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# Iowa State Parks & Forests Volunteer Day

September 23, 2023

## Sept 23, 2023 - Statewide Volunteer Day!

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

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## Bellevue State Park

**10:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Bellevue South Bluff Nature Center

**Park Address:** 21466 429th Ave. Bellevue IA 52031

**Description:** Butterfly garden clean up and wood splitting.

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

**Contact:** Please call the park office if planning to attend at (563) 872-4019.

## Geode State Park

**8:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Shelter #4

**Address:** 3333 Racine Ave. Danville, IA 52623

**Description:** Tree trimming and trail maintenance.

**What to Bring:** Sturdy foot wear, gloves, safety glasses, sunscreen, and water.

**Contact:** Please call the park office if planning to attend at (319) 392-4601.

## Honey Creek State Park

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Park Office

**Address:** 12194 Honey Creek Pl. Moravia, IA 52571

**Description:** Shoreline clean up. We will have carry-out trash bags available.

**What to Bring:** Gloves, water, and good walking shoes.

**Contact:** Please call the park office if planning to attend at (641) 724-3739.

## Lacey-Keosauqua State Park

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Park Shop

**Park Address:** 22895 Lacey Trail, Keosauqua, IA 52565

**Description:** Clearing back trails and staining picnic tables.

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

**Volunteers:** 5-10

**Contact:** In case of bad weather, listen to park office phone message with cancellation information at: (319) 293-3502.

## Lake Anita State Park

**2:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

**Meeting Location:** Playground

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

**Description:** Re-seeding the prairie.

**What to Bring:** Appropriate clothing for walking in the prairie, closed toe shoes, gardening /work gloves, personal water bottle.

**Volunteers Needed:** 6-10

**Contact:** Please RSVP at [Lake\\_Anita@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Lake_Anita@dnr.iowa.gov), or call the park office at (712) 762-3564.

## Lake Darling State Park

**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Meeting Location:** Cottonwood Shelter

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

**Project Description:** Staining Cottonwood Shelter benches.

**What to Bring:** Wear old clothes and light gloves.

**Contact:** RSVP attendance in advance by calling the park office (319) 694-2323, or emailing: [Nick.Young@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Nick.Young@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Lake Macbride State Park

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** South shop near primitive campground

**Address:** 3525 Highway 382 NE Solon, IA 52333

**Project Description:** Pruning back the edges of our ¼ mile Interpretive Trail.

**What to Bring:** Old clothes, sturdy gloves, loppers or pruners if you have them, water bottle.

**Contact:** [Lake\\_Macbride@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Lake_Macbride@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Lake Manawa State Park

**9:30 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Shelter 6

**Address:** 1100 South Shore Dr. Council Bluffs, IA 51501

**Project Description:** Lake Manawa cleanup day, sponsored by the Friends of Lake Manawa.

**What to Bring:** Appropriate clothing for walking in the park, closed toe shoes, gardening /work type gloves, personal water bottle. If volunteers have trash grabbers they would be encouraged to bring them but these are not required.

**Volunteers Needed:** 20-30

**Contact:** [Lake\\_Manawa@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Lake_Manawa@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Lake of Three Fires State Park

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Meeting Location:** Park Office

**Park Address:** 2303 Lake Rd. Bedford, IA 50833

**Description:** Park beautification.

**What to Bring:** Jeans, gloves, closed toe shoes, trash grabber if you own one, personal water bottle.

**Contact:** [Three\\_Fires@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Three_Fires@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Ledges State Park

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Upper Picnic Area

**Park Address:** 1515 P Ave. Madrid, IA 50156

**Description:** It is undisputed that the beauty and diversity of the natural resources at Ledges State Park are what make this place so unique. The biggest threat to the forest health at Ledges is the encroachment of invasive species. Please consider helping park staff and the Friends of the Ledges by eradicating some of these non-native forest invaders! At this volunteer event you'll learn more about the threat of invasive species while gaining hands-on experience cutting, dragging, and piling these woody intruders. Not only will you leave with an expanded knowledge of invasive species identification and removal tactics, but you'll gain the satisfaction of seeing real progress in an effort to increase the forest health of one of our most iconic state parks!

**What to Bring:** Please sign up using [this link](#) for the volunteer day. Due to the scope of the project and limited equipment, only the first 30 volunteers completing the form will be accepted. All ages are welcome, but please be aware the nature of the project requires participants to use loppers and pruning shears to cut up to 1.5" diameter woody plant stems and drag cut shrubs that may have small thorns. Please bring drinking water, sunscreen, and bug spray. Please consider wearing long pants, closed toed shoes/boots, long sleeves, and bringing a pair of work gloves.

**Volunteers Needed:** 30

**Contact:** [Ledges@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Ledges@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Lewis and Clark State Park

**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:** Visitors Center

**Park Address:** 21914 Park Loop Onawa, IA 51040

**Description:** Shoreline clean up.

**What to Bring:** Closed-toe shoes and appropriate clothing, water bottles. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided.

**Contact:** [Lewis\\_and\\_Clark@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Lewis_and_Clark@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Pikes Peak State Park

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Campground check-in station

**Park Address:** 32264 Pikes Peak Rd. McGregor, IA 52157

**Description:** Campground cleanup day.

**What to Bring:** Gloves and a 5-gallon bucket.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10-20

**Contact:** [Pikes\\_Peak@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Pikes_Peak@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Shimek State Forest

**10:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Lower campground gazebo

**Park Address:** 33653 Route J56 Farmington, IA 52626

**Description:** Camp pad improvements, repairs, campground beautification.

**What to Bring:** Work clothes, dress for the weather.

**Volunteers Needed:** 5-10

**Contact:** [Shimek\\_forest@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Shimek_forest@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Wapsipinicon State Park

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Wapsipinicon State Park Office

**Park Address:** 21301 County Rd. E35 Anamosa, IA 52205

**Description:** Picnic table restoration project. All skill levels welcome to come out for a fun volunteer day to disassemble/reassemble, repair/replace broken or rotten boards, sand, paint/stain.

**What to Bring:** Wear clothing that can get stained or dirty, water bottle, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen.

**Volunteers Needed:** 20-30

**Contact:** [Wapsipinicon@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Wapsipinicon@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Waubonsie State Park

**10:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Playground Area

**Park Address:** 2585 Waubonsie Park Rd. Hamburg, IA 51640

**Description:** Stain signposts and picnic tables.

**What to Bring:** Wear clothing that can get stained and dirty, water bottle, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10-20

**Contact:** [Waubonsie@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Waubonsie@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Yellow River State Forest

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Sawmill office

**Park Address:** YRSF, 729 State Forest Rd. Harpers Ferry, IA 52146

**Description:** We will be painting pit latrines and marker posts in all campgrounds and waysides.

**What to Bring:** Wear clothing that can get stained or dirty. Bring water bottle and gloves. Tools will be provided.

**Contact:** [YellowRiverForest@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:YellowRiverForest@dnr.iowa.gov)