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The campgrounds will be opened as soon as all flood repairs can be finalized. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/33d026db-2bae-41d1-9ce9-4606c023145c.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=44034a07f2&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | BHCC Ranger II, Will Souer cleaning, relocating and adding new material to Bluebird & Wood Duck nesting boxes. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/c4c3a360-12ef-404d-9ca7-11413bc6b907.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=8950349697&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | BHCC staff assisted Eagle Scout, Drew Campbell, in placing newly constructed fish habitat structures in Big Woods Lake. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hickory Hills Park** All services at Hickory Hills Park are now open & available for the season!  Over the past month, staff finished the kitchen remodel & installed new flooring in the Whitetail Cabin.  Park visitors will begin to see goats out working in the park over the next couple of weeks. Please use caution around the white fence surrounding the goats as it is electrified. Also, we ask that you please not feed any of the animals including the goats when you visit. We hope to see you soon! | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/c0d51a24-4ce2-4706-a622-9e9d145fa95c.png](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=2b87c2a717&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/21ed2fe7-4a21-4f7f-9df2-6dcd96585b97.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=edf5b6d09c&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **McFarlane Park**  All services at McFarlane Park are now open & available for the season!  Staff is ready for another fun camping season at McFarlane Park! Hopefully mother nature gives us a break from wet weather this year so we can have some great camping!  We will be showing movies at the McFarlane Theater on holiday weekends. Just bring a lawn chair, blanket, and something to drink and enjoy the show. We will be posting the movies & times in the campground & on our Facebook Page.  Halloween Weekend will be September 20th & 21st; reservations can be made by calling our main office at; (319) 433-7275.  Reservations can be made online for the cabin, campsites, and shelter at [www.blackhawkcountyparks.com](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=14ec3e868b&e=d96fa2ee23). | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/_compresseds/9122e366-19ae-452a-a936-2c0a43554785.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=07b157f034&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Prescribed Burning** Late March to early May is what the conservation staff labels as “burn season”. The 1,000 acres of prairie consisting of old stalks of the many grasses and forbs are very dry from a long winter. These dry stalks easily burn when the weather conditions are right. Prescribed burns can also be applied in the fall but are rarely used due to the negative result of removing wintering habitat for wildlife and birds.   Prescribed burns are used to manage the counties prairie and grassland habitat, as well as, the savanna and woodland environments. Fire in a controlled setting manages woody vegetation like trees and brush, adds nutrients to the soil surface, promotes healthy new plant growth & is also used to combat invasive plant species like honeysuckle. Most burns are completed by early May due to green conditions and to stay away from the upcoming bird nesting season. The staff tries to burn at least 200 acres per year, putting each field on a 3-5 year rotation or less. This spring, sites such as; Bruggeman Wildlife Area, Turkey Ridge Wildlife Area, Hickory Hills Park, Cedar Bend Savanna and Railroad Lake Access all were managed using fire. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/1f4047f7-74aa-4425-b486-d5862dc7f053.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=3d7edf46a4&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Improvements**  Maintenance staff has been working to replace the pedestrian walkway at Hartman Reserve which leads visitors from the parking lot to the Interpretive Center. Once the concrete walkway is completed, new lighting will be installed along the length of the walkway to improve visitor visibility and the overall ambiance of this natural area. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/0765d84d-630c-4540-bd9d-2ae5728ce517.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=484f25c222&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/f77a73d7-265a-47e5-9752-a0b8304032a7.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=29ee60ba51&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hartman Reserve** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/07a5e408-3db3-44be-8972-981855d9d454.png](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=a88b7735b7&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/3740481b-53e0-47a2-a57d-d01fafff5797.png](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=d5ea517b86&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/af4cca77-4468-47a1-b516-cab1e074d09d.png](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=069840a58d&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/f30a14cb-a3c3-4f5f-ad9a-7c6d2b6f1b11.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=42f3465368&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Salamander Saturday: Come celebrate salamanders from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM at Hartman Reserve Nature Center. Learn about the salamanders of Iowa and their importance to the Iowa ecosystem and water quality. Afterwards, take a hike with a naturalist to check out salamander habitats and learn how you can help support and conserve salamanders and other amphibians. This program is free & open to the public! | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7/images/69269d07-bf1c-4be1-a475-dc6a12818df1.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=39fb2d1fc6&e=d96fa2ee23) | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The next 2nd Sunday Speaker Series is May 12th at 2:00 PM featuring Randy Maas: “Photographing Wild Iowa.” Local photographer Randy Maas will share his photo portfolio, which documents many species that have survived for thousands of years. The close-up, high-definition photographs will focus on wildflowers and insects, especially dragonflies and damselflies. | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/35f46802559a3c7fff822d438/images/f011376b-381d-438e-9d60-59c5e276b4e2.jpg | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Quick Links**  - [Black Hawk County](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=0676e38452&e=d96fa2ee23) - [BHC Conservation](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=9b411034e5&e=d96fa2ee23) - [Hartman Reserve Nature Center](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=a77182829f&e=d96fa2ee23)  - [Hartman Happenings Monthly Newsletter](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=e000081604&e=d96fa2ee23) [- Black Hawk County Conservation Facebook](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=7b0890d43c&e=d96fa2ee23) - [Hartman Reserve Facebook](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=8eee6a8ab9&e=d96fa2ee23)  - [Hickory Hills Park Facebook](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=a2e9587a23&e=d96fa2ee23)  - [McFarlane Park Facebook](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=c20dbcdd82&e=d96fa2ee23) | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/35f46802559a3c7fff822d438/images/aaf4d8fb-e99e-4c82-889e-6c38948ae1b9.jpg](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=2391cff691&e=d96fa2ee23) | | Check out this beautiful [drone video](https://blackhawkcountyparks.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2548f483febb3daca2235cbe7&id=96389aa5b5&e=d96fa2ee23) of areas managed by Black Hawk County Conservation! Video by Flight Spool. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Support Conservation** There are many ways to support Conservation through volunteering, gifts, donations and planned giving. Click the button to learn more or to make a financial contribution. 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