

WCCB Past & Present

WCCB 40th Anniversary



The Warren County Conservation Board has 40 years to look back on, and there's a lot worth celebrating. The board was created by a vote of Warren County citizens in the November 5, 1974 general election held its first meeting January 21, 1975.

After establishment, the organization started fulfilling duties with limited staff, land, equipment and facilities. Four decades later, the WCCB has grown significantly and accomplished much for local conservation and Warren County residents and visitors. Today, the board manages over 2,220 acres of public land and reaches thousands of people each year. These areas have provided forty-years of outdoor memories, many acres of wildlife habitat, improved water quality and more. It's a great time to reflect on all the opportunities WCCB has made possible.

Staff have built shelters, trails, bridges, and more so visitors can gain access to the most scenic places in the parks. Remnants of original prairie have been preserved and restored to commemorate Iowa's native landscape and provide valuable habitat. Ponds and wetlands have been enhanced to protect local watersheds and yield fish habitat, migratory bird resting sites, and homes for many other creatures. Invasive species have been removed to conserve our quality wooded areas.

The Annett Nature Center was built as a hub for outdoor recreation, a place for the public to come learn, and to bridge exploration into the outdoor world. Countless school groups have gotten muddy trekking through the trails and investigating the natural beauty around them. The Friends of Warren County Conservation, a non-profit group, was formed to garner local support for environmental education. Families have bonded outdoors while camping or enjoying public programs, reunions, weddings, and other events in our parks.

Ten parks and 2 multi-use trails open a multitude of possibilities for visitors to enjoy hiking, camping, birdwatching, hunting, canoeing, fishing, biking, stargazing, geocaching, photography, and more. It's safe to say thousands upon thousands of outdoor memories have been made here in the last four decades. The WCCB's dedicated staff, devoted board members, and many committed volunteers will continue to provide quality land management and connect people with nature for generations to come.



Visit www.warrencb.org/40years for more information on WCCB past & present.

2015

**A Full Year of Celebrating
Four Decades of
Warren County outdoors**



Join us in commemorating four decades of Warren County outdoors!
 In 2015 we will be hosting 40 public events to celebrate 40 years.

Attend at least 20 of the 40 public events and you will receive a limited edition 40th anniversary item.

Keep track of your attendance on the calendar below. Have a WCCB staff member sign at each event you attend.

- 1. Wilderness Survival 101**
January 10 @ 8 a.m. _____
- 2. Owl Prowl**
February 5 @ 7 p.m. _____
- 3. Ice Fishing Clinic**
February 7 @ 9 a.m. _____
- 4. 40th Anniversary Kickoff**
February 7 @ 12 p.m. _____
- 5. Valentine's Snowshoeing**
February 13 @ 6 p.m. _____
- 6. Turkey Hunting Seminar**
March 14 @ 8 a.m. _____
- 7. Geocache Easter Egg Hunt**
April 4 @ 10 a.m. _____
- 8. Osprey 5K**
April 11 @ 8 a.m. _____
- 9. Evening Prairie Burn**
April 14 @ 6:30 p.m. _____
- 10. 40th Birthday Party**
April 18 @ 1 p.m. _____
- 11. Wild Women of the Woods**
May 8 & May 9 _____
- 12. Break into Birding**
May 11 @ 5 p.m. _____
- 13. FWCC Native Iowa Plant Sale**
May 16 & May 17 _____
- 14. Night Eyes Night Hike**
May 22 @ 8 p.m. _____
- 15. Live Animal Library Picnic**
June 4 @ 6 p.m. _____
- 16. Kids Fish Day**
June 6 @ 8 a.m. _____
- 17. Moonlight Canoe Float**
June 26 @ 8 p.m. _____
- 18. Dutch Oven Cooking**
June 28 @ 4p.m. _____

- 19. Summer Movie Night**
July 31 @ 8 p.m. _____
- 20. StarLab Star Gaze**
August 7 @ 8 p.m. _____
- 21. Archery Basics**
August 13 @ 6 p.m. _____
- 22. Nature Photography**
August 29 @ 8 a.m. _____
- 23. Monarch Tagging**
September 13 @ 1 p.m. _____
- September 19 @ 1 p.m. _____
- 24. FWCC Prairie Picnic**
September 19 @ 5:30 p.m. _____
- 25. Prairie Seed Harvest**
October 8 @ 5 p.m. _____
- 26. Mentored Deer Hunt**
October 24 & October 25 _____
- 27. Halloween Hike**
October 26 @ 6 p.m. _____
- 28. Turtle Time**
November 9 @ 5 p.m. _____
- 29. Talking Turkey**
November 23 @ 5 p.m. _____
- 30. Nature Holiday Crafts**
December 5 @ 8 a.m. _____
- 31. Winter Wonderland Day**
December 29 @ 9 a.m. _____
- 32. Geocaching 101**
Spring - March 29 @ 1 p.m. _____
Summer - June 13 @ 1 p.m. _____
Fall - September 12 @ 1 p.m. _____
- 33. Summertime Story & Smores**
June 24 @ 6 p.m. _____
July 22 @ 6 p.m. _____
August 26 @ 6 p.m. _____

- 34. Seasonal Hikes**
Snowshoe Hike - Jan 9 @ 1 p.m. _____
Snowshoe Hike - Jan 24 @ 1 p.m. _____
Wildflower Walk - April 23 @ 5 p.m. _____
Prairie Walk - August 18 @ 5 p.m. _____
Fall Colors Hike - October 15 @ 5 p.m. _____
Snowshoe Hike - December 22 @ 1 p.m. _____
Snowshoe Hike - December 30 @ 1 p.m. _____
- 35. Stand Up Paddleboarding Clinics**
June 1 @ 1 p.m. _____
June 20 @ 1 p.m. _____
July 10 @ 1 p.m. _____
July 19 @ 1 p.m. _____
August 15 @ 1 p.m. _____
August 21 @ 1 p.m. _____
- 36. Bowfishing Basics**
May 2 @ 1 p.m. _____
June 20 @ 10 a.m. _____
July 18 @ 1 p.m. _____
August 16 @ 1 p.m. _____
- 37. Hunter Education**
March 5 & 7 _____
August 6 & 8 _____
- 38. Summer Day Camp**
Cricket Camp _____
Discovery Camp _____
Kestrel Camp _____
Challenge Camp _____
Paddle Camp _____
- 39. Photography Contest Entry** _____
- 40. County-Wide Geocaching Adventure Participation** _____

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 for event information and updates!