



DCCS Newsletter

Dubuque County Conservation Society

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Among the things you can give and still keep are your word, a smile, and a grateful heart. Zig Ziglar

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Iowa offers some stunning views during the fall months along with various ways to experience them - whether you're on a [bike or hiking trail](#), on the [water](#) or in a car.

The northern third of Iowa peaks, depending on weather, the weekend closest to Oct. 10. The center third peaks the first to third weeks of October, and the southern third peaks the second through fourth weeks of October.

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Why Leaves Change Colors in Fall Andrea Allen, Green Iowa AmeriCorps Member

There are many reasons fall is one of the most beloved seasons, and you probably have a few of your own. The change in leaf color on trees is arguably one of the most anticipated fall events. Have you ever gazed upon the beautiful array of colors and wondered why leaves change colors in Autumn? Leaves have color because of chemicals called pigments. There are four main types of pigment in each leaf, and they are each responsible for a different color. Chlorophyll gives leaves their green color. Xanthophyll is responsible for yellow. Carotene produces orange tones, and Anthocyanin creates red and purple. As days get shorter, plants produce less chlorophyll, causing the green hue to fade. This allows other pigments in the leaves to become visible. Seasonal changes in weather and the amount of daylight, combined with soil acidity, tree species and location determine which colors will appear. Temperature also plays a part in the leaves' colors including how early the leaves change and how long they keep their beautiful colors. It affects the rate that chlorophyll is destroyed and impacts the vibrancy and shades. For example, cooler temperatures at night (below 45°F but above freezing) help trees trap sugars inside the leaves. This trapped sugar creates anthocyanin. Now that you know the science behind the changing colors, perhaps you will have an even greater appreciation for the variety of colors as we transition into Fall.

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Smokey Bear turned 82 on August 9!

Smokey Bear started helping the US Forest Service in 1944 to inform and remind the public about the importance of fire safety. Smokey's message of only you can help prevent wildfires is as relevant and urgent today as it was in 1944.

Smokey Bear Fun Facts

- In 1943, the year before Smokey became the spokes bear for the Forest Service on preventing wildfires, Walt Disney loaned the stars from the 1942 Bambi movie for the Forest Service campaign. The movie had a man-caused forest fire in it.
- Smokey's original slogan in 1944 was “Smokey says – Care Will Prevent 9 out of 10 Forest Fires.”

- The real Smokey Bear was a little cub saved by firefighters during a wildfire in New Mexico in 1950. His paws were badly burned when he clung to a smoking, burned-out tree. News of the little bear's rescue spread quickly across the nation and soon became a national icon for promoting fire safety and wildfire prevention.
- In 1971, Charles Schulz added Smokey's hat to his Peanuts comic character, Snoopy to help the Forest Service's Campaign on Fire Safety.

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Iowa Accessable Outdoors - <https://www.iowadnr.gov/things-do/iowas-accessible-outdoors?>

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From adaptive equipment to accessible fishing piers, hiking trails, picnic shelters and campsites, Iowa's state parks and forests provide many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

- [Explore Accessible Experiences](#)
- [Playgrounds](#)
- [Trails](#)
- [Fishing](#)
- [Picnic Areas](#)
- [Scenic Views](#)

Because conditions in nature can change quickly or be unique to a park, local park staff are the best source of information. If you have specific accessibility needs, please contact the park directly and staff will be happy to help.

Please note: This list is not comprehensive of all accessible experiences in Iowa state parks and forests. We will continue to expand the opportunities highlighted here as we review amenities, so check back often.

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Activities for Families - Project Learning Tree <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/>

When children spend time outside, exploring in nature, it can improve their creativity and imagination, classroom performance, and academic achievement, as well as their overall physical and mental health.

Nature Activities for Families introduce children to nature and their environment. These fun and easy-to-do activities can be used while you explore your own backyard, visit a local park, or walk in the woods—as well as indoors! Suitable for children ages 3–15, some activities work better for younger children, others are more suited for older children. The way you present them will change depending on your child's knowledge and ability.

Download individual activities below or visit [PLT Shop](https://shop.plt.org/family-activities/) (<https://shop.plt.org/family-activities/>) to purchase printed guides. Check out our new series Learn About Forests below! These 12 activities engage youth ages 10–16 in learning about sustainable forest management. They're perfect for non-educators, forest sector professionals, and even families, hosting community outreach, career days, or field site visits for youth.

Plus, we've just released a new [Pocket Guide: Seeds to Trees](https://shop.plt.org/Shop/ProductDetails/pocket-guide-seeds-trees) (<https://shop.plt.org/Shop/ProductDetails/pocket-guide-seeds-trees>), suitable for educators, group leaders, parents and grandparents for introducing nature to young children ages 3-6 through trees and forests, it slips easily into your pocket or backpack.

Walking in the Forest

Play detective on your next walk in the woods and discover how plants grow, age, decay, and more.

[View all "Walking in the Forest" Family Activities](#) <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/walking-in-the-forest/>

Exploring a Local Park

Get in touch with trees in your local park and use these family activities to take a closer look.

[View all "Exploring a Local Park" Family Activities](#) <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/exploring-local-park/>

Teaching with i-Tree

Learn about the many ecosystem services that trees provide.

[View all "Teaching with i-Tree" Family Activities](#) <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/teaching-with-itree/>

In Your Own Backyard

Uncover nature's diversity in your own backyard. Look, listen, and meet your natural neighbors.

[View all "Backyard" Family Activities](#) <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/in-your-own-backyard/>

When All Else Fails, Inside

Give these activities a try. They are great for a rainy day or when you just can't get outside.

[View all "Inside" Family Activities](#) <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/else-fails-inside/>

Around Your Home

Discover ways to green your home – and save money – with these questions and tips.

[View all "Around Your Home" Family Activities](#) <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/around-your-home/>

Acorn Crew: Nature Walks

One of the simplest ways to get outdoors is through a nature walk. While a stroll through nature is exciting enough, setting an intention for your jaunt can be even more satisfying and fun. [Here are some ideas to make each walk a unique adventure!](#) <https://us.list-manage.com/fuZuD2qYvgk?>
The Acorn Crew is INHF's initiative to get children and families outdoors! Find more self-guided activities for you and your family and links to other resources to get outside together through our [Acorn Crew](#) page. <https://us.list-manage.com/hthSxGK1cA2?>

Help protect Iowa's drinking water

Safe drinking water is essential for healthy families and strong communities.

DES MOINES – The Iowa Source Water Protection Program and the Iowa Source Water Agricultural Collaborative are partnering to recognize Source Water Protection Week (September 27 – October 3) by raising awareness about the importance of protecting Iowa's drinking water. This year, the collaborative is highlighting the conservation funding opportunities presented by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Source Water Protection priority watersheds, as well as the ongoing resources available to private well owners through the Private Well Grants Program.

Safe drinking water is essential for healthy families and strong communities. The NRCS helps landowners and agricultural producers protect drinking water sources by providing financial and technical assistance for voluntary conservation practices. By identifying Source Water Protection priority areas and offering increased incentives for water quality practices, the NRCS empowers producers to implement agricultural systems that reduce nutrient runoff, promote soil health, and safeguard both surface and groundwater public drinking water systems. Agricultural producers can find more information about NRCS Source Water Protection priority watersheds and conservation funding opportunities at the following link - [Source Water Protection - Iowa | Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/source-water-protection/iowa/source-water-protection-iowa>

Additionally, while public water systems are regularly tested and regulated, thousands of Iowans rely on private wells as their main source of drinking water. Unlike public systems, these wells are not subject to routine monitoring, which means the responsibility for ensuring water quality falls directly on the well owner. Without regular testing and proper maintenance wells can be vulnerable to contamination, potentially putting households at risk.

Private well owners who want to learn more about the Private Well Grants Program can learn more by contacting their county sanitarian/health department.

Protecting Iowa's drinking water sources requires both statewide efforts and individual action. When producers utilize NRCS priority watershed funding and private well owners take proactive steps to test, maintain, or properly close wells, they are contributing to a healthier environment and stronger water security for their communities and the state as a whole.

Additional information about source water protection in Iowa and the Iowa Source Water Ag Collaborative (<https://www.sourcewatercollaborative.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Iowa-SWAGC-Sept-2024.pdf>?) can be found at iowadnr.gov/sourcewaterprotection

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Are you concerned about Iowa's water quality?

Contact your [legislator here](#) (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find?>) and email or call them to tell them why you'd like them to Fund the Trust.

- Learn more about [Iowa's Water and Land Legacy](#) and how you can get involved to help spread the word.

Monitoring equipment installed to keep tabs on water quality in Dubuque County

Telegraph Herald - Wednesday September 22, 2026 BY READE SNELLING reade.snelling@thmedia.com
FILLMORE, Iowa — Three new water-quality monitors are set to go online this week in Dubuque County, giving researchers and interested residents a way to keep tabs on the quality of water flowing through nearby streams in real time.

IIHR-Hydrosience and Engineering manages a system of about 60 water-quality monitors around the state. Previously,

the University of Iowa lab had just one active sensor in Dubuque County at Catfish Creek. However, with the addition of three new monitors at Whitewater Creek, Lytle Creek and the Little Maquoketa River, it will be easier to routinely check water quality in watersheds around the county.

“We have looked at Catfish Creek over time, and generally nitrate is pretty low,” said Marty St. Clair, a research scientist with IIHR. “It’s always a reflection of the watershed. ... You’ve got a lot of wooded areas, you’ve got a lot of great buffers around (Catfish Creek), and so it’ll be interesting to see how some of these (other streams) stack up.”

The sensors test the water for nitrates, pressure, temperature and other qualities, then communicate those findings through a solar- powered data log to IIHR’s headquarters in Iowa City. IIHR publishes findings to an online database at iwqis.iowawis.org.

Dean Mattoon, urban stormwater coordinator for Dubuque County Watersheds, said having new state-of-the-art sensors that can provide real-time water-quality updates is invaluable.

“To us, it’s just that much more additional data that we can rely on for decisions around the watershed, in terms of conservation practices and how we address the nitrogen issue,” he said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the high-flowing Whitewater Creek read a nitrate level of 9 milligrams per liter, just under the federally recommended level for safe drinking water of 10 mg/L. However, St. Clair said that benchmark, which was agreed upon decades ago, needs to be updated with more recent research.

“There has been a lot of science that has happened since that standard was put in place, and it really needs to be reevaluated,” St. Clair said, referring to studies linking nitrates and other water contaminants to cancer.

The new sensors going into Dubuque County watersheds received funding from local entities, including Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy, Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation District and Dubuque County Board of Supervisors.

But those local resources weren’t always needed. For over a decade, Iowa funded IIHR’s monitors through recurring allocations in the state budget. The Legislature declined to continue that funding, however, meaning it falls on localities to partner with IIHR for real-time water-quality monitoring.

Chuck Isenhardt, executive director of Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy, said that to bolster those local funding streams, organizations have launched programs such as one in which residents can “adopt” a stream by paying for a test or upkeep of a sensor.

“Until you get the public saying, ‘Yeah, what they’re doing, we support that,’ and it becomes a political risk to say no ... you’ve got to find those easy buttons for people to push to show their support,” he said. “We’re used to making sure it’s all fully funded (at the state level). ... We don’t make those guarantees anymore.”

Mattoon noted that Dubuque County Watersheds routinely tests the water at 42 other locations around the county. That information is uploaded to an online database that can be found at dubuquecountywatersheds.org.

A field research team with IIHR-Hydrosience and Engineering at the University of Iowa set up a water-quality monitoring station at Whitewater Creek near Fillmore, Iowa, on Tuesday, September 23, 2026.

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Contaminants in the Environment

IIHR has long been a leader in the study and modeling of fluids in the environment. It was a natural progression to couple those models with the transportation and fate of contaminants in our rivers and streams, which can cause serious environmental and human health problems. IIHR researchers monitor, study, and model contaminants such as human waste, lead, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), heavy metals, and emerging contaminants in ground and surface water. IIHR is also home for the University of Iowa’s research activities sponsored by the Iowa Nutrient Research Center, supporting the center’s science-based approach to nutrient management research. IIHR also hosts the Iowa Water Quality Information System (IWQIS), providing current information about water quality across Iowa.

IIHR—Hydrosience and Engineering is a world-renowned center for education, research, and public service focusing on fluids. Based in the C. Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory, a 5-story red brick building on the banks of the Iowa River, IIHR is a unit of the University of Iowa’s College of Engineering. At IIHR, students, faculty members, staff, and research engineers work together to understand and manage one of the world’s greatest resources — water. Students from around the world benefit from IIHR’s comprehensive multidisciplinary approach, which includes laboratory experimentation, computational approaches, and observational field research.

<https://ihr.uiowa.edu/> <https://www.facebook.com/IIHR.UIowa/>

A nonpartisan push for clean water By [Clay Masters](#) NRPnews and IPR

On an overcast summer day, farmer Zack Smith crouches between rows of soybeans to demonstrate why he and two other farmers in the region who call themselves the Lobe Rangers are choosing to leave the brown stalks of last year's crops right next to rows of vibrant green soybeans.

"The residue that's left over is essentially acting as kind of an armor on the soil," Smith said. "It equates to when it rains here, more likelihood for the water to go into the soil versus running off."

This practice, called strip tilling, might not be as aesthetically pleasing as other conventional methods that pull out the roots of dead plants.

But for Smith, the roots of last year's crops are helping lock nitrogen fertilizer into the soil, lowering the risk of it running off and contaminating nearby sources of drinking water. That's important because nitrate in the soil can travel through underground farm drainage tiles into streams and rivers that eventually turn into drinking water.

Many Iowans also get their water from private wells where water does not have to meet the federal standard.

Smith, along with Matthew Bormann and James Hepp, created the Lobe Rangers, a nod to the Des Moines Lobe region where they farm, to advocate for improvements to the state's water quality and influence public opinion and policy in farm country.

They say they've watched as state lawmakers have implemented [voluntary measures](#) to improve water quality, and while they are from different political backgrounds, they all agree that conservation practices like strip tilling and planting cover crops need to be more widespread.

But the [Lobe Rangers say](#) voluntary conservation isn't enough. Bormann, a fifth-generation farmer, has been farming in Iowa for more than 25 years and previously served as president of the Kossuth County Farm Bureau.

Yet, he says, it's often farmers with the state's agricultural groups who "aren't ready" for change. Bormann points to trade associations like the Iowa Farm Bureau and the Iowa Corn Growers Association. "They think if they can just avoid it, you know, and steer the group, the ag group, you know, steer them to avoid it, or to greenwash the message, then it's going to go away, but this isn't going away anymore," Bormann said.

The complete article can be found at <https://www.npr.org/2026/07/27/nx-s1-5900895/>

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Be SepticSmart by performing regular maintenance and recognizing harmful products before they enter the drain.

Identifying harmful products before they go down the drain and performing routine maintenance can lead to improved water quality, better health, and save homeowners money.

For a humorous video on learning more about recognizing products that could harm your septic system, check out [SepticSmartWeek on the Iowa DNR Youtube channel](#) – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHYs-cxLef8>)

DES MOINES – The fall season offers the perfect opportunity for Iowans who rely on septic systems to safeguard their wallets, their properties, and local waterways by taking a few proactive steps.

In support of the EPA's nationwide SepticSmart Week, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is reminding homeowners that proactive maintenance pays off. Septic system breakdowns almost always stem from simple neglect - and fixing a failed system is notoriously expensive. Regular checkups and minor upkeep can head off those costly emergency repairs down the road.

Protecting your system starts right at the drain. By making a few quick adjustments to what gets flushed or washed away, homeowners can shield local water quality, protect their family's health, and avoid unnecessary financial stress.

"What goes down the drain directly impacts the health of your septic system, so it's critical to pause and think before pouring anything out," says Cory Frank, On-site Wastewater Coordinator for the Iowa DNR. "Common household items such as dishwasher pods and chemical drain cleaners, certain types of toilet paper, or even excessive water use can wreak havoc on system performance and impact groundwater supplies, turning routine household habits potentially into thousands of dollars in repairs. Everyone can do their part to protect our natural resources and environment, including maintaining and monitoring their private septic system."

The EPA offers a few simple tips to keep your system performing optimally:

- Protect it and Inspect it: Service your system every 1 -3 years to ensure it remains in good working order, and save money.
- Think at the Sink: What goes down your drain has a direct impact on your septic system. Avoid pouring fats, solids, and harsh chemicals down the drain.

- Don't Overload the Commode: Only flush toilet paper. Avoid flushing tissues, wipes, paper towels, pet litter, or any other trash.
- Don't Strain Your Drain: Use water efficiently. Stagger activities that require a lot of water, such as washing clothes and dishes.
- Shield your Field: Keep septic fields clear by avoiding parking or planting trees in those areas.
- Pump your Tank: Have your system pumped every 3-5 years to prevent buildup from causing a backup.
- Keep It Clean: Test your private well water annually. Malfunctioning septic systems are a leading cause of well contamination.

For additional details on system operation, routine maintenance, and local water quality, visit iowadnr.gov/septic or check out the official [SepticSmart](https://www.epa.gov/septic/septicsmart?) website (<https://www.epa.gov/septic/septicsmart?>).

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What is the Fall Equinox? During an equinox, the Sun crosses what is known as the "celestial equator." It is an imaginary extension of Earth's equator line into space. The equinox occurs when the Sun's center passes through this line. In the Northern Hemisphere, when the Sun crosses the equator going from north to south and sits directly above the Earth's equator, this marks the Autumnal or Fall Equinox. This event is known as the official astronomical start of Autumn. The term comes from the Latin words *aequus* which means "equal" and *nox* which means "night." During the equinox, day and night are nearly equal in length, lasting about 12 hours each across the globe. Following the equinox, days become shorter and nights become longer because the North Pole tilts away from the sun. The equinox is also the start of cooler temperatures and leaves changing color because sunlight arrives at a weaker angle. Because the Harvest Moon appears so close to the Fall Equinox, they are both good indicators that Fall has arrived!

The Iowa Prairie Conference Came to Dubuque and Jackson Counties Tony Vorwald, Natural Resources Ecologist

Over the past year I have been leading the charge of organizing the 2026 Iowa Prairie Conference (IPC). The IPC is a floating conference that is held every other year in lieu of the North American Prairie Conference. The IPC brings together conservation professionals, students, and enthusiasts from across the state who are interested in the conservation, implementation, and study of all things prairie. When planning first kicked off for the IPC 2026 I volunteered to chair the planning committee only if the conference could be held in eastern Iowa, and I got my way. Planning kicked off in August of 2025 and was effectively organized by a dedicated planning committee which brought together a great host of speakers, sponsors, and attendees to the conference which was held mainly in Dubuque, with some key field trip sites held in Jackson County. The IPC was held August 7-9th which consisted of a restoration workday at Sunnycrest Prairie in Dubuque, presentations at the University of Dubuque, a social at the National Mississippi River Museum, and regional field trips throughout Dubuque and Jackson Counties. We were thrilled to have had 10 fantastic presenters, 18 sponsors, and 220 attendees. The IPC 2026 was a great success but the cherry on top was hosting four field trips for conference attendees to sites in Jackson County. The field trips included visits to Baldwin Marsh and Maquoketa Caves, with the flagship trips being to Codfish Hollow Hill Prairie and Ozark Wildlife Area. It was a dream come true to show these areas to some of the state's top biologists, botanists, and land managers. To see some of the top minds in conservation be impressed by what we have here in Jackson County was truly a pleasure.

Timber Rattlesnakes Abby Flanagan, Green Iowa AmeriCorps Member

Timber rattlesnakes are a venomous, non-aggressive, native snake in Jackson County. This species of rattlesnake is native to the Midwest, Eastern and Southeastern United States. As an indicator species of high quality habitat it's important to have these snakes for biodiversity, rodent regulation, and a healthy forest habitat.

Grapevine Wreaths – OWLS event Thursday, November 19 from 10:00-Noon At EB Lyons Interpretive Center, Dubuque Make a wreath for the holidays using materials from nature. We'll harvest grapevine at the park and transform it into home decor. No cost. Registration required by November 17. Open to anyone 18+.

Soap Making Workshop – OWLS event Thursday, December 10 from 10:00-12:30 At Central Park, Jones County Learn the history, chemistry, and process of making your own homemade bar soap. Cost is \$10 and you will take soap home! Lunch provided. Register online. Open to anyone 18+.

For information on trees' connection to mental health, visit www.vibrantcitieslab.com.

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DCCS meetings are held September through May on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Next meetings: Tuesday, October 13. Scheduled to be at the National Guard Armory.

Check for location by emailing dbqccs01@gmail.com one week prior to meeting date.

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Friends of the Mines of Spain Program Series

The EB Lyons Center is open 10-2 on Weekends. This year EB Lyons Center is celebrating turning 50!

Videos of previous programs are available at <https://www.youtube.com/@minesofspain>

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