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Low flows and high temperatures delay stocking in select trout streams

Several catchable trout stockings on a few trout streams in Northeast Iowa will be delayed until the week of Sept. 11, due to low flows and high temperatures.

The select streams include Buck Creek, South Cedar, Otter Creek, West Canoe (Winneshiek County), Bear Creek (Fayette County), Brush Creek (Jackson County) and Dalton Pond (Jackson County). These streams are usually not stocked in July and August and resume in September due to stream water temperature concerns.

All other trout streams will be stocked as scheduled. Catchable trout stocking continues through the end of October. Find a list of stocked trout streams on the [DNR trout fishing webpage](#).

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Learn to Hunt program opens registration for women's upland bird hunting workshop and mentored hunt

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering a comprehensive program on hunting upland game for women who have little or no upland bird hunting experience or who are looking to return to the field and build a network of female upland hunters.

The workshop is Oct. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Olofson Shooting Range, near Polk City. The event also includes two days of mentored hunting; the first on Oct. 19 and the second on Nov. 18.

"This program teaches basic strategies for hunting upland birds such as sourcing proper equipment, places to hunt, safe shooting practices, and how to field dress, butcher and cook game for women who are interested in the challenge of upland hunting," said Jamie Cook, program coordinator with the Iowa DNR.

The course costs \$35 and is designed for women 18 years and older. For more information and to begin the registration process, go to <http://license.gooutdoorsiowa.com/Event/ViewEvent.aspx?id=2799> Space is limited so early registration is encouraged.

Participants will receive a hat, vest and a membership provided by the Northern Polk Pheasants Forever Chapter.

The program is provided through a partnership with the Iowa DNR and Pheasants Forever. It is part of a national effort to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters due to the overall decline in hunting and outdoor recreation.

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Learn to Hunt program opens registration for rabbit workshop

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering a program to teach skills needed to hunt, field dress and cook rabbits to youth and adults who have little to no small game hunting experience.

The program is scheduled for Oct. 14, from 2 to 7 p.m., at the Olofson Shooting Range, near Polk City. Participants will learn basic strategies for hunting rabbits including proper equipment, where to hunt, safe shooting practices, and how to field dress, butcher and cook them from knowledgeable instructors.

A shooting session will provide lessons on shooting techniques and range time for those looking to improve their skills.

There is a \$20 fee for the program. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. For more information and to begin registration, go to <http://license.gooutdoorsiowa.com/Event/ViewEvent.aspx?id=2761>

The program is provided through a partnership with the Iowa DNR and the Mid Iowa Beaglers. It is part of a national effort to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters due to the overall decline in hunting and outdoor recreation.

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Iowa DNR to host open house on Clear Lake State Park improvement plans

CLEAR LAKE -- The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting an open house to discuss renovation and improvement plans for Clear Lake State Park, at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, at Clear Lake State Park Lodge. The public is invited to attend.

The DNR will share preliminary plans for renovations, including repairs to the lodge, upgrades to campground infrastructure and improving accessibility.

The address for the lodge is 5999 S Shore Ct, Clear Lake.

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