

Clay County Conservation Board

Winter-Spring 2021 Events



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January Events

Friday Night Nature Read and Roam

January 8th 5:30 pm Oneota Park

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January 8 Owl Prowl

February 12 Tracks

March 12 Animal Signs

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Winter Shelters: Who Builds That?

Saturday, January 9th 10:00 am Oneota Park

Iowa animals build homes using sticks, soil, grasses, and even litter! Discover the types of shelters that animals need in order to survive! Participants will also build their very own winter shelter at Oneota Park! Grab your snow gear and prepare for some afternoon fun with your Clay County AmeriCorps Naturalist! **Online registration required.**

Teens Take Over

Saturday, January 9th 3:00 pm Stub Johnson 360th Street

Hey Teens! We have a program designed just for YOU! Meet the AmeriCorps Naturalist at Stub Johnson for a program where survival meets recreation! If conditions allow, enjoy a snowshoe hike around the beautiful wildlife area. Also, develop outdoor skills that might just save your life someday! This program is designed for 13-18 year old's! **Online registration required.**

MLK Service Day Seed Bomb Making

Monday, January 18th Oneota Park

Session 1: 2:00-3:30PM Session 2: 6:00-7:30PM

Clay County Conservation needs YOUR help to get wildflower seeds out into the prairie! Join AmeriCorps Naturalist Britney to create seed bombs and cast them into the prairie of Oneota Park! Come back during the summer to see our creations in full bloom! Parents are encouraged to participate but not required unless the child is under 7 years old! **Online registration required.**

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Sunrise Trek

January 23rd 8:00 am Oneota Park

Grab your coffee/hot cocoa and let's go! Studies show that connecting with the natural environment supports happiness and health, reduces stress, enhances concentration, and boosts learning. The time of the day influences your experience in nature. You may experience completely different sights, sounds, and feelings in the early morning than you would in the daytime. Join CCCB naturalist on a happiness walkabout around Oneota Park. Soak in the early morning vibes through sights and sounds that are around Oneota Park. Open for all ages, we will be walking the majority of the time on uneven trails. **Online registration required.**

Learn to Snowshoe

January 23rd 10:00 am-12:00pm East Leach Park

Clay County Conservation Board and City of Spencer are teaming up for a snowshoe event. Abilities from novice to expert are welcome to this program. Meet at East Leach Park. Registration required. Snowshoes are provided. Please bring the following items from home. * Snow pants, jacket and boots, hat, gloves, and water. **Online registration required.**

Moonlight: Nature Series

Tuesday, January 26th 6:30pm Oneota Park

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February Events

No School Camp Nature Explorers 1st- 3rd grade

February 12th 9:00-11:30 Oneota Park

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No School Camp Trailblazers 4th-8th grade

February 12th 12:30-3:00 Oneota Park

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Nature Craft Blitz

Oneota Park February 13th 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 11:30 am

Dust of your crafty skills join the CCCB Naturalist with crafty Saturday. Nature exploring combines with nature art! Participants will immerse themselves in nature and get their creative juices flowing with a craft. This day will offer several nature topics and crafts throughout the day. Register for all or one. **Online registration required.**

9:00 am- Nature prints

10:15 am- Bird is the word

11:30 am- Sky patterns

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Oh Deer! Session 1

Saturday, February 27th 10:00 am Oneota

Did you know there are over 400,000 deer in Iowa? Every year, the bucks will shed their set of antlers in order to grow a new, larger set the following year. Discover more about deer and even search for antlers with the naturalist during this program! **Online registration required**

Oh Deer! Session 2

Saturday, February 27th 2:00 pm Kindlespire 485th Street

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Bee Friendly to Nature

Oneota Park Saturday, April 10th Session 1: 10:00 am Session 2: 2:00pm

Backyards serve as amazing habitats for wildlife! Discover simple ways to improve your backyards to draw in animals such as birds, bees, and more! This program will include a make and take portion that the whole family will love! More details to come, but for now, bee sure to register before it is full! **Online registration required.**

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April 19th 9:00-11:30 Oneota Park

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Earth Day Trash Pick up

April 22nd 4:30pm-5:30pm Start Location: Oneota Park

Travel on the Spencer Community trail system. Trash Bags and gloves will be provided. **Online registration required.**

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April Events

Scharnberg Park Fishing

April 24th 8:30 am-10:00 am Scharnberg Park 3430 145th ave. Everly

Whether your family is an expert or beginner at fishing. Who would like to catch fish, this is the ultimate fishing experience for you! We will provide bait and fishing equipment. **Online registration required.**

Water exploring

April 24 11:30 am-12:30 pm Schmerse Wildlife Area 280th Fostoria

Grab your water shoes or muck boots and join us for a morning exploring the pond at Schmerse Wildlife Area pond. Participants will get a hands-on look at aquatic life such as macroinvertebrates, snails, and maybe even frogs! Learn about the complex ecosystem that dwells just below the water's surface! Please wear appropriate exploring clothes and shoes as the experience includes opportunities to go knee deep into the pond if desired! **Online registration required.**

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May Events

Wings and Wetland May 7th and 8th

To celebrate our unique 'prairie pothole' region. Join FUN and FREE activities for the whole family!

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Froggin May 14th 5:30 pm Oneota Park

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