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Governor Reynolds, Iowa DNR commemorates Volunteer Day

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DES MOINES - Earlier this week, Governor Reynolds shared her commitment to volunteerism at her weekly press conference to develop a state employee volunteer policy encouraging workers to give back to communities and causes that benefit our state. This weekend several DNR employees, along with any interested Iowans, have the opportunity to do just that by participating in the DNR's third annual statewide Volunteer Day on September 28.

"Every day, Iowans step up to make a difference in their community," said Gov. Kim Reynolds. "On behalf of the entire state, I want to thank the Iowa DNR, their employees, and all the volunteers who will help clean up our parks, trails, and public buildings on Saturday. Together, we can build on that spirit of volunteerism we all share."

More than 40 parks will be hosting volunteer events to help spruce up trails, buildings and other park amenities. Volunteer projects will focus on prepping for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Iowa state park system in 2020.

"We want to thank the hundreds of volunteers that giveback on this day, and all throughout the year at our state parks," said DNR Director Kayla Lyon. "The countless hours of volunteering enhance the natural beauty of our parks as we prepare for our centennial celebration of state parks next year!"

Clean-up efforts at this weekend's Volunteer Day will be unique for each park depending on clean-up needs, but may include litter pick-up, staining or painting buildings, planting trees, clearing trails and more.

Citizens interested in volunteering can learn more at www.iowadnr.gov/volunteer. If weather is inclement on Saturday, volunteers should contact the individual park office in case changes to date, time or meeting location for the event occur.