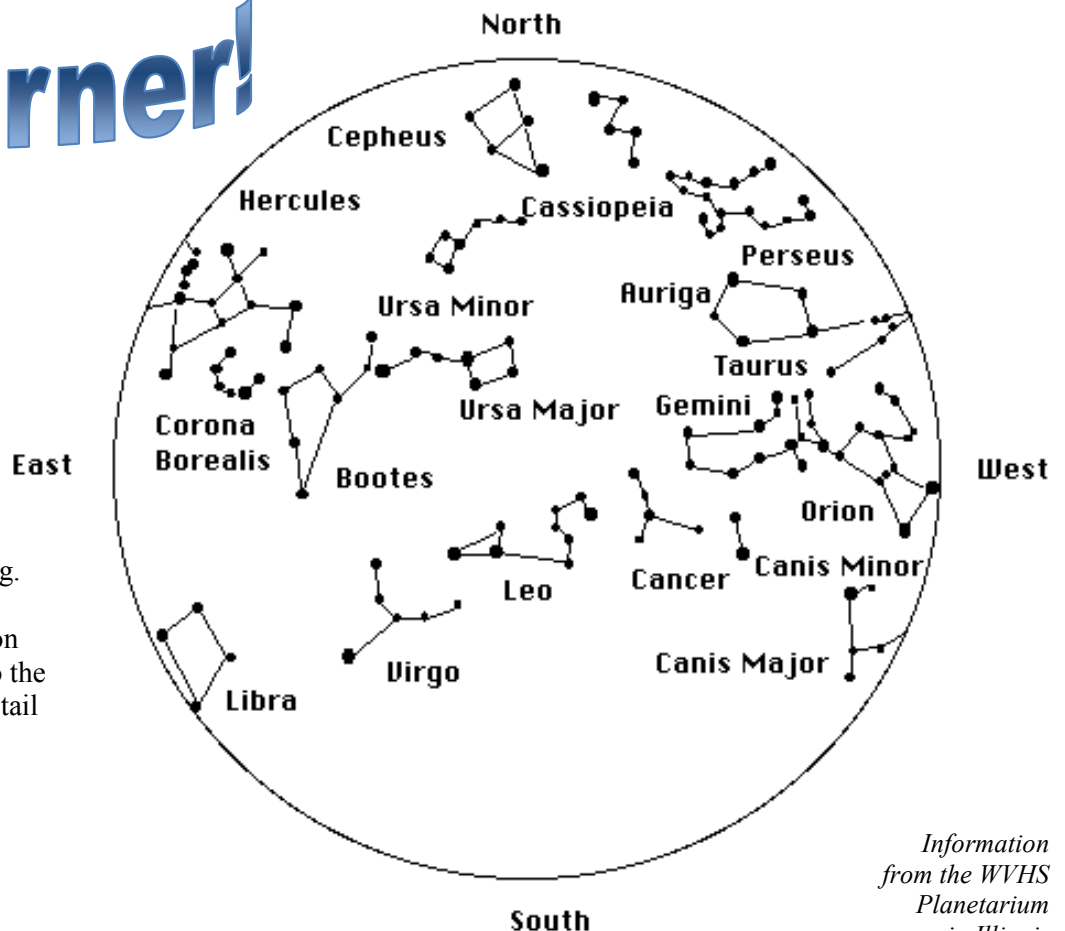
Looking South

Leo the lion is the most prominent constellation in spring. Look for the stars in Leo's head to look like a backwards question mark. Imagine Leo is looking to the right. The triangle makes Leo's tail and hind end.

Looking North

The **Big Dipper** in the constellation **Ursa Major** is high overhead.

Look up at the Night Sky in the evening and see what you can find in the stars!



Information
from the WVHS
Planetarium
in Illinois
planetarium.ipsd.org/



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thank and acknowledge the following
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their continued support and donations.
With your help, we have been able
to do so much more!!!*

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Food for Geology & Jazz Dinner—Kathi Atkinson, Sarah Hobbs, Bruce & Laura Fisher, Jennie Willcox, Mary Hayward, Ann Burns, Pam True, Jennifer Meyer, Ben & Jess Wagner

Jackson County Conservation

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The Jackson County Conservation Board meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Public welcome.
*May-Sept, the board tours a park prior to the meeting.
Call our office for meeting locations.*

Address & Contact Information

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Randy McCutcheon
Mary B Hobbs

Interested in volunteering for Jackson County Conservation? Fill out a volunteer form (on our website or pick one up at the Hurstville Center) and we can pair you with projects you are interested in!
For more information call (563) 652-3783.

Dubuque, Jackson & Jones 2019 OWL Events

Looking for an excuse to get out of the house, make some new friends, and learn about the exciting world of nature? Then OWL programs are for you! OWL stands for Older Wiser Livelier and is for adults looking to learn more about the world around them and connecting with like-minded individuals. These programs are made possible through a partnership between Dubuque, Jackson, and Jones County Conservation.

Check out what we have going on in 2019! Mark your calendars and join us!

*Carpooling for events is available from the Swiss Valley Nature Center (Dubuque County),
Hurstville Interpretive Center (Jackson County) and Central Park Nature Center (Jones County).*

Monday, April 15: Shrooms and Wine Tour

10 am—1 pm in Dubuque County; RSVP by April 11th.

Tour the Stone Hollow Garden Shroomery and then visit Park Farm Winery for wine tasting and wood fired pizza. Cost for lunch and wine is on your own; no cost for tours.



June 6-7: SE Minnesota Trip

2 days/1 night in Southeast Minnesota; RSVP by May 5th.

Trip activities include canoeing, hiking, a cave tour, and a trip to the International Owl Center. Participants will depart on Thursday morning, travel to the Preston, MN area and return Friday evening. Cost is \$140 per person and includes: lodging (double occupancy), equipment rentals, tours, and travel expenses.

Friday, August 9: Archaeology Paddling Trip

9 am—3 pm on the Maquoketa River; RSVP by Aug 1

Enjoy a day paddling on the river while learning about the area's archaeology from Brennan Dolan, Iowa DOT Archaeologist. Canoes and kayaks are available or bring your own. No cost.



Thursday, September 5: Discover Trout

10 am—2 pm in Manchester, Iowa and Backbone State Park; RSVP by Sept 1st.

Tour the Manchester Fish Hatchery and learn more about trout and trout fishing at Backbone State Park. No cost.

Thursday, October 3: Maiden Voyage

10 am—1 pm in Marquette, Iowa; RSVP by Sept 26

Enjoy a relaxing river cruise of the Mississippi River backwaters. Captain Robert weaves humor, history, beauty, and wildlife into his tour of the Mississippi. Cost TBD.



More information can be found online at JacksonCCB.com and olderwiserlivelier.weebly.com/

Hurstville Interpretive Center

Offices for Jackson County Conservation

Hours

Weekdays 9:00 am—4:00 pm ; Weekends April-October 12:00—5:00 pm; Outdoor Area is open 6:00am—10:30 pm

No Admission Fee!

The Hurstville Center reopens weekends starting April 6.

Build, run, splash and explore outdoors! And then stop inside and view the exhibits, including the bee hive, train model, live education animals and more! The staff and volunteers are excited to see you.



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