



Smoke Signals

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Park Improvement Projects

Silver Sioux

— Construction will be taking place most of the summer so we can update electrical equipment, install 8 new full hook-up sites, and remove some old sites so there's more space between sites. Camping will be open the entire season.

— Replaced two dead trees with two other trees from within the park to the full hook-up sites.

— Replaced some picnic table boards

River Road Conservation Area

— Removed a couple of trees near Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Martins Access

— Removed downed trees from the trails and branches hanging over the road

Several County Areas

— Replaced additional rotten park signs.



Brett putting a tree in place at Silver Sioux

Reminders & Updates

- Equestrian trails opened June 1st. Please keep horses off the Martins Access trails when they are wet/muddy.
- Campsites are first-come, first-serve and cannot be saved with a car, tarp, or picnic table. Sites must be paid for and contain a camping unit (i.e. tent or camper).
- Just a reminder that unlicensed vehicles (i.e. golf carts, UTVs, and ATVs), and fireworks are not allowed in our parks.



Trail at Martins Access

Upcoming Events

The last page of this newsletter is a list of summer activities that can be printed out for the refrigerator!

June 17 & 24: Naturalist Lunchbox @ Gillette Park (Burrowing Animals and The Dirt on Soil) Bring your lunch and join us at Gillette Park for lunch at noon. Program starts at 12:20pm followed by activities that will end before 1pm.

July 12-14: River Ramblers A canoe and overnight camping trip for those that have completed 6th-8th grades. *This camp has a \$60 fee. 3 spots left*

July 19-21: Water Wonders 1 @ Spring Lake Park (completed K-1st) Summer Day Camp **FULL**

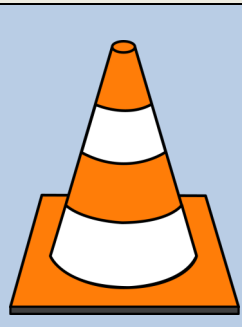
July 26-28: Water Wonders 2 @ Spring Lake Park (completed 2nd-4th) Summer Day Camp

All camps require registration. [Click here to register or for more information.](#)



August 19: Hunter Safety Field Day at CCCB 9am-12:30pm Register on the IDNR website [here](#). Must complete online course and bring printed certificate to the field day.

Program dates, times, locations, and content are subject to change. Check the CCCB website or Facebook page and your local newspaper for up-to-date information.



Summer Road Construction

A couple of our parks will be effected by the Hwy 31 construction, which is slated to be complete by July 4th. Steineke will have limited access, especially with campers since the shoulder will be removed while construction takes place. Ranney Knob will be accessible from the west, not the east, on C66/650th St. Silver Sioux will be accessible via Hwy 59 and heading West on 600th St. even though it says "Road Closed". The road is closed at the Silver Sioux Loop and the HWY 31 Intersection.

Canoe/Kayak Rental

We purchased 4 new kayaks! Now you can rent our trailer with 8 canoes OR 8 kayaks OR a combination of the two. Our trailer comes with the canoes/kayaks, paddles, and life vests. Please call 712-225-6709 or send an e-mail in order to reserve the trailer. Cost is \$200 regardless of what combination you pick.

Not sure where to paddle or where an access is located? Don't forget about our Cherokee County Paddler's Guide and the Iowa DNR's interactive paddling map! Our website has links to both. [Visit our website by clicking here!](#)

