

Polk County Conservation

Fall + Winter 2013 Volunteer Events

Carney Marsh Restoration Project

Sundays: November 3, December 1, January 5
11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Carney Marsh

A DMACC crew of Environmental Science students and staff have committed to volunteering on the first Sunday of every month for the rest of the year at Carney Marsh.

Be a part of this restoration effort by coming along on any or all of the dates above. No experience is necessary, and equipment is provided. You should, however, dress for the weather, bring appropriate shoes or boots, and bring a refillable water bottle.

Easter Lake Restoration Project

Saturday, November 2
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Easter Lake Park

Iowa Outdoor Unlimited has organized this cleanup in partnership with the Conservation team. This group is sure to be fun to work with; join us as we remove invasive species from Easter Lake's woodland areas.

We'll meet by the boat ramp before cracking on with work. As with all volunteer projects, we encourage participants to dress for the weather, bring appropriate shoes, and bring a refillable water bottle. No experience is necessary, and all equipment is provided.

A couple other projects we need help with...

Are you passionate about working with your hands and being outdoors? We'd love to have you or your group's leadership on these projects:

- Construction of a fire pit and a paver block walkway leading up to and surrounding this new proposed fixture for the shiny new cabin site at Two Dam Pond in Jester Park.
- Installation of a third tier to the popular Jester Park Amphitheater.

All tools and materials are supplied by Polk County Conservation. Get in touch to find out more about how you can leave your mark on Polk County's Family of Parks!

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DMACC students have been working hard at Carney Marsh clearing invasive species. Polk County Conservation encourages other members of the public to help out with this restoration project. The team is set to work on the first Sunday of every month.

A huge thank you to these volunteers...

- Everyone who helped make the Discover Chichaqua and Outdoor Expo events a success.
- Saydel High School students and staff who helped collect prairie seed at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt.
- The folks from Skyline Exhibits who helped clean up along Beaver Creek and Sycamore Bike Trail.
- Volunteers who helped with the Residential Tree Program, and the Prairie Seed Harvest and Four Mile Creek Sweep events. Each of these days were successful thanks to your dedication.
- Members of the United Methodist Church youth group, Exhilaration, who helped clear invasive species at Jester Park.
- DMACC Environmental Science staff and students continue to work on the restoration of Carney Marsh.
- Dean Ahnen who is now working on chickadee nesting boxes and bird feeders to mount near our bird blind locations.
- David Johnson as he continues to remove old fence lines near the Jester Park Equestrian Center.
- Seth Konkol who constructed and installed benches for the new outdoor classroom at Brown's Woods for his Eagle Scout project.
- Travis Theisen and Michael Langel who each completed the construction of walk-in campsites at Jester Park for their Eagle Scout Projects

