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STATE PARK CAMPSITES AVAILABLE FOR JULY FOURTH HOLIDAY

The Fourth of July holiday is in the reservation window for state park campsites and while there are currently plenty of options, campers shouldn't wait as sites can go quickly.

"Our parks have a lot to offer and no two parks are the same. If your favorite park has filled, give a different park a try," said Todd Coffelt, chief of state parks for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

To find a campsite, go to <http://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

As of Tuesday morning, reservable campsites with electricity have been filled at Clear Lake, Elinor Bedell, Emerson Bay, Gull Point, Lake Macbride and Lewis and Clark. Campers wanting to stay in those parks for the holiday will need to arrive early to secure a walk in site.

A few other state parks are close to filling reserved sites. Ledges and McIntosh Woods each have one reservable handicap site available.

Viking Lake has one electrical site; Lake of Three Fires has two; George Wyth, Lake Wapello, Maquoketa Caves and Stone have three; and Green Valley has four. Dolliver Memorial, Union Grove and Wapsipinicon each have five electrical sites; Backbone and Lake Manawa have six; and Bellevue has seven.

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IOWA CITY HOSTING TROUT EVENT SATURDAY AT SAND LAKE

IOWA CITY - A trout stocking event at Sand Lake in Iowa City sponsored by Iowa City Parks Department is scheduled for April 12 at 10 a.m. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is stocking 1,800 rainbow and 200 brook trout.

Prizes will be awarded to anglers catching one of the 200 tagged trout at the event. Contact Joyce Carroll at [319-356-5100](tel:319-356-5100) for more information.

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MARSHALLTOWN HOSTING TROUT EVENT SATURDAY AT SAND LAKE

MARSHALLTOWN - A trout stocking event at Sand Lake in Marshalltown is scheduled for April 12 at 11 a.m. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is stocking 1,800 rainbow and 200 brook trout.

There will be prizes for anglers catching brook trout. The event is sponsored by the Marshall County Conservation Board. For more information, call [641-752-5490](tel:641-752-5490).

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CEDAR FALLS HOSTING TROUT EVENT SATURDAY AT NORTH PRAIRIE LAKE

CEDAR FALLS - A trout stocking event at North Prairie Lake in Cedar Falls is scheduled for April 12 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be stocking 1,800 trout at 10 a.m.

Prizes are available for kids participating in fishing and members from the Cedar Valley Walleye Club will be on-site to provide basic fishing instruction. Food will be available during the event. The event is sponsored by the Cedar Valley Walleye Club, City of Cedar Falls and the Iowa DNR.

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WORTH COUNTY MAN WINS HEALTHY AND HAPPY OUTDOORS MARCH AND JANUARY PRIZE DRAWING

Terri Reese, from Worth County, won the Healthy and Happy Outdoors (H2O) March prize of a hiking package sponsored by the American Hiking Society. The hiking package includes binoculars, a medical kit, water bottles, trail snacks, a poncho and information on hiking.

Reese also won the January drawing of a \$100 gift card to Gander Mountain.

April's prize is a going green package that includes a certificate to the Urbandale Hy-Vee for a tree from its garden center, a lunch tote, sandwich bag set, large sandwich bag set and a messenger bag from Two Knobby Tires, nature store apparel and a book on trees.

All outdoor activities logged April 1-30 will be automatically entered for the prize drawing.

Healthy and Happy Outdoors is an initiative geared to connect Iowans with outdoor resources as a

way to reduce stress and improve health. Iowans can go online to www.iowadnr.gov/h2o and find over 30 types of outdoor activities at more than 1,600 parks and recreation areas across the state.

Participants who register for H2O and log activities will automatically be entered for prize drawings. Each activity logged counts as an entry. H2O will continue awarding monthly prizes through June. Complete rules and promotional details are available on the H2O web page.

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Zoo and 10 organizations combine forces, introducing a state-wide initiative to bring back native pollinators including butterflies and bees.

Plant.Grow.Fly.

DES MOINES – Iowa’s Blank Park Zoo is teaming up with 10 organizations to introduce Plant.Grow.Fly., a conservation initiative to bring back native pollinators. This project encourages community members to plant pollinator habitat in yards, schools and businesses.

This initiative is backed by several organizations including: Iowa State University’s Reiman Gardens, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Science Center of Iowa, Drake University, Polk County Conservation, Warren County Conservation, Madison County Conservation, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden and DMACC West Campus as well as a national program, Monarch Joint Venture.

“One-third of our global food supply depends on pollinators and much of our world’s biodiversity relies on the services they provide. Pollinators, like butterflies and bees, are declining at an alarming rate in our rapidly changing environment,” said Jessie Lowry, Blank Park Zoo’s Conservation Coordinator.

Lowry said the Plant.Grow.Fly. project is developing a gardening how-to guide that can be found at www.plantgrowfly.com.

“Insects are an integral part of our environment, making more resources available will help to insure the survival of these amazing animals,” said Nathan Brockman, Butterfly Wing Curator at Reiman Gardens.

“Using region-specific garden recipes, you can plant the flowers and grasses that benefit our local species the most,” said Lowry. “We believe that no effort is too small and that each of us can do our part to preserve the biodiversity around us - just by planning gardens in our yards.”

Photos of butterflies and the Plant.Grow.Fly logo can be found here: <http://blankparkzoo.us/clients/plantgrowfly/>

Plant.Grow.Fly website can be found at <http://www.plantgrowfly.com>

For more information contact Jessie Lowry, Blank Park Zoo 515-490-4370 jrlowry@blankparkzoo.org or Ryan Bickel, Blank Park Zoo, 515-988-9485 rpbickel@blankparkzoo.org.

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