

Jones County Youth Group Naturalist Programs



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Board

Naturalist Programs

- No charge.
- Free will donations accepted.
- Programs tailored to badge requirements or requests.
- Contact the Jones County Naturalist at [\(319\)481-7987](tel:3194817987) to request a program, date, and time.

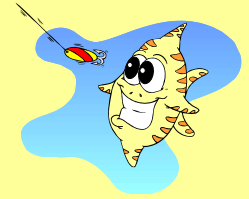


Program Locations:

- 15 public wildlife areas, river access sites, and parks including Pictured Rocks, Hale Wildlife Area, Scotch Grove Prairie, Whitewater Canyon, Grant Wood Trail, and Central Park.
- Woodland, prairie, rivers, streams, wetlands, and ponds.
- Hiking trails
- Self guided Interpretive trails
- Open air and enclosed pavilion
- Nature Center



Outdoor Youth Group Programs



- **Animal Tracks & Sign:** Learn how to find and read animal tracks and sign. Make a plaster animal track to take home.
- **Snowshoeing:** Learn how to snowshoe and explore Iowa's wintry wonderland. Snowshoes provided.
- **Fishing:** Learn the basics of how to use a rod and reel. Practice casting and try your luck at fishing. Rods and reels provided.
- **Canoeing Basics:** Learn how to canoe safely at Central Park Lake. Six canoes available for group use.
- **Tree ID:** Learn how to identify Iowa trees by bark, twigs, and leaves.
- **Bird Watching:** Learn how to identify Iowa's birds. (12 pair of binoculars available for group use.)
- **Aquatic Water Investigation:** Examine the water quality of a pond or stream. Use hand nets to capture live pond critters.
- **Poisonous Plant Hike:** Learn about some of the poisonous plants to avoid while hiking in Iowa.





Indoor Programs:



- **Iowa's Snakes:** Learn about Iowa's snakes. Live snakes used.
- **Iowa's Turtles:** Learn about Iowa's turtles. Live turtles used.
- **Iowa's Mammals:** What furry critters are in your backyard??? Examine pelts and skulls.
- **All About Owls:** Learn how to hoot like an owl.
- **Bird Feeding Basics:** Learn how to feed the birds and make a simple bird feeder to take home.
- **Water Quality:** Learn how our waters can become polluted by run off and learn what you can do to help.
- **Iowa's Endangered and Threatened Animals:** Learn what animals are endangered or threatened in Iowa and what simple steps you can take to help them survive.
- **Iowa's Breeding Birds:** Learn about some of the birds that call Iowa home and how we can all help provide the habitat they need to survive. Build a bird house.



Service Projects:



- Contact the Jones County Naturalist at (319)481-7987 or Ranger at (563)487-5038 to inquire about possible youth group service projects, including Eagle Scout projects.
- A list of possible projects will be provided upon request.