

DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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*Capital Springs Recreation Area
Courtesy Elizabeth Felton*

IN MEMORIAM



Jim Hughes (1951-2020)

Jim loved the outdoors and was a long-time natural areas volunteer who worked to restore native oak savanna, wetlands, and prairie. Jim's legacy is found in the lands that he nurtured.



Dan Wisniewski (1946-2020)

Dan was a long time member of the Dane County Parks Commission and a founding member of the Foundation for Dane County Parks. He was a conservationist with a passion for restoring natural resources and an advocate for public access to cold water trout streams.



Bill Lamm (1942-2019)

Bill was active in water quality monitoring and protection projects in Lake Kegonsa and the surrounding watershed.

BIKE COLLECTION

Do you have a gently used kid's bike at your house that you've been meaning to donate? Consider donating it to the Lussier Family Heritage Center (a Dane County Parks facility) for our summer youth **Get Outside** programs. This program works with youth (ages 7-14) from local community centers to introduce them to local Dane County Parks through positive outdoor experiences. The bikes will help them to get around and explore our parks this summer.

Requirements: children's bikes (20-24" tires) with working brakes, pedals and tires that are in good condition.

Drop off:

June 13 - 9:30-11:00 am at the Lussier Family Heritage Center (3101 Lake Farm Road, Madison) or email heritagecenter@countyofdane.com to make other arrangements.



CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS

Dane County has actively participated since 2010 in the statewide **Clean Boats, Clean Waters** program to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Our inspectors work at several boat landings in the county, talking with boaters about the aquatic invasives prevention steps, including inspecting boats, removing plants, draining all water from boat and equipment, and never moving plants or live fish away from a waterbody.

We are excited to welcome Khadijah, one of our summer interns from 2019, as the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Inspector this summer! She jumped right into the role and will be at various boat landings this summer to talk to and educate boaters.



Marshall Park - City of Madison Parks

FISH CAMP RENOVATIONS

Dane County Parks and the Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society have finished refurbishing two buildings at Fish Camp County Park. Improvements include reroofing, siding repairs, and exterior painting. Future improvements to Fish Camp County Park include Phase 2 of the [Lower Yahara River Trail](#) and [Accessible Fishing/Boating Improvements](#) including an accessible kayak launch. Learn more about [Fish Camp's History](#) and future projects...



Trail

Fishing

History



Nethouse Before



Nethouse After

CONSERVATION CORNER

Stay connected with our weekly conservation corner series! New episodes posted each Friday on our social media sites. Last week parks staff talked about the Dane County Natural Areas program and Art Contest. Art from the program was used to create **stickers, magnets and window clings to raise money for our natural ares.**



See next slide for details 

All Episodes

NATURAL AREAS ART FUNDRAISER

Dane County Parks manages over 12,000 acres of habitat that support thousands of species of wildlife. Our Natural Areas Program maintains and restores these valuable natural environments. Can you help us with a donation to help support these lands?

With each \$20 donation, you can request a sticker, magnet or window cling featuring winning artwork from this years Natural Areas Art Contest. All funds raised will be used to support land management in Dane County Natural Areas, including, prairie plantings, staff support, and restoration efforts. Click on the button below to learn more or to donate.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Connie Curran

Clerk Typist III

Connie helps the public make reservations and understand camping and shelter use at our county parks. She also helps park users get park permits that they may need, such as lake access, dog permits, etc. Connie enjoys hiking and snowshoeing at Stewart Lake County Park.



Chris James

Senior Landscape Architect

Chris oversees park planning and development projects throughout the park system. Chris loves to hike and go snowshoeing at Donald County Park.

SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



Capital Springs Dog Park
@iamwinstonpom



Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area
@briankermicle



**Ice Age Trail - Table Bluff
Segment**
@robert_ryanson



Lussier Family Heritage Center
@sustain_dane
@lussierheritagecenter

Share your photos with us **#danecountyparks**



PARKS CHANGES AND UPDATES DUE TO COVID-19

Dane County Parks has been working closely with Public Health Madison Dane County and taking proactive steps to protect the health of our community. We know that outdoor spaces are critical to the mental and physical health of our community, now more than ever.

Quick Tips and Updates:

- Follow physical distancing protocols of 6-foot distance from people that do not live in your household.
- Some restrooms are open but many remain closed. A list is available by following "more info" below.
- Please purchase any needed permits online before going to the park.
- Carry out all trash and waste.

[More info](#)

[Permits](#)