

# DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

DEC. 11, 2020



*Pheasant Branch Conservancy*  
*Courtesy of Chris Draves*

# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

This year volunteers contributed over **1146 hours** to collect and process over **1,700 pounds** of native plant seed from **220 species!** This seed is valued at **\$537,000** (if we had to purchase it) and will be used to help restore over **143 acres** of land in Dane County.

2020 brought some new challenges but volunteers and staff adjusted quickly, creating smaller work days and putting safety procedures in place to keep each other safe. Despite these challenges, this has been our biggest seed collection year to date!

[Learn More](#)

[Learn more about the volunteer program on our website.](#)



# NEW RESERVATION SYSTEM

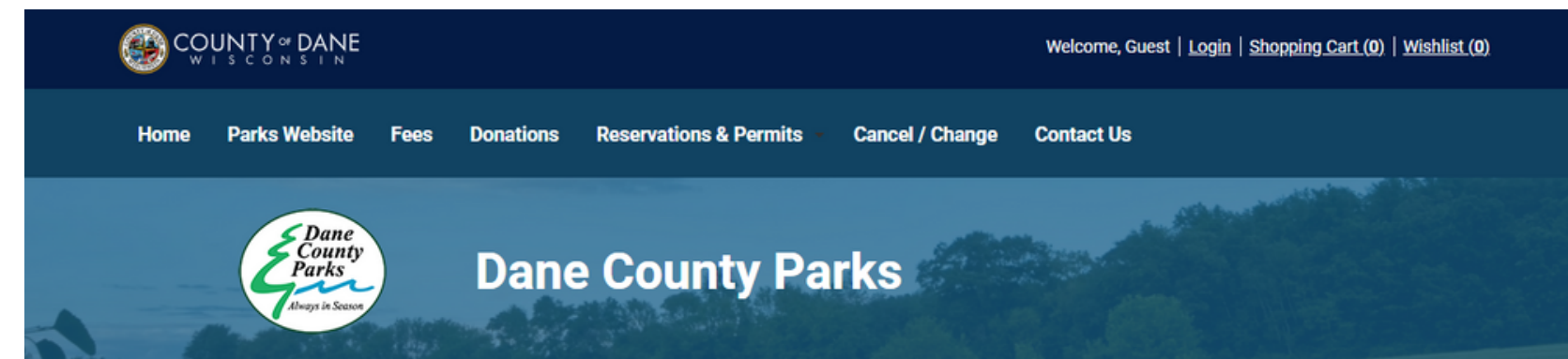
If you haven't seen it yet, Dane County Parks has a new online reservation and permit sales system!

The new site is more mobile friendly and allows users to reserve campsites, group campsites and shelters, and order park permits.

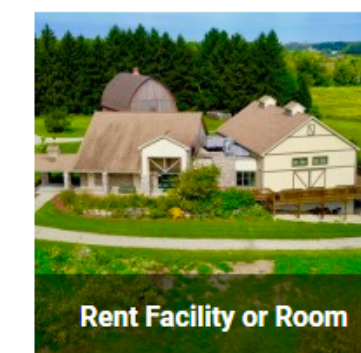
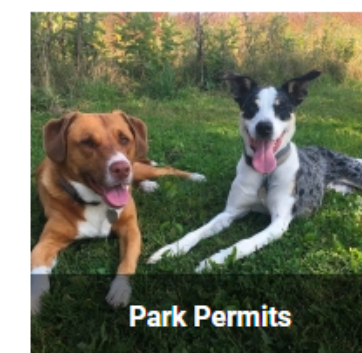
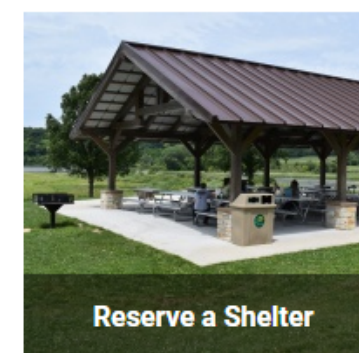
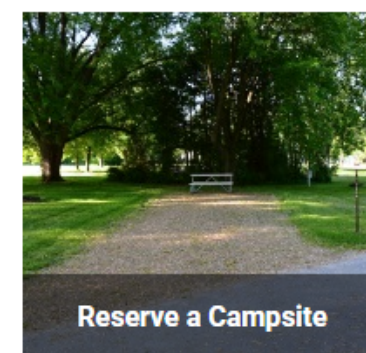
Even if you had an account in our old system, **you will need to create a new account in this new system.**

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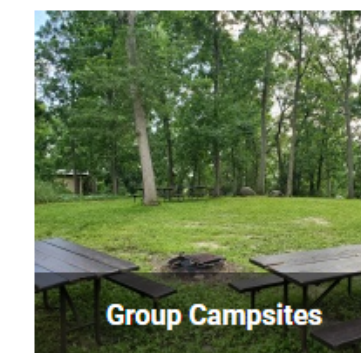
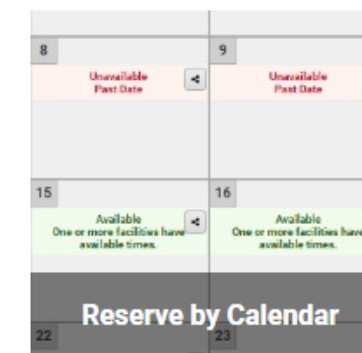
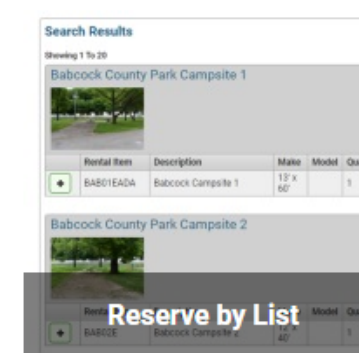
[WWW.RESERVEDANE.COM](http://WWW.RESERVEDANE.COM)



## Make a Reservation / Purchase a Permit



## Reserve a Campsite





# A GIFT OF CONSERVATION

Looking for a holiday gift that also does some good?

Donate to the Dane County Natural Areas program and with each \$20 donation you can request a sticker, magnet or window cling featuring winning youth artwork from this year's Natural Areas Art Contest.

All funds raised will be used to help maintain and restore Dane County Natural Areas which support thousands of species of wildlife.

**Learn more or donate online:**

[Learn More](#)



# A GIFT OF EXPLORATION

2021 Park Activity Permits are **now available!**

Make sure you are ready for the new year and purchase your activity permit today. Park permits also make great gifts that support our parks and natural areas.

Purchase online at [www.reservedane.com](http://www.reservedane.com)



## New Reservation System

We just launched a new sales system so all users will need to create a new account before they can purchase an annual permit.

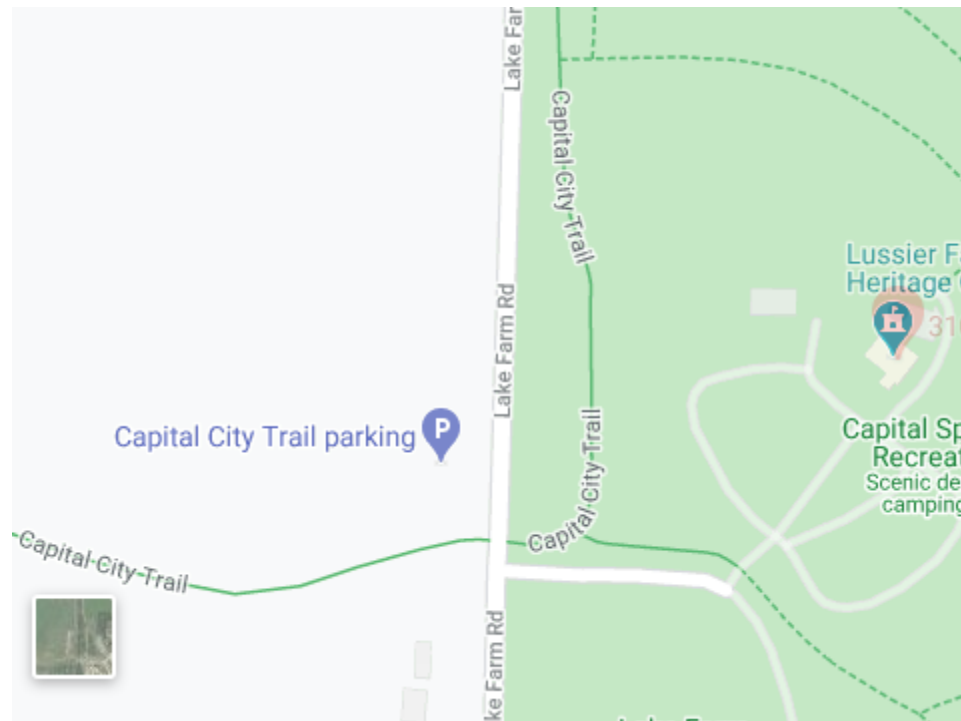
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**Disc Golf · Dog Park · Lake Access  
Ski Trail · Mountain Bike · State Trail Pass  
Horse Trail · Aeromodeling · Tenney Lock**

# SOLSTICE SCAVENGER HUNT

To celebrate the upcoming winter solstice we've got a challenge for you at our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility.

Hidden throughout the prairie and grounds are 10 winter animal signs, each with a secret word. Find all 10 animals to unlock the secret phrase. Email the secret phrase to code to **HeritageCenter@countyofdane.com** to receive a prize (while supplies last).



*Location:  
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison*

*Trails are open daily.  
Have fun!*



**Nature Notes**

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center  
a Dane County Parks Facility

# MAINTENANCE CLOSURE

Prairie Moraine dog park will be **CLOSED** Wednesday, December 16 for maintenance. Volunteers will be removing invasive species and staff will be repairing a gully. Please use a different dog park that day. This date is weather dependent. We will post an update on our website and Facebook page if the date changes.

To learn more about the restoration work being done at the park and how you can get involved, visit the [Prairie Moraine Friends, Inc.](https://www.prairiemorainefriends.com) website!

[Learn More](#)



# FREE PLANTS PROGRAM

Does your school or community group need free native plants for a rain garden, pollinator garden, or prairie area? If so, you can apply for our Free Native Plants for School and Community Projects program!

The spring application is posted now and is due February 1st.

[Learn More](#)



*Friends of Stewart Lake County Park*

*Since the program began in 2016, more than 15,000 plants have been distributed to 86 different schools and community groups.*



# INTERN SPOTLIGHT

We want to thank our fall 2020 interns for their hard work and dedication to the Land & Water Resource Department and the Dane County Parks division.



## **Delaney**

Oregon High School

Delaney works with our Water Resource Engineering Division where she is learning about erosion control and stormwater management. She is helping monitor our waterways for runoff and plan for streambank restoration projects. Delaney also assists with our youth program, Get Outside! located at the Lussier Family Heritage Center.



## **Jacob**

Verona High School

Jacob is working on stewardship at William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park and the Lussier Family Heritage Center. He works on removing invasive plant species, seed collection, prairie planting, and natural areas restoration.

# SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



**Donald County Park**  
*@keldaroys*



**CamRock County Park**  
*@samanthacoraphoto*



**Capital Springs Dog Park**  
*@ceciliagillhouse*



**Lunney Lake Farm County Park**  
*@lussierheritagecenter*

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