

# DANE COUNTY PARKS

INFORMATION & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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**Viking Dog Park**

*Courtesy Justin Sawran (@wisco\_wasco)*

# TOKEN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Dane County's "Suck the Muck" project at Token Creek County Park is nearly complete! Approximately 20,000 tons (or about 1,500 dump truck loads of material) have been removed from this section of the creek. Check out our video to get a closer look!



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# TENNEY LOCK

The Tenney Lock is a popular recreation facility accommodating approximately 8,000 to 10,000 boaters annually. Located on the Yahara River, the lock allows for the passage of boats between Lake Mendota and Lake Monona. Dane County Parks is extending lock hours over the July 4th weekend:

## The extended Lock schedule is as follows:

Monday, July 29 – Friday, July 3rd: 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

Saturday, July 4: 9:00 am – Midnight

Info

Permits

A **lock permit is required** for all watercraft using the lock. To reduce the spread of coronavirus, all Tenney Lock permits must be purchased online as there are currently no in-person permit sales. A daily or annual permit must be shown to the lock attendant (printed or displayed on your device).



# BIKE COLLECTION

We are still looking for a few more gently used kid's bikes for our summer youth **Get Outside** program at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. The bikes will be allow youth 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:** If you have a bike to donate, please arrange a time **in advance** to drop it off at the Lussier Family Heritage Center (3101 Lake Farm Road, Madison) by calling **608-224-3604** or emailing **[heritagecenter@countyofdane.com](mailto:heritagecenter@countyofdane.com)**



# OAK SAVANNA RESTORATION

In the next few weeks we will begin restoration of a 17 acre of oak savanna at Indian Lake County Park. This habitat once dominated the Upper Midwest but today is highly endangered with only a fraction of one percent remaining. We will host a **live Facebook event** Monday, June 29 at 1:30 pm and our Naturalist, Lars Higdon, will give an overview of the project and show you the areas being restored.

**Learn More:**

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)



Oak Savanna



Controlled Burn to Maintain Savanna

# SECOND LIFE FOR PARK TREES



Our arborist staff were able to give a second life to some removed trees by adding them to the The Henry Vilas Zoo grizzly bears exhibit space! These new logs provide shade and opportunities to climb, rub, and explore. Check them out next time you are at the zoo.



# CONSERVATION CORNER

All Episodes

Stay connected with our weekly conservation corner series! New episodes posted each Friday on our social media sites. Learn more about Patrick Marsh and Dane County stream restoration projects in the most recent episodes.



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Lael Pascual**

Lussier Family Heritage Center Manager

Lael oversees the Lussier Family Heritage Center's many events, trainings, and educational programs. She works with partner organizations to create safe spaces for persons of all backgrounds to connect with parks and natural areas. Lael enjoys hiking and biking the many trails throughout Dane County Parks with family and friends.



**Alex DeSmidt**

Parks Facility Planner

Alex is a Landscape Architect and does planning, design, and project management for park and trail development projects. He enjoys hiking and hunting at the many Dane County Wildlife Areas

# 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.

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# SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT



**Indian Lake County Park**

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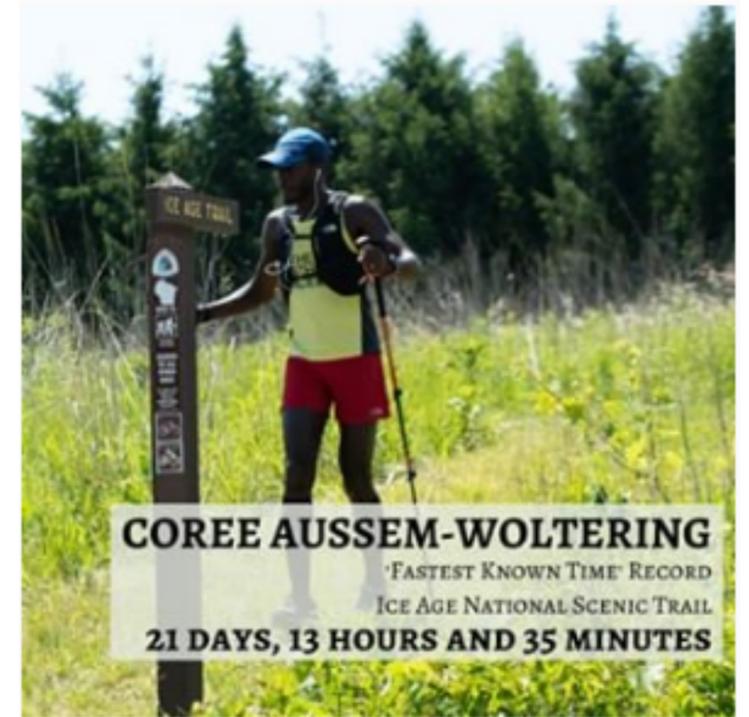
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**Capital Springs Dog Park**

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