

# OPPORTUNITIES



Drop-in visitors to the center are always welcome. Organizations and groups may also schedule tours or educational programs with our naturalist. A wide variety of nature-related topics are available to suit your needs. After you visit, explore the other aspects of Marr Park. Several picnic shelters are located for family enjoyment near playground equipment. Our modern campground provides for the overnight visitor, while the pond and lake attract the angler in your family. Don't forget to enjoy our trails through woodland and prairie. Grass trails weave through hardwoods, prairie, and pines. Along the pine trail, discover our bird blind and nature play area for your amusement. Those wishing to bike or take a longer stroll may want to take advantage of the Ainsworth-Marr Park Trail. This paved trail begins at the conservation center, travels around Thomas Marr Lake, and then heads to Ainsworth, a mile away.

## Conservation Center Hours:

May - October  
Tuesday - Thursday 8am-4pm  
Friday - Saturday 9am-5pm

November - April  
Monday - Friday 8am-4pm

The primary purpose of the Washington County Conservation Center is to promote conservation, environmental education, and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The center provides, with equal opportunity, easy access to materials and resources to the public as well as improved facilities for school trips, park visitors, and programs.

# WASHINGTON COUNTY CONSERVATION CENTER



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# RENT THE STEINBECK CONFERENCE HALL

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The Steinbeck Conference Hall is a large open room inside the conservation center with a cathedral ceiling, panoramic park views, and kitchen access. This area seats 130 with 14 8ft tables and 4 6ft tables available. Amentities also include easels, podium, sound system, projector and screen, white board, and Bunn coffee maker. Renting this facility costs \$200 with a \$200 deposit that is returned as long as room is cleaned up and trash is removed. No alcohol or tobacco is allowed within the nature center, including during Hall rentals.

To rent this facility on any of the following holidays: President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or Veteran's Day the rental fee is \$75/hour with a minimum of 4 hours and a \$200 deposit.

The Steinbeck Conference Hall is not available for rent on the following holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, or New Years Day.



# CONSERVATION CENTER FEATURES

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## **TINNES EXHIBIT HALL:**

Move ants under ground, climb into the 2-story tree house, connect fish, and kill off the invasive species in different games around the center. Also view the 14ft prairie root and learn all about the benefits of planting native prairie.

## **NICOLA LIBRARY:**

Shelves of field guides, children's books, course curriculum and more are available to the public. A large handcrafted oak table hosts the monthly Board Meetings.

## **DALLMEYER LABORATORY:**

Used for educational programs, the lab provides space for water study and craft activities.

## **FEDERATION BANK OBSERVATION DECK:**

Take a break and enjoy the relaxing view overlooking Thomas Marr Lake.

## **RIVER PRODUCTS COMPANY OUTDOOR CLASSROOM:**

Watch for butterflies and birds in this native landscape of prairie and trees. Gather ideas to create your own backyard habitat.

## **CONSERVATION BOARD OFFICE:**

In this centralized location, you can reach all Board staff, reserve facilities, and schedule programs.