



DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

MAY 14, 2020

Stewart Lake County Park
Courtesy John Berryman

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 social distancing protocols of 6-foot distance from people that do not live in your household.
- All restrooms, vault toilets and portable toilets are temporarily closed.
- Please purchase any needed permits online before going to the park.
- Carry out all trash and waste.

[More info](#)

[Permits](#)



Token Creek Dog Park
Courtesy @milo.wanders

DOG PARK STICKER DESIGN CONTEST

Vote by May 31

Seven local artists submitted designs, now it is your turn to vote! The winning series will be turned into stickers to raise money for the Dane County Dog Park program.

Vote

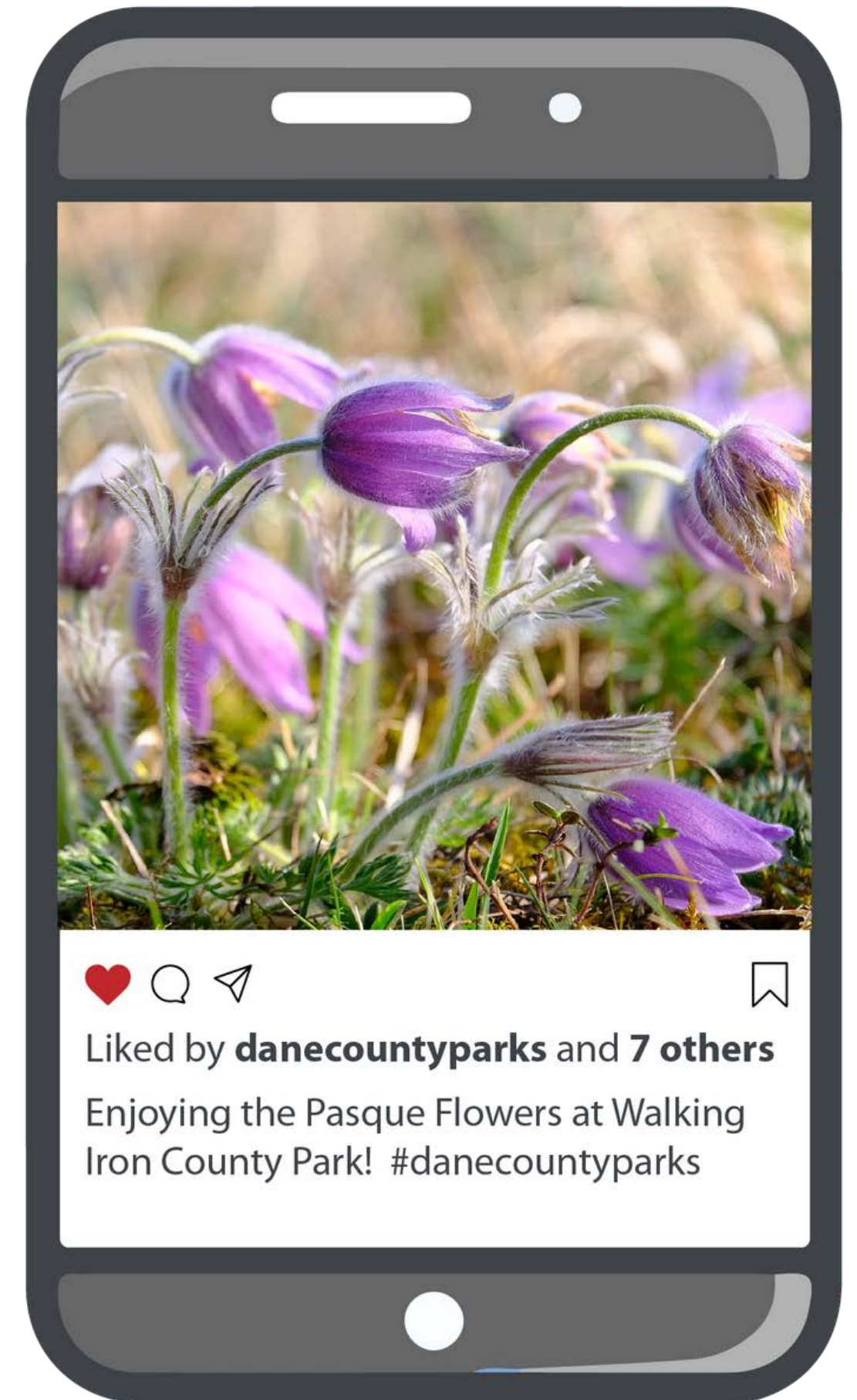


TAG US IN YOUR ADVENTURES

If you visit a Dane County Park property now through the end of May, tag **#danecountyparks** in your Facebook or Instagram photos for a chance to win a \$50 Dane County Parks gift certificate (good towards permits, camping, or shelter reservations).

You must indicate the name of the park property in your post.

  **@danecountyparks**



CONSERVATION CORNER

Stay connected with our weekly conservation corner series! New episodes posted each Friday on our social media sites. In the most recent episode, join Dane County Parks Forester Specialist, Adam Alves, to learn about how park staff manage trees on park properties as well as proper tree planting, staking, and pruning techniques.



NEW ACCESSIBLE PIERS

Two newly refurbished, ADA accessible piers have now been installed at Babcock County Park as part of a larger expansion and improvement project. The county received a \$25,000 donation to advance its ADA accessible fishing pier initiative. The donation was made by Sally Wilmeth and Terry Geurkink in memory of their children, Jenni and Kyle.



Babcock County Park
Courtesy Samantha Haas



A portion of proceeds will help fund a nature-themed mural at our Lussier Family Heritage Center facility.

Gallery

Support Local Arts and Educational Programs

Virtual Gallery Event | April 24 - May 22

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Dane Arts Mural Arts

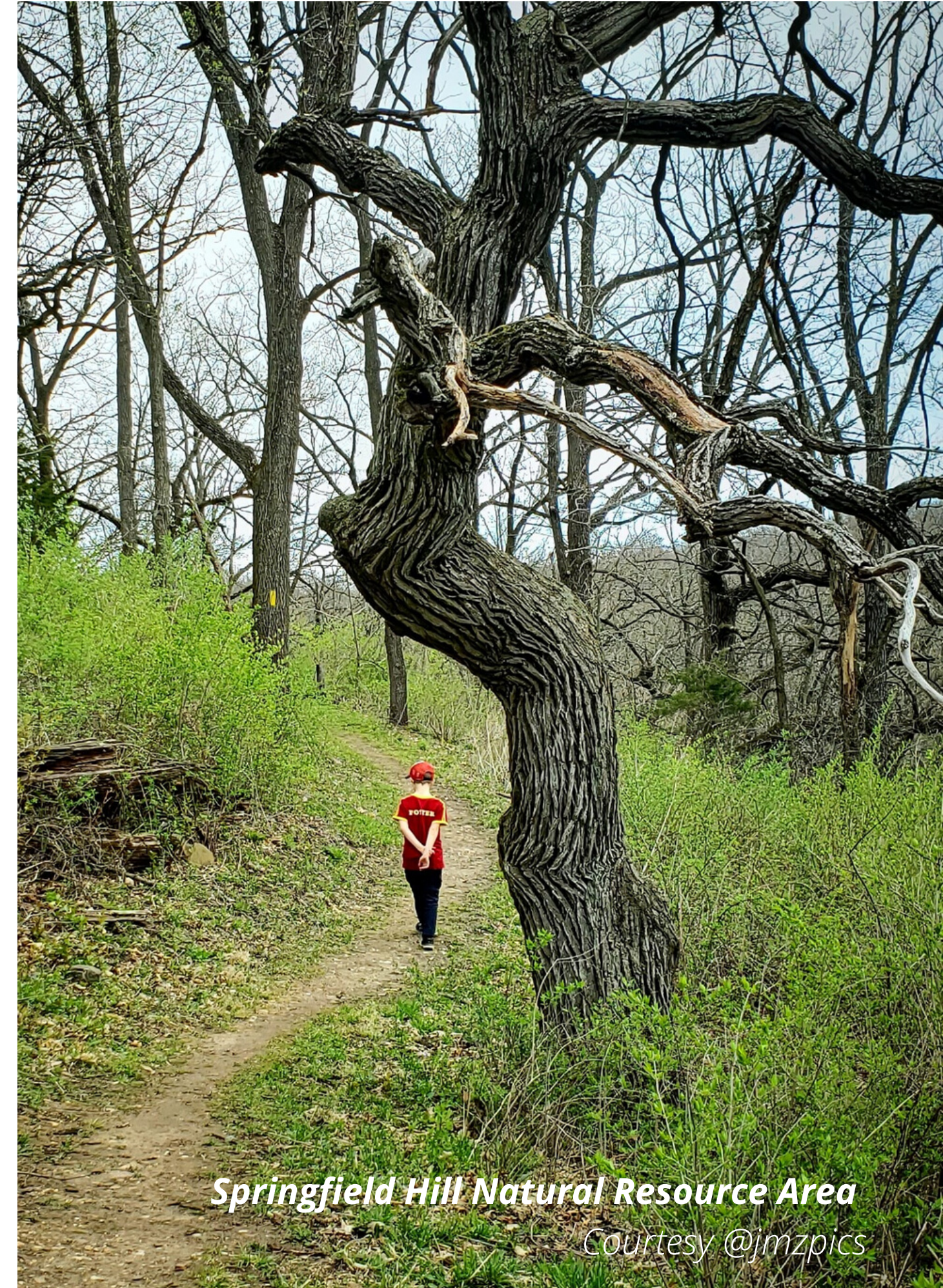
SUPPORT YOUR PARKS

Dane County Parks are free to visit and enjoy and they are critically important to our community's physical and mental health, now more than ever.

During March/April we had an estimated **27% to 36% increase** in park visitors from last year at this time.

If you are able, consider a tax-deductible donation to assure that our most precious natural resources are cared for and protected now and for future generations.

[Donate](#)



Springfield Hill Natural Resource Area

Courtesy @jmzpics

SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



Pheasant Branch Conservancy

@kaci7979



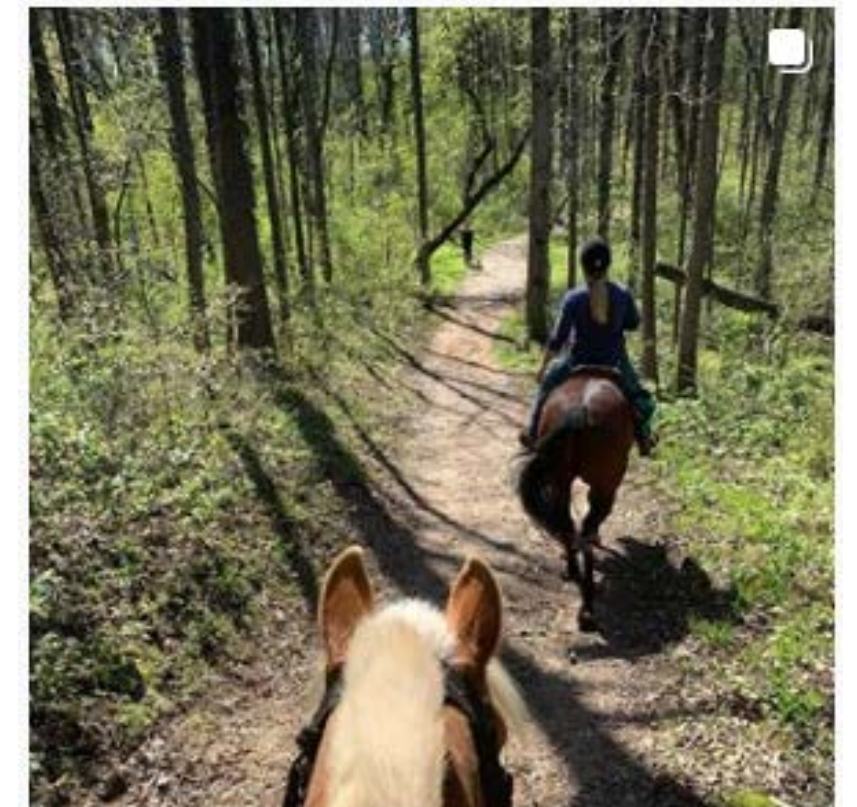
Yahara Heights Dog Park

@littlegoldengracie



Nine Springs E-Way

@tammyboersma



Donald County Park

@raybe82

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