




# County Conservation Programs Spring 2024

## Nature Explorers

**Tuesdays at 10 am and 1 pm** (pick the time that works best for you) RSVP appreciated but not required. 

**April 9th:** Last date for the school year. Homemade playdough with natural dyes  
**Summer dates: 5/28, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6 @ Diamond Lake Main Shelter**  
Summer topics to be announced.

## OWLS - Older Wiser Livelier Souls

**Third Thursday of each month**  
**10:30 am - Foster Center @ Diamond Lake** - This is a new program to Poweshiek County, join us monthly for an adult oriented guest speaker or presentation about wildlife or natural resources.

**April 18th** - Iowa's owls w/ Naturalist Amy  
**May 16th** - Using goats for invasive species removal with Adam Ledvina

## Kayaking

All sessions start with a short lesson on kayaking basics, so we're always beginner friendly! Don't hesitate to ask questions when you call to RSVP. *RSVP required.*

**Arbor Lake (Grinnell) 1.25 hour sessions**

**Monday 5/27: 1:00, 2:30, 4:00 pm**

**Diamond Lake Park 1.75 hour sessions**

**Monday 5/27: 9am**

**Tuesday 6/4: 5 pm and 7 pm**

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**Ready to RSVP?** Contact Naturalist Amy  
@ 319-213-5607 or  
aandrews@poweshiekcounty.org  
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All events are also posted on our website, under the events tab at:  
[www.poweshiekcounty.org/conservation](http://www.poweshiekcounty.org/conservation)

## Fleming Woods Wildflower Hikes

Join Naturalist Amy as we explore Fleming Woods State Preserve looking for spring ephemerals - small, early, flowers that bloom before trees leaf out. Park at 1058 500th Ave. *RSVP required by 2 hours prior to walk.*

**Thursday April 4th: 10am**  
**Friday April 5th: 4:30 pm**  
**Tuesday April 9th: 10 am**  
**Tuesday April 16th: 2 pm**  
**Tuesday April 23rd: 4:30 pm**



## Garlic Mustard Pulls

- Join Conservation staff as we:
- 1) Explore a new County property - Blue Point Woods - generously donated by the Tallgrass Prairie Audubon Society.
  - 2) Look for spring ephemeral wildflowers in a new location.
  - 3) Steward the land by removing invasive garlic mustard plants.

Call or email to *RSVP* at *least 2 hours before the event.*

**9-11 am Saturday 4/13**  
**5-6:30 pm Wednesday 4/17**  
**3-5 pm Sunday 4/21**



## Hunter Education

**Thursday, April 25th; 5-9 pm**

This class is the in-person component required for youth under 18. Prior to class students must complete the online component. In class we will review material, take the written test, and practice safe handling. Sign up online by visiting the DNRs website and select the "hunting" tab, then "hunter education." The requirements for 11-17 year olds are listed under "Option 2". Once you've read through the information sign up for the Diamond Lake class at the "events" link. Call Amy with questions!