Although the course may change every year, it is an honor for the Floyd County Conservation staff to prepare for the event. Not only does this honor those that died protecting our freedom but it also showcases the unique beauty of the park.

We are looking forward to this year’s event on July 13th and seeing the participants fill the trails through the prairie.

After the run, the fun continues in Rockford Fun Days in town and concludes with the fireworks sponsored by 3 Minutes Out in the Wyatt Park campgrounds.
WOMEN IN THE WOODS WITH WINE - JULY 25

Join Floyd Co. Conservation Naturalist Heidi Reams to discover more about nature while relaxing with a glass of wine. Women in the Woods with Wine is for women 21+ who are interested in the outdoors. Become more comfortable and knowledgeable about the natural world, as you unwind and have fun.
Pre-registration required. Cost $15, checks made out to the Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation (bring payment the night of the event) 7-9 p.m. Register online

CHARLES CITY PARTY IN THE PARK - AUG 2

Join Floyd Co. Conservation Naturalist Heidi Reams at Party in the Park from 5-9 pm. There is always something new to learn about nature and Floyd Co. Conservation areas!

HUNTERS EDUCATION COURSE - AUG. 17

Hunter education is a mandatory program that is designed to introduce students to several life-long skills that are important to many different types of outdoor recreational opportunities. The course teaches students basic survival and first aid skills, water safety, wildlife identification, the basics of wildlife management, hunting laws and firearm/archery safety. Hunter education also stresses the importance of individual responsibility and outdoor ethics. Iowa law requires that anyone born after January 1, 1972 must be certified in hunter education before they are eligible to purchase an Iowa hunting license.
The course will be held in the lower level of the Fossil & Prairie Center, Rockford IA. Lunch is provided for participants. To register

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT - AUG. 17

Join us for a family friendly movie at the amphitheater area behind the Fossil & Prairie Center. Bring your chairs/blankets. Popcorn & candy will be available - free will donation. Movie will start at 8:30 pm.
Story Walk at the Fossil & Prairie Park Preserve

Looking for a way to read a book while outside? Come out to the Fossil & Prairie Park Preserve and hike the Story Walk Trail. This trail begins at the Jon Tumilson statue and has the pages of “Michael Recycle” by Ellie Bethel along it. A great way to read a book while enjoying the outdoors and seeing the summer prairie flowers!

Prairie Plant Spotlight . . .

Butterfly Milkweed

A weed by any other name . . . is a flower! Just because a plant has the word “weed” in it does not mean that it is. In fact, milkweeds are a very important plant for not only the Monarch Butterfly but many other pollinator species as well. The Butterfly Milkweed is easily identified with the bright orange clusters of flowers found on top of 3-foot stems with spirally arranged leaves. Pollinators are attracted to the bright color and the large amount of nectar produced. This native perennial is found in eastern and southwestern North America and blooms from April through September. Cultivars can be found in greenhouses to add color to your home landscape.

Did you know . . . that Iowa has nine different types of milkweeds? Five of those varieties can be found at the Fossil & Prairie Park Preserve!
Connect & follow Floyd Co. Conservation

If you always seem to find out about events after they happened or tired of hearing about projects happening around at county conservation areas from your friends, here are some ways to stay up-to-date on everything going on with Floyd County Conservation.

Websites . . .

floydco.iowa.gov  fossilcenter.com

On the Floyd County site, visitors can see a calendar of events, “news flashes” with any current happenings or find out information on any one of the thirty-three conservation areas. Website visitors can sign up to receive messages when new information is released either via email or text.

Newsletter . . . The “Conservation Connections” newsletter is now emailed out monthly to our subscribers list. If you would like to be added to the list, please email hreams@floydcoia.org. Newsletters can be mailed by calling our office, 641-756-3490, to request.

Social Media . . .

Follow “Floyd County Conservation” on FaceBook and Instagram for live videos from conservation areas, “sneak peaks” on projects and events. You could also post pictures of you and others enjoying our conservation areas.
Contact us . . .

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Park is open from sunrise to sunset

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Floyd County Conservation Board Meetings
The Floyd County Conservation Board meetings are open to
the public and visitors are welcome. The Board meets on the
first Tuesday of the month at the Fossil & Prairie Center,
located 1 mile west of Rockford on County Road B47. Please
note this date can be changed.