



# DANE COUNTY PARKS

## INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

MAY 13, 2022



*Junior Naturalist Program*  
*William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park*

# NOW HIRING PARK ATTENDANTS

## Spend your summer working for Dane County Parks!

We are hiring multiple LTE County Park Attendant positions that will work now through October and pay \$17.73 hourly with a mid summer raise.

Duties include maintaining campgrounds, shelter areas, playgrounds, trails, boat launches, and handling special events. Candidates should have good communication skills, ability to work independently, and have some skills in facility maintenance and cleaning. Experience operating commercial type mowers and equipment a plus.

[Learn More](#)



**We Are Hiring**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

Spend your summer outdoors working as a Park Attendant for Dane County Parks.

**APPLY ONLINE**

[www.jobs.countyofdane.com](http://www.jobs.countyofdane.com)



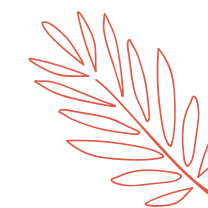
# JUNIOR NATURALIST

Looking for a fun-filled, adventurous summer outside? Join the Lussier Family Heritage Center's Junior Naturalist program in the heart of the Capital Springs Recreation area.

Youth cohorts, ages 9 - 11 or 12 - 14, will practice being a naturalist and discovering the world around you. By using exploration tools and curiosity we will learn more about our natural areas. Through biking, hiking, and canoeing, we will look high and low in water, prairies, and woodlands to gain a deeper understanding of the surrounding environment.

Learn more and register online at:

[Learn More](#)



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# SALMO POND UPDATE

Salmo Pond is in the middle of a parking lot reconstruction project. In addition to a new parking lot, the project includes adding storm water biofiltration basins, replacing the existing vault toilet, pathway improvements to the fishing piers and adding a new picnic table as part of the memorial Dan Wisniewski Accessible Fishing Area.

Park operation staff have removed the old vault toilet and installed the new one. Dane County Parks is very lucky to have such a talented and knowledgeable crew!



# INDIAN LAKE PROPERTY PLAN

Dane County Parks will begin working on a property plan that will propose future management, recreation use and park facility development for Indian Lake County Park and the adjacent Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area.

Two public information meetings will be held to begin the planning process to gather public input:

- May 16 at 7:00 p.m. – Lussier Family Heritage Center and VIRTUAL
- June 6 at 5:30 p.m. – Town of Berry Town Hall Shelter

Visit the project website to learn more about this project and the public information meetings mentioned above. A survey will be added to the project website within the next few weeks as another option to provide input.



[Learn More](#)

# HELP US NAME OUR RESCUE TURTLE

We have a new friend joining our team! This Western Painted Turtle was originally from Viking County Park and was kept as a pet for several years before being surrendered to Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center. The turtle will live in a snazzy enclosure at our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility and will help educate the public about local wildlife.

We need your help coming up with a name! Submit your name ideas by the end of the day on Sunday, May 15th. Parks staff will choose their top 5 favorites and let the public vote on the final name. If your name suggestion is picked you will win a bundle of Dane County Parks swag so you can show off your love of parks.

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*Submit your name ideas!*



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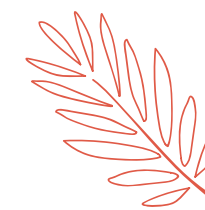
# LIL' EXPLORERS

Help foster that sense of wonder in your preschooler (ages 3-6) with our Lil' Explorers program at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. This FREE program will provide a space for young kids to engage with their outdoor environment. We offer two different Lil' Explorers programs:

- June 3 - **Outdoor Adventure** - Run around, work together and use your five our five senses to explore the outdoors.
- June 7 - **Story Time** - Join us underneath the Heritage Oak Tree for a story and craft.

Find these events and more on our event calendar:

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# DANE COUNTY PODCAST

**Let's Talk Lakes!** Dane County has a new podcast and on this week's episode County Executive, Joe Parisi, sat down with our Department Director, Laura Hicklin, to discuss lakes! They discuss everything from the state of our lakes and aquatic plant harvesters to our "Suck the Muck" initiative and sediment removal efforts in the Yahara Chain of Lakes. Check it out!



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# LAKE VIEW HILL RESTORATION

There's a lot of restoration work happening over at Lake View Hill County Park. Thanks to the hard work of the Friends of Lake View Hill Park, this week staff have noticed many species of native plants coming up in areas that were previously full of buckthorn. Volunteers removed the invasive buckthorn and spread native plant seeds and the plants are thriving in the sunlight of these newly opened areas.



# DOG PARK OPENING CELEBRATION

Join us at **Anderson Farm County Park** on **May 19** from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. to celebrate our newest dog park. This 36 acre off-leash dog park opened in late 2021 and is Dane County Park's 8th dog park. County Executive, Joe Parisi, will be doing an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. You can also stop by one of these activity stations:

- Karben4 Brewing – 10% of sales donated to the park
- Excite Bites Dog Treat Truck
- Cedar Sioux Photography – pet portraits (donations accepted)
- Dog Park Planning & Design – information booth
- Anderson Park Friends – information booth
- Healthy Parks, Healthy You – nature activities and seed kits

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# WELCOME RANGER CADETS

A big welcome to our LTE Ranger Cadets! Ranger Cadets are an essential part of our team. Cadets work with our Rangers to ensure our parks are welcoming, safe, and clean for our park visitors. Welcome!

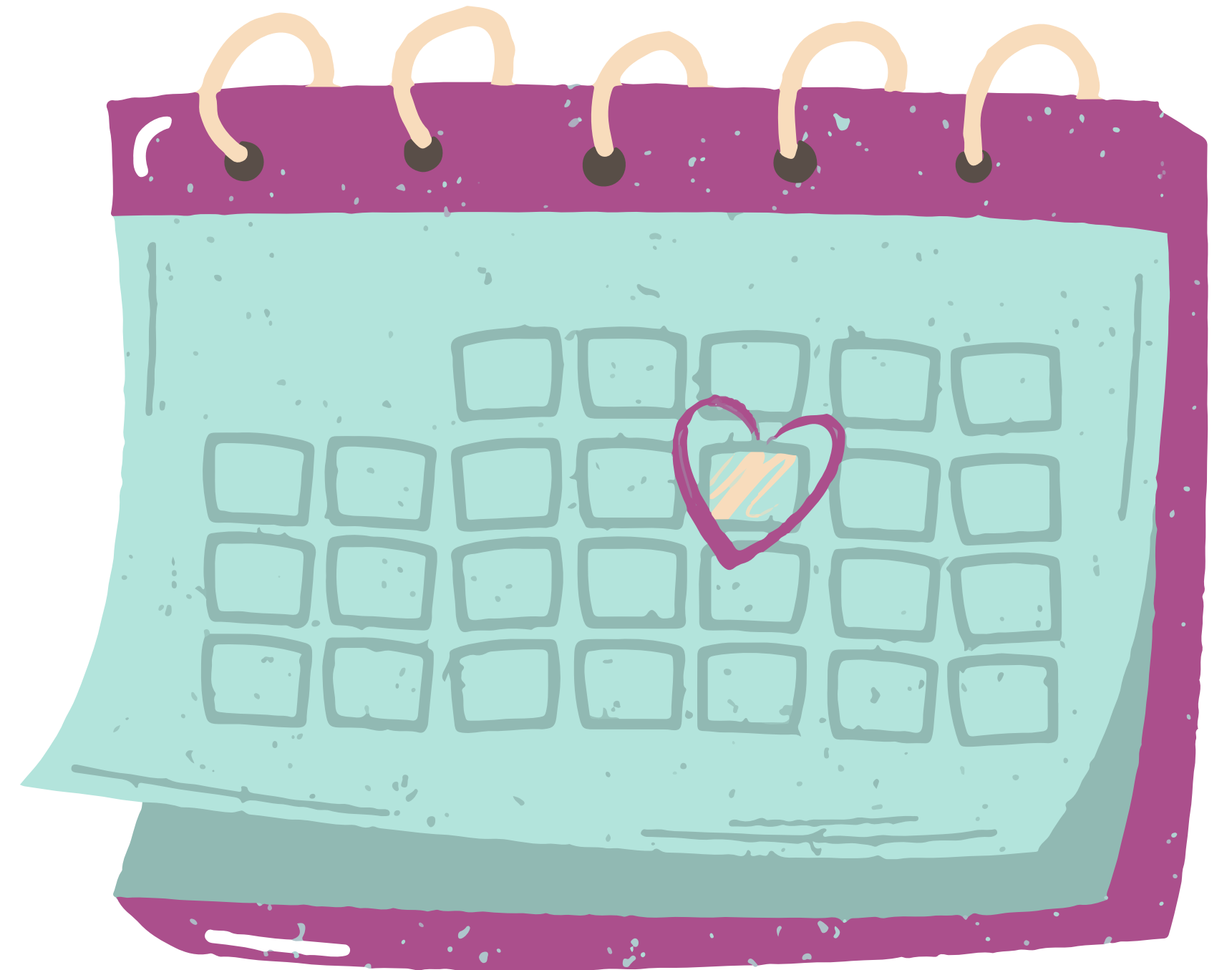


# FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more event listings, check out the event calendar on our website. Events include:

- Youth Adventure Days
- Volunteer Workdays
- Music and craft events hosted by friends groups
- and more!

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