



Snake Signals

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Park Improvement Projects

Several Parks

-Filled potholes and graded roads

Ranney Knob

-Took down a couple of dead trees and the old shelter. Constructing a new shelter thanks to the Cherokee Legacy Foundation!

Barnes Access & Silver Sioux

-Cleaned mud off of the boat ramps while the river was low

Licklider Shooting Complex

-Removed campsites, outdated electrical, a few trees, small structures, closed restrooms, and installed safety berms (more information on page 2)



New Ranney Knob shelter in progress

Reminders & Updates

- Hunting seasons are open in several county areas. Visit "Hunting" under "Activities" on the CCCB website for a full list. Please follow all state and federal hunting and trapping laws.
- Equestrian trails are open until October 1st during dry weather.
- ATVs, UTVs, and unlicensed vehicles are not allowed in the parks or on park roads.
- Don't forget, our cabins are open for rent year-round! Visit mycountyparks.com!



**Pearl Crescent butterfly
at Brewers Prairie**

Licklider Shooting Complex

Mid-summer we received management of an approximately 50-acre property containing a few buildings, a campground, and a shooting range. Upon inspection of the property, it was determined that it was in need of some major updates and safety measures needed to be implemented on the range. The area was closed in July for updates. Soon it will be made safe in order to open it, but we are far from done updating the property. As if right now, there is no camping allowed. In the future, we hope to offer an archery area, trap/skeet, and make updates to a day-use facility that will be available for rent. Fees to use the property beginning in 2024 will be decided by Board Members during their January meeting. At a recent meeting, the Board voted to name this property Licklider Shooting Complex after Les Licklider. Les was a member of the Cherokee County Conservation Board and the Little Sioux Wildlife Association. He was very active in education and conservation, creating an outdoors club called Hawkeyes where students learned various outdoor skills and took hunter safety. Les also had his own show on TV about the outdoors and worked for the Iowa Conservation Commission, now known as the Iowa DNR.



Panoramic view of the shooting range with safety berms in place.

Thank you!

Huge shout out to our Seasonal Park Technicians that helped us out all summer: Neal Rogge, Doug Kennebeck, and Brett Greenfield. We couldn't keep up with our parks and campgrounds without them. We appreciate all that you do!



Halloween Hike

We'll be at Silver Sioux Recreation Area on October 14th from 5:30-7:30pm for the Halloween Hike. There will be



Trick-or-treating in the campground, games in the barn, best decorated campsite, pumpkin decorating, and, courtesy of the Sanford Museum, pumpkin atlats. Hand out candy and camp for free on Saturday. Winner of the best decorated campsite receives a weekend stay at the Lodge.