

Polk County Conservation Winter 2016/2017 Volunteer Events



Woodland Restoration

Saturday, November 5 @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Yellow Banks Park, meet at the pond

We will be assisting longtime park stewards Penny Thomsen and John Harri in their efforts to remove undergrowth and invasive species. No experience is necessary and equipment is provided. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and bring a refillable water bottle.

To volunteer for this event, please contact Pat Spain at (515) 323-5280 or pat.spain@polkcountyiowa.gov.

Woodland Restoration

Saturday, December 10 @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Jester Park, Shelter #5

Your help is needed to restore our woodlands by removing honeysuckle and other invasive species. Meet us at 9:45 a.m. All supplies are provided. Dress for the weather and bring appropriate shoes or boots and a water bottle.

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Woodland Restoration

Saturday, January 14 @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Jester Park, Shelter #5

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A huge thank you to the following volunteers...

- National Trails Day participants who spent a full day resurfacing hiking trails at Jester Park.
- Kestrel and Bluebird trail monitors who continue to check nest boxes, record data, and keep sparrows from overtaking boxes.
- The 260+ Trash Bash participants that participated in woodland restoration, trash removal and litter pickup in and around Easter Lake Park.
- Neumann Brothers Construction who donated their time and resources to restore the Jester Park amphitheater and parking area.
- Eagle Scout Taylor Kammerer who raised funds for his project at Jester Park Shelter #4 which included new benches around an ADA fire ring.
- Trail Ambassadors Jean Michaelis, Mike Mitchell and Beth Stevens who continue to monitor multiple natural and hard surfaced trails throughout our family of parks and trails.
- Long-term Park Stewards and Adopt-a-Park Sponsors David Johnson, Ron Eckoff, John Zeitler, Lee Hill, Penny Thomsen and John Harri, Ashley Seidel, REI of West Des Moines, Green Iowa AmeriCorps, Cummins Central Power, Blank Park Zoo, Boy Scout Troop 193, Mid-Iowa Retrievers and Chichaqua Free Skinners who continue to work throughout our family of parks and trails.

Polk County Conservation Winter 2017 Volunteer Opportunities

Carney Marsh Restoration

Saturday, February 11 @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Carney Marsh, Ankeny

Be a part of local ongoing wetland restoration efforts at Carney Marsh. We will be removing undergrowth and invasive species. No experience is necessary, and equipment is provided. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring a refillable water bottle.

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Carney Marsh Restoration

Saturday, March 11 @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Carney Marsh, Ankeny

Be a part of local ongoing wetland restoration efforts at Carney Marsh. We will be removing undergrowth and invasive species. No experience is necessary, and equipment is provided. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring a refillable water bottle.

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Volunteer Banquet

Sunday, March 26 @ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Jester Park Lodge

Come join us at the Jester Park Lodge to celebrate your contributions to conservation efforts in Polk County. The evening will consist of dinner and a recognition/awards ceremony as we highlight the projects and events of 2015.

Volunteers who have contributed 10 (or more) hours are invited to attend. Please contact Pat Spain at pat.spain@polkcountyiowa.gov to confirm your hours and RSVP.

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Park Stewards

Are you passionate about the Iowa landscape and want to make a difference? We are looking for you! Stewards are needed at various parks to help with woodland, wetland or prairie restoration and/or maintenance projects at the park of their choice. We provide all training and needed supplies.

Please contact Pat Spain to make arrangements (515) 323-5280 or pat.spain@polkcountyiowa.gov

Trail Ambassador Coordinators

We are now actively seeking to fill positions as Trail Ambassador Coordinators (TACs) throughout our parks and trails. Those placed in this position would fill a leadership role by communicating and coordinating a network of volunteers.

For further information, please contact Pat Spain at pat.spain@polkcountyiowa.gov or call (515) 323-5280.

