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Wapsi Happenings

By: Director, Dave Murcia



NRPA Survey: U.S. Adults Say Parks & Rec Is Essential

"There are two things that interest me: the relation of people to each other, and the relation of people to land." Aldo Leopold, His Life and Work.

In these times, our natural areas, parks, and wild places, have become a retreat, to reconnect, ground ourselves, and keep well. Scott County Conservation Board parks, including the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center, are such places.

The September 2020 Recreation Management edition features the headline above. In the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) report, "a majority of U.S. adults—82%—believe that parks and recreation is essential". The importance of high-quality parks and programs assists in creating and maintaining healthy, resilient, economically, and ecologically vibrant communities including Scott County, Iowa. *"People value the essential work*

performed by park and recreation professionals and their agencies," said Kristine Stratton, president and CEO of NRPA. Highlights from the NRPA report state:

72% of U.S. adults are more likely to vote for local political leaders who make park and recreation funding a priority.

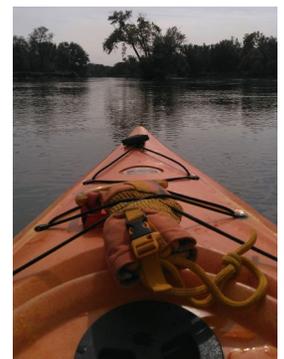
77% of U.S. adults consider having a high-quality park, playground, public open space or recreation center nearby an important factor in deciding where they want to live.



Natural Health and Home Products

sustainable and healthy lifestyle. The **Wild Edibles** program introduces wild plant foraging basics while exploring our native habitats, and the **Fishing 101** introduced the art of fishing as a life skill. **Grounded in Nature** programs focused on connecting yourself with nature through mindfulness, forest bathing/hiking, and yoga. Our **Kayaking**

During the past season, our programs have focused on creating healthy lifestyles while incorporating nature. Our **Natural Health & Home** program focuses on products made from natural ingredients and upcycling, for a more



World Rivers Day 2020
"On the Wapsi"

Experiences including **World Rivers Day**, were popular and not only offered healthy nature-based recreation, but an opportunity to explore and reflect on the importance of our natural resources, and the wild that is left.

“Examine each question in terms of what is ethically and esthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient. A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.” **The Land Ethic**, *A Sand County Almanac*.

We are free to choose our path on this earth. As an unalienable right, our personal choice in a healthy, ethical, sustainable lifestyle, is reflected and found in nature. Natural areas including parks, are valued and are essential for health and wellbeing. I ask of you, to be critical in your thoughts, recognize the innate and intrinsic value our sacred earth, and what she provides for health and home. I welcome you experience the wild of the Wapsi, to reconnect, and ground yourself to our earth. Keep well, stay wild....

Stay tuned into our websites for upcoming programs and videos. Check out these environmental films or websites along your path: *The Need to Grow*, *Kiss the Ground*, *Before the Flood*, *2040*, *The 11th Hour*, *Food INC.*, <https://zachbushmd.com/knowledge/>

<https://farmersfootprint.us/>
<https://farmersfootprint.us/watch/>

“The time has come for science to busy itself with the earth itself. The first step is to reconstruct a sample of what we had to start with.” **Aldo Leopold**, *The River of the Mother of God*.



The Wapsi River Center is now a proud **Community Partner** with *The Center of Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace* (<https://lnt.org/>) As a partner, Wapsi staff has held and will continue to host, plan, and conduct a variety of LNT programs and trainings including: Awareness Workshops, Trainer Courses, and Master

Educator Courses. **“The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics”** protects the outdoors by teaching and inspiring people to enjoy it responsibly. The Center accomplishes this mission by delivering cutting-edge education and research to millions of people every year.”

Fall and Winter Field Experiences

If you would like to **schedule an experience**, we encourage educators/groups to schedule as far in advance as possible, and taking an active role. Our programs are focused on supporting the Iowa core curriculum, including NGSS and STEM elements for Iowa schools, and healthy, sustainable lifestyles. Please call (563)328-3286 for more information.



2020 Renovation Progress

Center Improvements

UPDATE: Scott County continues to make improvements at the Center and recent renovations on the old Owl's Nest Dormitory. Thank you to our own Scott County Conservation Board, Headquarters, West Lake Park staff, Scott County Facility and Support Services & IT departments, and Wapsi staff for vision and support. This large project thus far, has incorporated such best practice products as: reclaimed lumber from previous dormitory, maintenance-free metal roof, native stone, 95% post-consumer recycled decking, Energy Star windows/doors, LED lighting, on-demand water heater, refillable water bottle station, motion sensors to name a few. Stay tuned in.



Friends Awarded by LyondellBasell

The *Friends of the Wapsi Center* have been awarded a Community Grant award of \$2000 from LyondellBasell. The recognition is in support of LyondellBasell's focus to advance our community by improving education and protecting the environment. A big thank you to **Friends President**, Norm Nichols for writing and submitting the grant proposal, and LyondellBasell.



Wapsi River Center Friends Members

Bald Eagle Viewing

Bald eagles will start arriving in November along with migrant waterfowl. The stretch of the Wapsi River below the Center supports dozens of eagles in the night roost. The best viewing will be at the Center from December through early March, one to two hours before dusk.

Education Animal Sponsorship

Thank you to Jolinda Burr, *Friends* Member and latest sponsor of our tree frogs and smooth softshell turtle! If you are interested in sponsoring an education animal, please call (563)328-3286.



HALLOWEEN EVENTS AT THE WAPSI RIVER CENTER

A variety of family friendly Halloween events are happening at the Wapsi River Center on Saturday, October 24th from 1:00 P.M. to the evening. Registration is limited and required. Please call (563)328-3286 to register for this program.

Paint by Nature ~ 10:30 A.M. ~ Wapsi River Center ~ This fun and family friendly class blends art and nature! This time the focus will be bats, just in time for BAT WEEK. Join Naturalist Paige for a brief lesson on the importance of bats and then create a fun bat themed seasonal painting. Cost is \$5 per canvas (cash or check, payable at the program).

Zombie Archery ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ Wapsi River Center ~ Learn how to use a bow and arrow in this Halloween themed, informative, and fun hands-on class. You'll learn safety and proper archery techniques according to National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) guidelines. Children must be in the 4th grade and above to participate and accompanied by an adult. Adults are welcome to participate as well! Your target will be Zombies! This program is free and weather permitting. Park in Parking Lot A and meet at the observatory.

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FALL EVENTS

OCTOBER

3rd ~ 29th Annual Fall Ecology Day "Fall into the Outdoors at the Wapsi Center" ~ 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. ~ Wapsi River

Center ~ Come and celebrate Fall in the great outdoors! Join us for an exciting day of presentations, activities, hiking, and crafts. Activities are geared for all ages and abilities.

Registration is limited and required. Please call to sign up your family and friends (563)328-3286.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. ~ Prairie Seed Collecting and Seed Balls - Join staff on the prairie for a hike and seed identification and collection. Then make and take home seed balls using native prairie seeds.

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. ~ Leave No Trace Principles - Learn how to build a fire using Leave No Trace principles. Then make "Fire Buddies" to take home.

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. ~ Lunch - Roast hot dogs and s'mores over the open fire. Lunch will be provided by our Friends of the Wapsi Center group.

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. ~ Woodland Hike and Leaf Collection - Take a naturalist lead hike through our woods and collect leaves for our final leaf activity.

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. ~ Leaf Rubbing - Make and take home leaf rubbings using the leaves you collected during the woodland hike.

6th ~ Fall Snapshot ~ 8:00 A.M. to Noon ~ Register now for the Fall Snapshot Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Event! This is your opportunity to become a citizen scientist for the day and gather important data about the health of Scott County's watersheds. The

valuable data gathered by volunteers will assist the Partners of Scott County Watersheds in raising funds for water quality improvement projects in the county. No experience is



necessary, and anyone over 16 is welcome to participate! Learn more and register as a volunteer here: <http://xstreamcleanup.org/event/fall-snapshot-volunteer-water-quality-monitoring-1062020>

14th ~ Scott County Conservation Board Meeting ~ 3:00 P.M. ~ West Lake Park ~ The Scott County Conservation Board meets monthly at the West Lake Park Headquarters office (Gate 3) 14910 110th Ave, Davenport, Iowa 52804. Please call if interested in attending (563)328-3280.

15th ~ Friends of the Wapsi Center Meeting ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ Wapsi River Center & Virtually ~ Come learn about the current happenings at the Wapsi River Center. Please call if you are interested in attending (563)328-3286.

17th ~ 360° Trail Project: Fall Frenzy ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ Wapsi River Center ~ Join an Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H member for a free afternoon of hiking and orienteering! Participants will learn how to read and use a map and compass, then take to the trails and capture 360° photos to show off what the Wapsi River Center trails have to offer in the fall! This event is family friendly and weather dependent. Please bring a reusable water bottle and dress for the weather. Registration is limited and required. Please call (563)328-3286 to register for this program.



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31st ~ Happy Halloween!

NOVEMBER

5th ~ Natural Health and Home Products: Fall Edition ~ 5:45 P.M. ~ Wapsi River Center ~ Head out to the Wapsi Center and learn how to make your own fall themed health and home products. Making your own products is more sustainable, customizable, and uses all natural ingredients. Plus it's FUN! We will make a seasonal soap, pest-repellent sachets, oven cleaner, and reusable dryer sheets. The program costs \$15/per set (cash or check, payable at the program). Cost covers ingredients, but please supply: 2 repurposed glass jars with lids (8-12oz), an old t-shirt, and a reusable container to bring your soap



home. Registration is limited and required. Please call (563)328-3286 to register for this program.

11th ~ County offices will be closed in observance of the Holiday!

14th ~ Fall Wild Edible Workshop ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ Wapsi River Center ~ Join Naturalist Becky to learn about the many wild edibles in your own neck of the woods. We will focus on foraging basics, foraging safety, identifying plants, and preparing wild edibles. We will take a hike outdoors to identify some of the fall wild edibles available during this time. Registration is limited and required. Please call (563) 328-3286 to register for this program.



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21st ~ Cattail Ducks and Dolls ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ Wapsi River Center ~ Come discover the biology, history, and uses of cattails. Learn how to make a cattail doll and a duck to add to your fall décor. Registration is limited and required. Please call (563)328-3286 to register for this program.

26th – 27th ~ County offices will be closed in observance of the Holiday!

DECEMBER

5th ~ Crafting for Conservation ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ Wapsi River Center ~ Join Wapsi River Center Staff for some fun upcycled crafts! We will focus on recycling and upcycling to create new from old. We will make pinecone critters as well as calendar



gift bags. All supplies will be provided. This program is FREE! Registration is limited and required. Please call (563)328-3286 to register for this program.

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19th ~ Natural Wreath Workshop ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ Wapsi River Center ~ Join Naturalist Michael J. Granger for a lesson on wreath making. Participants will be able to fashion a wreath out of grapevine and then decorate it with natural items. Visitors may bring

evergreen tree trimmings, seeds, nuts or other natural items to make their wreath a “one of a kind”. Registration is limited and required. Please call (563)328-3286 to register for this program.



24th – 25th ~ County offices will be closed in observance of the Holiday!

FREINDS MEMBER PROFILE: SUSAN MCPETERS



Susan McPeters zip lining in Georgia.

As soon as the “Virtual Learning” school year ended for 2 of my grandchildren who live with their Mother in Elmhurst, IL, I treated them to a two day, two night stay at the Kestrel Cabin at the Wapsi Center. They were thrilled with the change of scenery since they had been largely homebound due to COVID-19. We enjoyed hiking, listening to the birds, & both nights my husband joined us for dinner and our family tradition of very competitive games of UNO. I had stayed at the cabin before and whenever I visit the Wapsi Center I feel it’s a special place. So, I decided to join the Friends!

My parents, Ralph and Virginia Carmichael, met when he was working with the Civilian Conservation Corp. His unit on the Rock Island Arsenal was assigned to take care of the trees on the Arsenal, where my Mother grew up. Her father was in charge of the PX for 20 years. My Mother was a

housewife and my Daddy worked for Davey Tree Expert Co. for over 30 years.

I grew up in Bettendorf in an area where my parents owned wooded acreage, as did the neighbors. I spent a lot of time “exploring” in the woods. I believe I inherited my love of the outdoors from my Daddy, who used to take me fishing in a canoe in the Hennepin Canal.

I graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.A. in Communications. I enjoyed an over 35-year career in radio and television journalism working at stations in Indianapolis and San Diego. I returned to the Quad Cities in 1987, working at WQAD-TV for 2 years, followed by 20 years at WQPT-TV, the Quad Cities PBS Station. For 10 of those years I also worked part-time in the News Department of WOC Radio. I have been retired since 2014, but began working as a Substitute Teacher in the North Scott School District two years ago. I enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ziplining, gardening, traveling, playing the piano, the ukulele and singing.

I’m looking forward to volunteering with the Friends of the Wapsi Center and sharing my love of nature with others!

VITAL STATISTICS

(Friend since June of 2020)

Favorite Bird: Blue Jay

Favorite Animal: Siberian Husky

Favorite Tree: Maple

Favorite Book: A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

Favorite Movie: It’s a tie; The Equalizer & Equalizer 2

THANKYOU!

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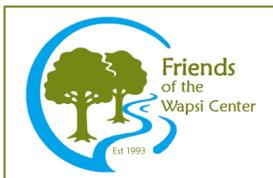
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YES I WOULD LIKE TO BE A FRIENDS MEMBER:

Enclosed is my contribution to the Friends of the Wapsi Center.

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# PLANT PROFILE: WHITE OAK

By Naturalist Michael J. Granger

When you think of woodlands in Iowa, what is one of the most widespread trees you'll find? If you want another clue, these trees produce acorns.



White oak leaves

If you guessed oak trees you are right. Many species of oaks grow in a variety of habitats including upland and lowland forests, and wetter areas along rivers and lakes. Iowa has 12 native oak species. The white oak, *Quercus alba*, is a common oak species throughout Iowa's upland forests. It is known as white oak due to the white color of the inside of a freshly cut log. For home owners it is a highly prized shade tree, growing 80 to 100 feet tall. White oaks are not commonly sold in nurseries due to their slow growth rate. The white oak's range is from southern Canada to Florida and as far west as Minnesota. To find one of these magnificent trees you need to be able to identify its leaves, twigs, bark and acorns.

Oak leaves are fairly easy to identify showing one line down the middle of the leaf with radiating veins outward. I often describe oak leaves as being "feather like" due to the venation. A white oak will have lobed leaves that are rounded on the lobes (red and black oaks have leaf lobes that are sharply pointed). Leaves will measure 3 inches wide and about 5 inches long. Young leaves are light green with a border of red, and red venation. A mature leaf will be a pale blue green above and slightly a lighter green on the undersurface. In the fall bright green leaves will fade into oranges, reds and then brown.

Oaks have twigs with numerous terminal buds, which make them easy to identify. White oak buds will be rounded (red and black oak terminal buds are sharply pointed). Finally the bark on a white oak will be light grey in color and with long rectangular scales. The bark on larger trees will be heavily furrowed around the base of the tree.



White oak bark

A white oak will have male and female flowers in the spring. Clusters of yellow-green male flowers form first, and appear as drooping catkins 2- 4 inches long, followed shortly by spiky reddish colored flowers appearing with the leaves. Pollination occurs by wind and flying insects. Oaks produce acorns, and the white oak

produces an round acorn measuring three quarters of an inch long with a shallow cap. In the fall as the length of day shortens, and temperatures begin to drop acorns will begin to fall.



White oak acorn

Oaks serve a vital role in Iowa's woodlands, providing food and cover for many types of wildlife. Turkeys, pheasants, woodpeckers, jays and nuthatches forage for acorns during the fall. Squirrels, deer, rabbits, chipmunks and black bear also consider acorns as a seasonal treat. Many insects feed on oak leaves, such as the oak leaf caterpillar and the orange striped oak worm caterpillar. Scale is a type of insect that may become a pest on oak trees. These insects feed on the sap of tree and produce a hard outer waxy shell that looks like a fish scale. Scale insects may cause a fungus to grow on oak leaves. Several varieties of gall are found on oak leaves. A gall is a defensive mechanism of the tree which forms a round hard growth appearing on oak leaves. As an insect tries to feed on a leaf or lays eggs on it a gall will form around the damaged leaf site.

Finally the white oak is the state tree for several states. It is the state tree of Illinois, Maryland and Connecticut. Historically white oak was used in the production of barrels and was nicknamed the "stave oak" for this reason. Early American colonist valued the wood for ship building. White oak is also used today in beam construction, furniture and flooring.

This fall I encourage you to get out and explore Iowa's woodlands and find some mighty oak trees. Remember to look for the distinctive leaves, twigs, and bark. The best clue might be the numerous acorns on the ground around the tree in the fall. You might even find some animals foraging as well. Happy exploring!

(Photos; Michael J. Granger)

# ANIMAL PROFILE: RED BAT

By Naturalist Becky Baugh

Bats are one of the most misunderstood mammals in the world. The main reason for this is they are nocturnal and therefore it is more difficult to study them. Did you know there are 1,421 species of bats in the world? To break that down more locally, there are 47 species of bats in the United States and 9 of those species are found right here in Iowa. These nine species include the big brown bat, Northern long-eared bat, tricolored bat, little brown bat, Indiana bat, Eastern red bat, silver-haired bat, hoary bat, and the evening bat. All 9 of these bats are insectivorous, meaning they eat insects. One single small bat can eat between 1,000 and 2,000 small insects each night! Throughout the U.S., insectivorous bats provide farmers more than \$3.7 billion worth of pest control every year. Bats are excellent at flying and catching insects using their echolocation. They can turn on a dime in flight to catch the quick flying insects.

Of the nine species of Iowa bats, 5 of them are hibernating bats and 4 of them are migrating bats. Last fall, the staff at the Wapsi River Center took a group on a hike and one of the participants on that hike spotted an Eastern red bat, one of the migrating species, hanging out on a leaf on a low hanging branch. During migration these bats will travel during the evening and roost during the day out in the open.

Finding a red bat is a matter of pure luck as their red coloration resembles a dead leaf, providing excellent camouflage. The Eastern red bat was truly a exciting find.



Here is a photo of that bat!

The Eastern red bat, *Lasiurus borealis*, is unique for a couple reasons. They are one of few mammals who are sexually dimorphic for fur color, meaning the males and females are different colors. The males are bright brick red while the females are a lighter red and show more “frosting” on the tips of the fur. Another reason they are unique is because the females have four mammary glands whereas most

other bats have only two. Due to the two extra mammary glands, they can produce litters of 1-5 babies, called pups. The Eastern red bat and the hoary bat are the only two Iowa bat species that have their tail membrane completely furred. Because of the extra fur on their tail, they usually stick around the state until October or November before migrating further south. If the temperatures dip overnight, a red bat will fold its furry tail membrane forward to cover its body like a blanket while hanging in the trees. Red bats forage along woodland edges, around street and yard lights, above streams, and near corn cribs not far from their roosts. They eat mainly moths and beetles, but will also consume crickets, leafhoppers, cicadas, ants, mosquitoes, and flies. They are usually the first bats to emerge after sunset and feed most actively during the first few hours after sunset, but nursing mothers may feed all night. Red bats are mainly solitary except for a mother and her pups or during migration.

Threats to bats are both human-related and natural. The human-related threats include collisions with buildings for migrating bats, habitat loss, destruction of roost sites, wind turbine collisions, climate change, overuse of pesticides, poor public image, and the spread of White-nose syndrome, an exotic fungal disease that can spread quickly through a hibernating colony. Natural threats include predators such as house cats, blue jays, crows, and great horned owls.

Bats are very beneficial to humans, not only because they are great at pest control, but also because their guano (waste) makes excellent fertilizer and soil conditioner, a natural fungicide in the soil, and a great compost activator. Also, bat flight and acoustic skills are being studied to further plane navigation, air traffic controls, and drone designs. Every year, countries around the world celebrate Bat Week to raise awareness for the need for bat conservation. This year, Bat Week is October 24th to the 31st. To learn more about Bat Week and for fun bat activities, go to [www.batweek.org](http://www.batweek.org). Next time you are on a fall hike, be sure to look up! You never know if that “dead leaf” is in fact a leaf or a resting bat!

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