

May 2020 Iowa's Walking Club

Adjusting to change

Like waiting for a shot at the doctor's office, many of us are experiencing anticipatory anxiety about what is next. It's tempting to sit and wait for the gripping feeling to pass.

A steering committee has been meeting virtually to brainstorm, ask questions, and make plans. If you have suggestions or concerns that you'd like addressed, contact Diana R at 515.491.8903.

For now, all special events and group walks for May have been postponed.

Although this is a new and unknown situation, you can still walk most walks listed in the event booklet under "Year Round and Seasonal." Before you head to one of them, be sure to check the website for closures.

We are hoping to host a virtual membership meeting in May. More details will follow.

Be of good cheer, and remember this lovely quote from the charming movie *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*: "Everything will be all right in the end. So, if it is not all right, it is not yet the end." ~Diana R

Walk 20 Iowa Parks in 2020

We might be down, but we are not yet out! DNR has given us the go-ahead for the maps and written instructions to be distributed. Matt Scott, our map guy, has agreed to put the them on the Iowa Parklands website <https://www.iowaparklands.com/>.

If parks are open and the start box is available, the walks can be done at your convenience, even if restrooms and facilities are closed. Note that a start box could be unavailable if it is at a camp host and campgrounds remain closed, or if it is inside a park office, and facilities remain closed.

We are waiting for guidance from the Dept. of Natural Resources about the opening of campgrounds and restrooms in the parks. We hope that we'll be able to resume group events later this year.

Wednesday walks

When will we be able to walk in a group once again? That is the question of our times!

When the restrictions lift, we will announce our schedule. Until then, walk on your own or in careful groups. Keep safe and healthy! I hope to walk with you when this nightmare ends. Call Ardith at 515-277-5139 with questions.

Order your own 2020 Iowa State Parks Centennial T-shirt

Time is running out to order a short-sleeved shirt in yellow for \$14. Contact Susan Pinneke at 515-277-3653 by May 4.

Club information

Treasurer's report

Balance as of 02/29/20: \$6,825.18

Deposits: 410.00

Withdrawals: 844.80

Balance as of 03/31/20: \$6,390.38

Sources of income: Events, memberships & state park program funding

Sources of expense: AVA, storage mart & state park program (more than covered by the funding)

Little Free Library Special Program

Income: \$2,340.00

Expense: \$1,007.00

Source of income: 234 books sold

Sources of expense: Printing, mailing, awards

State Parks

Income: \$3,846.00

Expense: \$3,132.00

Sources of income: AARP, Land o' Lakes, AVA, and Jan and Karl Knock)

Newsletter

The newsletter is published by the 4th Wednesday of the month. The deadline for photos and proposed articles is the 3rd Monday of the month.