

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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Indian Lake County Park
Courtesy of Jennifer Zetzman Photography

WELCOME JOLEEN!

We want to introduce you to Joleen Stinson, our new Deputy Parks Director. This is a brand new position created to help support our growing park system.

Joleen brings 13 years of experience working in parks and recreation management, including work in Sun Prairie, Waunakee and nearby Rock County. She is passionate about natural area restoration and has been an active Dane County Park user her whole life. She is also currently serving as the Parks Section Chair for the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association.

Welcome Joleen!



Token Creek County Park

RETIREMENTS

The beginning of 2021 brings with it some goodbyes to four extremely hard working and dedicated staff.



Rhea started in 1996 and has served at the Parks Volunteer Coordinator for 18 years. Her leadership made the volunteer program what it is today with over 3,000 volunteers and 20 park Friends groups.



Conrad started in 1990 as a mechanic and helps maintain our fleet of vehicles and park maintenance equipment.



Connie started with the county in 1994 and has been with our department for the past few years. She helps the public make reservations, purchase permits, and helps keep things running smoothly.



Tina started in 1998 and chances are you have talked to her on the phone if you have called our office. She processes reservations and mails out activity permits daily.

WINTER RECREATION

Try something new this winter! Dane County parks offers a number of ways for you to recreate this winter. Find places for sledding, snowshoeing, winter hiking, ice fishing and more on our winter recreation page.



[Learn More](#)



Courtesy Dog Grin Photography

Prairie Moraine Dog Park



Donald County Park



Indian Lake County Park



Anderson Farm County Park

HIBERNATION SCAVENGER HUNT

We have a new scavenger hunt set up along the snowshoe trail across from the Lunney Lake Farm County Park boat launch ([see map](#)).

Hidden along the trail 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).

[Learn More](#)

*Trails are open daily.
Have fun!*



Nature Notes

from the Lussier Family Heritage Center
a Dane County Parks Facility

NATIVE PLANT SEEDS

We held volunteers days this week weighing and bagging native plant seeds resulting in over 1,740 pounds of clean seed that will go out to 26 different restoration sites. This seed will be used in parks and natural areas all over the county to help restore and diversify prairies, savannas, woodlands, and wetlands.



SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



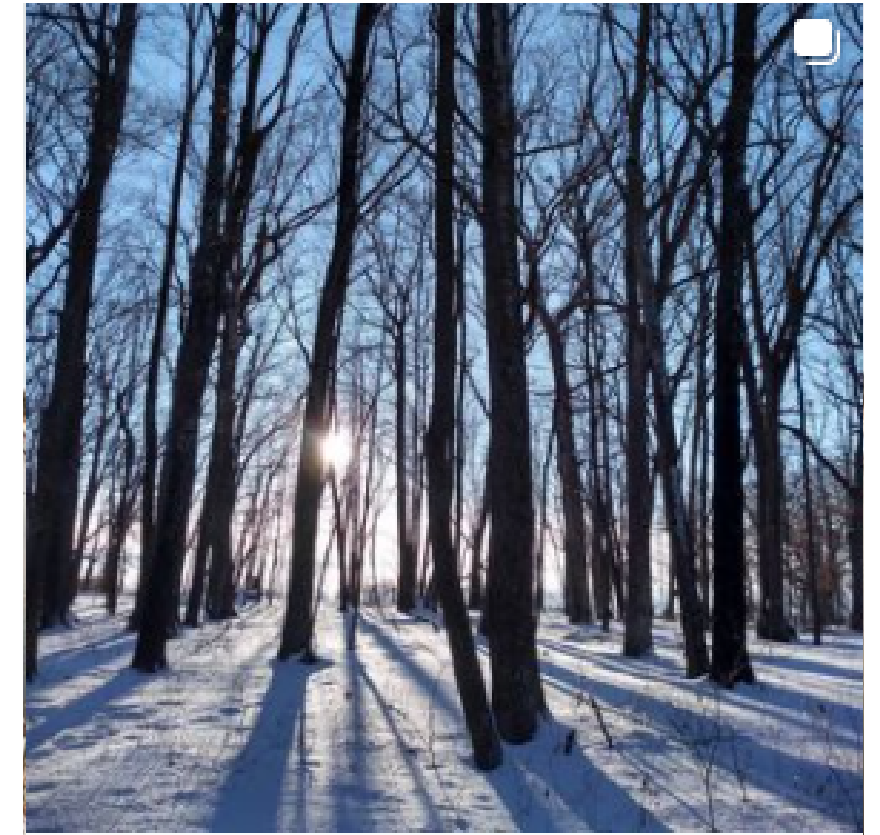
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