



County Conservation Programs

June-July 2025



Nature Explorers



Tuesdays 10 am & 1 pm (pick the time that works best for you) Meet at Diamond Lake's Main Shelter (near the playground). Programs designed for preschool - 5th grade, all ages are welcome! Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

June 3rd: Bears and a Hike

June 10th: Prairie Insects - stories & crafts

June 17th: Fishing - We provide equipment & have adults on hand to help!

June 24th: Underground critters - stories and crafts

Upcoming dates: 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12. Topics TBD. See our website for details/updates.

OWLS - Older Wiser Livelier Souls

Third Thursday of each month

10:00 am - Foster Center @ Diamond Lake

- Join us monthly for a hands on project for adults. *RSVPs required* as space is limited. Materials are provided.

June 19th - Use willow to create something special for your garden (ex: a small trellis or star for your porch)

July 17th- Prairie flower bouquets

August 21st - Topic TBD

Ready to RSVP? Contact Naturalist Amy
@ 319-213-5607 or

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Events are listed in greater detail on our website, under the events tab at:
www.poweshiekcounty.org/conservation

Prairie Walks

Watch the prairie at Drake Library change through the seasons or join us on the land at Hawthorn Lake, Diamond Lake & Kessler Prairie. Walks will be at a slow pace!

Tues. June 10th @ 5:30 - A never plowed patch of prairie overlooking **Hawthorn Lake (Barnes City)**. Long pants & closed-toed shoes advised. RSVP for directions.

Thurs. June 12th @ 6 pm A guided walk through the **Drake Library** prairie. Meet on south patio.

Tues. June 24th @ 5pm- Walk Stagecoach Trail (paved) from **Diamond Lake's Main Shelter** to Montezuma & learn about the flowers in bloom.

Thurs. July 10th @ 6 pm @ Drake Library

Sat. July 12th Time TBD (am) - Visit a reconstructed prairie at peak bloom managed by Bur Oak Land Trust and the Kessler Family.

West of Grinnell. RSVP for the address.

Thurs. Aug. 7th @ 6 pm @ Drake Library

Kayaking All sessions are free and start with a short lesson on kayaking basics, so we're always beginner friendly! *RSVP required.*

Diamond Lake 1.75 hour sessions

Thurs. June 5th @ 5 pm & 7pm

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Thurs. July 3rd @ 5pm & 7pm

Thurs. July 17th @ 5pm & 7pm

Thurs. July 31st @ 5pm and 7pm

Hawthorn Lake WMA (Barnes City) - Some previous experience preferred **Wed. June 25th @ 9am, Fri. July 11th, @ 9 am.**

Kayaking for kids @ Diamond Lake, June 11th - We'll have volunteers on hand to introduce elementary kids to kayaking in a small, shallow part of the lake. Call for more info!

Additional kayaking dates may be added watch our website and Facebook for more!

