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# Iowa State Parks & Forests Volunteer Day

September 24, 2022

## Sept 24, 2022 - 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

**9:00 AM**

**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.

## Blackburn State Park

**9/24: 8:00 AM – Noon. Also on 9/25: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:** Blackburn Gazebo

**Address:** 1291 Cemetery Road, Thurman Iowa

**Description:** Remove old boardwalk, stain gazebo, fence posts, remove invasive plants, general cleanup.

**What to Bring:** Sturdy foot wear, long pants and gloves recommended. Refreshments will be provided.

**Contact:** If you plan to attend, please call in advance to the Park office 712-326-2786, or email:

[Matt.Moles@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Matt.Moles@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

**1:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:** Park Office

**Address:** 2802 Brushy Creek Rd. Lehigh, IA.

**Description:** Park clean-up activities. Maps of trash cleanup locations and garbage bags will be handed out.

**What to Bring:** Sturdy foot wear, long pants and gloves recommended.

**Contact:** [Brushy\\_Creek@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Brushy_Creek@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Lacey-Keosauqua State Park

**9:00 AM**

**Meeting Location:** Park Shop

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

**Description:** Park cleanup activities.

**What to Bring:** Wear old clothes; bring a water gottle

**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

**2:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:** Campground non-electric site shower building.

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

**Description:** Park cleanuip (litter etc.) new tree maintenance (guards, fence, mulch)

**What to Bring:** Bring gloves, wear old clothing.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10-20

**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 - Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Park Shop, just inside main entrance on the left.

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

**Project Description:** Staining the can-shed.

**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:** 3979 Cottage Reserve Rd. Extension NE, Solon (south shop address)

**Project Description:** Eagle scout project replacing storage shed/lean-to; invasive brush removal

**What to Bring:** Wear long pants and bring gloves.

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

## Lake Wapello State Park

**9:00 AM - Noon**

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

**Address:** 15248 Campground Road, Drakesville, IA 52552

**Project Description:** Park clean-up activities.

**What to Bring:** Gloves and trash bags.

**Contact:** Email: [Lake\\_Wapello@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Lake_Wapello@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Ledges State Park

**10:00 AM**

**Meeting Location:** Oak Woods Shelter

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

**Description:** As Ledges approaches its 100th anniversary in 2024, volunteers are needed now to help upgrade the amenities at the open-air shelters in the park. Come help park staff and Friends of the Ledges members construct up to 20 new picnic tables for the shelters in the park. There will also be 2 large charcoal picnic grills to replace at each shelter. It's a great project to celebrate the value of our public lands and improve the function and look of two of the park's most used facilities!

**What to Bring:** All ages of volunteers are welcome with no experience needed, but please consider bringing work gloves. Bonus points will be awarded if volunteers can bring a cordless drill with a 5/16" drill bit and a 1/2" socket with driver or 1/2" wrench!

**Contact:** Park Office 515-432-1852; email: [Ledges@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Ledges@dnr.iowa.gov).

Volunteer liability waivers will need to be completed prior to engagement in any state park volunteer activity. Waivers will be available the day of the project or you can request one in advance by emailing the park at [Ledges@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Ledges@dnr.iowa.gov)

## McIntosh Woods State Park

**9:30 AM**

**Meeting Location:** Park Shop

**Park Address:** 1200 East Lake Street, Ventura, IA 50482

**Description:** Stain picnic table tops

**What to Bring:** Bring gloves, brushes and water bottle

**Volunteers Needed:** 3-5

**Contact:** [McIntosh\\_Woods@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:McIntosh_Woods@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Pikes Peak State Park

**9:00 AM**

**Meeting Location:** Park Office area/Homestead Parking

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

**Description:** New picnic table fabrication

**What to Bring:** Bring gloves and a cordless drill

**Volunteers Needed:** 30

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

## Pilot Knob State Park

**10:00 AM -- Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Site 43 in the campground

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

**Description:** Several activities such as fall yardwork, split fire wood, weather treat picnic tables in campground

**What to Bring:** Wear old clothes and work gloves as appropriate for painting. Lunch will be served at noon.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10-20

**Contact:** Please RSVP by sending an email to [Pilot\\_Knob@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Pilot_Knob@dnr.iowa.gov) and/or [friendsofpilotknob@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofpilotknob@gmail.com)

## Springbrook State Park

**Noon**

**Meeting Location:** Campground Gazebo

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

**Description:** Repair, stain and seal picnic tables.

**What to Bring:** Bring gloves and a water bottle. Wear old clothes. Lunch will be provided; State Parks Vintage Auto Tour will take place from 10:00 - 12:00 at beach parking area.

**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](mailto:anne.riordan@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Stone State Park

**8:00 AM**

**NOTE: This event will take place on 9/17 rather than 9/24.**

**Meeting Location:** Pammel Shelter

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

**Description:** Trail repair and workday.

**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](mailto:Stone@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Wapsipinicon State Park

**9:00 AM**

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

**Park Address:** 21301 Co Rd E34, Anamosa, IA 52205

**Description:** Paint picnic tables

**What to Bring:** Please wear painting clothes.

**Volunteers Needed:** All are welcome

**Contact:** Park office (319) 462-2761

## Waubonsie State Park

**NOTE: This event will take place on 9/14 rather than 9/24.**

**1:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:** Waubonsie Park Office

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

**Description:** September 14th - Volunteer day sponsored by First Interstate Bank: Stain picnic tables, benches, signposts, kiosks, etc. Open to the public.

**What to Bring:** Wear long pants and close-toed shoes, bring a drink.

**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](mailto:Matt.Moles@dnr.iowa.gov)

## Wildcat Den State Park

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (come anytime during that time frame)**

**Meeting Location:** Park Office

**Park Address:** 1884 Wildcat Road, Muscatine, IA 52761

**Description:** Prairie seed collection, trail maintenance. Volunteers interested in collecting prairie seeds for future plantings can meet at the park office at 10AM for a group volunteer project. Those interested in a solo project or working within your own party can meet anytime between 10AM and 1PM to pick-up supplies for litter clean-up or brush removal.

**What to Bring** Sturdy hiking shoes, gloves, and long pants recommended. Snacks and bottled water provided.

**Volunteers Needed:** 10+

**Contact:** Park office (563) 263-4337