

Sept 26, 2020 - Statewide Volunteer Day!

Find a park near you to volunteer. Participating parks are listed alphabetically and volunteer events vary based on the park's needs. Please call ahead to RSVP if you plan to attend an event.

Beeds Lake State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Beeds Lake Stone Lodge

Park Address: 1422 165th Street, Hampton, IA 50441

Description: Building two wood duck houses for the park.

What to Bring: Wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Bring water, bug spray, gloves and pruning equipment.

Volunteers Needed: 5-10

Contact: Park office (641) 456-2047 or Ranger Scott Doescher at scott.doescher@dnr.iowa.gov

Bellevue State Park

1 PM - 4 PM

Meeting Location: Bellevue South Bluff Nature Center

24668 Hwy 52, Bellevue IA 52031

Description: Butterfly garden and trail clean up.

What to Bring: Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, long sleeves, pants and drinks.

Volunteers Needed: 10-15

Contact: Please call the park office if planning to attend at (563) 872-4019 or email elli.lineburg@dnr.iowa.gov

Big Creek State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Meeting location different from park. Help repair vandalized bridge on Neal Smith Trail. Bridge is located about ½ mile south of Union Labor Park on NW Morningstar Drive, Des Moines, IA.

Description: Repair bridge by replacing deck boards. The boards were recently set on fire and are now unsafe.

What to Bring: Bring work gloves, water and dress appropriately for the weather.

Volunteers: 4-5

Contact: Please call the park office for more information and to RSVP before attending at (515) 984-6473.

Cedar Rock

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Visitor Center

2611 Quasqueton Diagonal Blvd., Independence, IA 50644

Description: Sapling removal in park prairies.

What to Bring: Gloves, clippers, long pants and water.

Volunteers Needed: 5-9

Contact: Please contact the park office if planning to attend at (319) 934-3572 or cedar_rock@dnr.iowa.gov

Dolliver Memorial State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Dolliver Park Office

Park Address: 2757 Dolliver Park Ave, Lehigh, IA, 50557

Description: We will be picking up trash throughout the park. Trash bags will be provided. Volunteers can social distance. We will start with areas along the creek and river, and move to trails and picnic areas.

What to Bring: Please bring gloves.

Volunteers Needed: 10

Contact: RSVP to Park office (515) 359-2539; or email Dolliver@dnr.iowa.gov

Geode State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 3333 Racine Avenue, Danville, IA 52623

Description: We will be painting picnic tables.

What to Bring: Rubber gloves and paint supplies will be provided. Wear old clothes for painting.

Volunteers Needed: 5

Contact: RSVP your attendance in advance by calling the park office at (319) 392-4601.

Green Valley State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Main Boat Ramp

Park Address: 1480 130th Street

Description: Kayak and lake clean-up. Kayak around shore, cutting old fishing line and picking up litter in areas too difficult to reach from land.

What to Bring: Bring your own kayak. Participants are welcome to walk the shoreline instead. Bags and gloves will be provided. You may need tools to cut line and pick up litter. Please remember your life jacket.

Volunteers Needed: 5-20

Contact: Please email attendance to Green_Valley@dnr.iowa.gov or call Park office (641) 782-5131.

Elk Rock State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Equestrian campground playground

Park Address: 811 146th Ave, Knoxville, IA 50138

Description: Pick up litter along trails and shoreline near the boat ramp.

What to Bring: Bring gloves and dress for the weather. Trash bags will be provided.

Volunteers: 20-30

Contact: For more details contact the Park Office (641) 842-6008; email: Elk_Rock@dnr.iowa.gov

Lacey-Keosauqua State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 22895 Lacey Trail, Keosauqua, IA 52565

Description: Stain logs on Shelters #1 and #2.

What to Bring: Wear old clothes; all other protective equipment will be provided.

Volunteers: 20-25

Contact: RSVP your attendance in advance to the Park Office at (319) 293- 3502.

Lake Ahquabi State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 16510 118th Ave, Indianola, IA 50125

Description: Cleaning up and cutting down trees on dam.

What to Bring: Bring gloves, bow saw and other hand cutting tools. Dress for the weather.

Volunteers Needed: 5-10

Contact: Call the Park office (515) 961-7101; email: Lake_Ahquabi@dnr.iowa.gov

Lake Anita State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 55111 750th Street, Anita, IA 50020

Description: Add rock along multi-use trail and various spots. We will also be picking up trash in the campground.

What to Bring: Bring gloves, hard rakes, brooms or blowers if you have them.

Volunteers Needed: 10-20

Contact: Please RSVP at Lake_Anita@dnr.iowa.gov, or call the park office at (712) 762-3564.

Lake Darling State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 111 Lake Darling Rd, Brighton, IA 52540

Project Description: Repair cracks in sidewalks and the paved trail.

What to Bring: Wear old clothes and shoes.

Volunteers Needed: 5-10

Contact: RSVP attendance in advance by calling the Park Office (319) 694-2323, or emailing: Nick.Young@dnr.iowa.gov

Lake Keomah State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 2720 Keomah Lane, Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Description: Remove invasive black locust from dam.

What to Bring: Bring gloves, bow saws, cutting tools, and wear long pants and long sleeves.

Volunteers: 10-20

Contact: Call Park Office at (641) 673-6975; email: Lake_Keomah@dnr.iowa.gov

Lake Macbride State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 3525 Hwy 382 NE, Solon, IA 52333

Description: Pick up storm debris on trails and in picnic area.

What to Bring: Wear old clothes, gloves and bring water.

Volunteers Needed: 20+

Contact: RSVP attendance in advance by calling (319) 624-2200, or email: Lake_Macbride@dnr.iowa.gov

Lake Wapello State Park

8:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 15248 Campground Road, Drakesville, IA 52552

Description: We will be removing a swan fence.

What to Bring: Bring gloves, fencing pliers, hammers and water.

Volunteers: 10+

Contact: Please RSVP your attendance to the park office at (641) 722-3371.

Lake Manawa State Park

1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Shelter #7

Park Address: 1100 S. Shore Drive, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Description: Clean-up day throughout the park.

What to Bring: Bring gloves and water.

Volunteers: 10-15

Contact: Park Office (712) 366-0220.

Lewis and Clark State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Visitor's Center

Park Address: 21914 Park Loop, Onawa, IA 51040

Description: Trail clean up and hike.

Number of people: 10 - 20

What to Bring: Please bring gloves. Trash bags will be provided.

Contact: Park Office (712) 423-2829; Lewis_and_Clark@dnr.iowa.gov

Nine Eagles State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Beach Parking Lot

Park Address: 23678 Dale Miller Road, Davis City, IA 50065

Description: We will be staining the beach shelter.

What to Bring: Wear gloves and old clothes appropriate for staining.

Number of Volunteers: 5-10

Contact: Park Office at (641) 442-2855; Nine_Eagles@dnr.iowa.gov

Pilot Knob State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Campsite 42, or Campground Gazebo

Park Address: 2148 340th Street. Forest City, IA 50436

Description: We will stain the new check-in kiosk, split firewood and possibly repair water bars on tower trail.

What to Bring: Wear old clothes.

Volunteers Needed: 10-20

Contact: Park office (641) 581-4835; Pilot_Knob@dnr.iowa.gov

Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

No set start time -- come anytime during the day.

Meeting Location: No set meeting location -- come to the park to work on your own.

Park Address: 4530 McClintock Road, Palo, IA 52324

Description: Help pick up storm debris and sticks from the mowed areas of the park. You can add the sticks to the existing brush piles, or throw them in tall grass where they will be burned.

What to Bring: Gloves, wear clothes appropriate for outdoor work.

Volunteers: 20+

Contact: Call Park Office at (319) 436-7716 with questions.

Prairie Rose State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: South Boat Ramp

Park Address: 680 Road M-47. Harlan, IA 51537

Description: Kayak and lake clean-up. Kayak around shore, cutting old fishing line and picking up litter in areas too difficult to reach from land.

What to Bring: Bring your own kayak. Participants are welcome to walk the shoreline instead. Bags and gloves will be provided. You may need tools to cut line and pick up litter. Please remember your life jacket.

Volunteers Needed: 10-20

Contact: Park office (712) 773-2701, Prairie_Rose@dnr.iowa.gov

Red Haw State Park

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Stephens State Forest -- we will be helping with a forest clean up just down the road! Please see the Stephen State Forest entry for details.

Rock Creek State Park

9:30 AM

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 5627 Rock Creek E Street, Kellogg, IA 50135

Description: Trail cleanup at east and west trail heads.

What to Bring: Bring gloves and a water bottle, wear appropriate shoes and clothing for the weather.

Volunteers Needed: 10-20

Contact: If planning to attend, please email in advance to: Kory.Kinnick@dnr.iowa.gov

Shimek State Forest

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Meet at the Lick Creek Unit Upper Campground (Note: If there is inclement weather, the meeting location will be at Shimek Headquarters).

Forest Address: 33653 Route J56, Farmington, IA 52626

Description: Stain picnic tables and paint wooden rails.

What to Bring: Wear old clothes, bring water.

Volunteers: 5-10

Contact: Please email Patrick Thomas in advance at Patrick.Thomas@dnr.iowa.gov, or call (319) 931-7805.

Springbrook State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Campground Gazebo

Park Address: 2437 160th Road, Guthrie Center, IA 50115

Description: Stain and seal picnic tables in the campground

What to Bring: Bring gloves and a water bottle. Wear old clothes

Volunteers Needed: 20

Contact: If planning to attend, please call in advance to Anne Riordan (641) 295-6028 or email: anne.riordan@dnr.iowa.gov

Stephens State Forest

9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Equestrian Area of the Whitebreast Unit

Directions: From the Junction of Hwy 34 and Hwy 65 in Lucas, IA, go south on Hwy 65 for 2 miles. Turn west on 467th Street for 2 miles to enter the Whitebreast Unit.

Description: Cut down and remove dead ash trees from the campground, prune limbs, repair hitching posts, clean trails and repair step-up blocks.

What to Bring: Gloves, hand saws, loppers, proper attire. Water will be provided.

Volunteers: 10-20

Contact: Please email your attendance to Bonnie Friend at: Bonnie.Friend@dnr.iowa.gov. Call with questions to (641) 774-5632.

Stone State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Park office

Park Address: 5001 Talbot Road, Sioux City, IA 51103

Description: Trail repair and workday. We will be repairing water bars and possibly putting in new ones, along with filling in washouts from heavy rains.

What to Bring: Bring gloves, water and bug spray. Wear work clothes, long pants and boots.

Volunteers Needed: 10-35.

Contact: Park office (712) 255-4698; Stone@dnr.iowa.gov

Union Grove State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Parking area at the dam along 220th Street, down the hill from the Park Office

Park Address: 1215 220th Street, Gladbrook IA 50635

Description: Dam clean up, cut new growth from a past tree cutting project.

What to Bring: Gloves, hand saws, loppers, proper attire, and water.

Volunteers: 10-15

Contact: Please email questions and RSVP to: Corey.Fangman@dnr.iowa.gov

Walnut Woods State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Meeting location different than park -- meet at the DNR State Fair Building on the state fairgrounds in Des Moines.

Description: Sanding and staining the duck pond at the state fairgrounds.

What to Bring: Gloves, painting clothes

Volunteers: 2-4

Contact: Call Park Office to RSVP at (515) 285-4502.

Wapsipinicon State Park

1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Wapsipinicon Rotary Lodge

Park Address: 21301 Co Road E-34, Anamosa, IA 52205

Description: Pick up storm debris on trails and in the picnic area. Volunteers will be dispersed to allow social distancing.

Volunteers Needed: 10+

Contact: Park office (319) 462-2761

Waubonsie State Park

10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Playground Picnic Area

Park Address: 2585 Waubonsie Park Road, Hamburg, IA 51640

Description: We will paint and stain sign posts, picnic tables and benches. Participants will be assigned to different areas to ensure social distancing.

What to Bring: Bring gloves and drinking water, and wear old clothes.

Volunteers Needed: 10-20

Contact: If you plan to attend, please call in advance to the Park office 712-326-2786, or email: Matt.Moles@dnr.iowa.gov

Wildcat Den State Park

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (come anytime during that time frame)

Meeting Location: Park Office

Park Address: 1884 Wildcat Road, Muscatine, IA 52761

Description: Trail maintenance and clean-up.

What to Bring: Bring gloves and comfortable hiking shoes. Pruning shears, hands saws and garbage bags will be provided, but you can also bring your own equipment. Volunteers may check into the park office anytime between 9 AM and 1 PM to receive instructions and supplies. Bottled water and snacks will be provided.

Volunteers Needed: 10+

Contact: Park office (563) 263-4337