

# Outdoor Recreation

## Little Blue River Trail

Fairbury's newest walking, biking and cross country skiing trail crossing the restored Rock Island Railroad Bridge, featuring wildlife along the trail. The 1½ mile trail begins south of Third and C Streets at the Fairbury Dam. **402-729-2148**

## Jefferson County Speedway

Offers Jayhusker racing on banked oval dirt track April through September, featuring mini sprints, trucks and dwarf cars at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. **402-729-3008** [www.jayhusker.com](http://www.jayhusker.com)

## Parks

**Fairbury City Park** entrance located at 5<sup>th</sup> & A Streets. Offers Picnic Shelters, Swimming Pool, Water Fountain, Softball Complex, Quinn Field, Horseshoe Complex, Community Building, Girl Scout Cabin and Union Pacific Steam Engine No. 620. **402-729-2148**

**Frontier Fun Park**, located in Fairbury's City Park, was the first park of its kind in the state of Nebraska. The 7,000 square foot park was created by local children's' designs, funded and built by the community. Constructed entirely of wood, this fantasy playground recreates the excitement of a pioneer town in the Old West. **402-729-2148**

**McNish Park** located at 14<sup>th</sup> & I Streets, just off Hwy 15 & Hwy 136 intersection. Visitors can enjoy a Frisbee golf course, playground, picnic shelter and the Boy Scout Cabin. **402-729-2148**

## Recreational Areas

**Flathead Wildlife Management Area** is located on the south edge of Fairbury, ½ mile south of the Fairbury City Park. Located on 259 acres of land, the area offers hiking, hunting and fishing opportunities.

**Rock Glen Wildlife Management Area** is located on 706 acres just south of Rock Creek State Historical Park seven miles SE of Fairbury. Hiking, hunting and fishing are allowed on 270 acres of timber land and 420 acres of grassland.

**Leisure Lake** is located three miles south and ½ mile east of Plymouth. Owned and maintained by the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District, the lake offers a 38-acre lake with 47 acres of land surrounding it. Hiking, fishing and hunting are offered at Leisure Lake.

**Alexandria Wildlife Management Area** is located two miles east of Alexandria, near the Alexandria State Recreation area. The WMA consists of 1,204.5 acres, including 277 acres of cropland, 150 acres of timber and 744.5 acres of pasture. Hunting is allowed on the land.

**Rock Creek Wildlife Management Area** is 2 miles south on Hwy 15, 3 miles west on Hwy 8 & 1 ½ south on 566 Ave. The first parcel includes 302 acres of land for hunting and 146 acres of grassland. The second parcel, which includes the **McDowell Mausoleum** site, offers hunting on Rose Creek. The mausoleum was built by Nelson McDowell who wanted to leave his mark in the final resting place along Rose Creek and spent more than a decade carving out an elaborate tomb in the limestone bank of Rose Creek. McDowell, who died in 1937, was actually interred in Fairbury, but the results of his dream remain.

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# Camping

## Rock Creek Station Historical Park

Pony Express and emigrant station where James Butler Hickok gained his famed name, "Wild Bill," when he shot and killed the station owner, D.C. McCandles, in 1861.

- ◆ Oregon Trail deepest ruts, picnic, campgrounds, and nature trail.
- ◆ Modern facility with showers and electricity. Primitive camping.

Located 6 Miles SE of Fairbury

**Open year-around. 402-729-5777**

Nebraska Park Permit Required

[ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov](mailto:ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov)

## Crystal Springs Campground

**Open year-around.** Crystal Springs Park offers up to date camping pads with electrical and water hookups

- ❖ The 3 lakes are stocked with catfish, largemouth bass and trout for great fishing and camping.
- ❖ Restrooms and showers available May 1 - October 15.

Located 1 mile SW of Fairbury. **402-729-2148**

## Alexandria State Lakes

**Open year-around.** Spring-fed lakes for fishing and canoeing. Electrical hook-ups, playground, and fishing and RV dump station available. From Fairbury: Hwy 136 W 7 miles, N 6 miles, W 2 miles **402-729-5777. Nebraska Park Permit Required**  
[www.ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov](http://www.ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov)

## Historic Steele City Campground

**Open year round.** Daily/Weekly rates. All hookups  
12 miles SE of Fairbury on Hwy 8. **402 442-2360 or 402-613-1299.**

## Village of Diller Campground

Diller Park. Camper hookups and electricity. 15 miles SE of Fairbury on Hwy 103. **402-793-5956. [diller-ne.com/diller-park/](http://diller-ne.com/diller-park/)**

## Endicott RV Park

New! Good location. Complete hookups. Open year round.  
**402-729-5621 or 402-587-1900. [www.endicottvrvpark.com/](http://www.endicottvrvpark.com/)**

[www.VisitOregonTrail.org](http://www.VisitOregonTrail.org)

## Buckley Creek Recreational Area

Camping, nine-hole golf course, fishing, hiking and boating. Water, restrooms, limited camper hookups. Located 1 mile E and ½ mile N of Reynolds off Hwy 8. Maintained by LBNRD

## Cub Creek

**Open year-around.** Camping, fishing, hiking, boating and hunting with picnic areas, restrooms, playground and water. Located 3 miles West and 4 ½ miles South of Plymouth.

# Jefferson County Events 2017



[www.VisitOregonTrail.org](http://www.VisitOregonTrail.org)

Jefferson County Visitors Committee  
Fairbury Chamber of Commerce  
518 E Street, P.O. Box 274  
Fairbury, NE 68352

Request a Jefferson County Visitors  
Packet: [jcvc@diodecom.net](mailto:jcvc@diodecom.net)

Sharon Priefert  
Fairbury Chamber of Commerce  
Executive Director  
(402) 729-3000  
[www.FairburyChamber.org](http://www.FairburyChamber.org)

## 2017 Jefferson County Events

### **Third Saturday of the Month – May-October**

**Living History Day**, Rock Creek Station, portraying the 1866 living and working life style. (No August event). 402-729-5777

#### APRIL

**April 9, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Plow Day**, Come plow, displays, blacksmithing, small engines and plow demonstrations. 1 ½ miles southeast of Fairbury along the Little Blue River on Highway 8. Rain date is April 9. For more info contact Kenneth Dodge 402-729-3109/Juliann Endorf 402-446-7486

**April 8, Saturday 6pm-9pm, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork ‘N’ Pints**, VFW (north K), Beer and Wine Tasting Festival, samplings, \$20 advance tickets. 402-729-3000 Fairbury Chamber of Commerce. [www.FairburyChamber.org](http://www.FairburyChamber.org)

**April 29, Saturday, 10k Run or 2 Mile Run/Walk** Fairbury City Park. “Put Your Foot Down Against Sexual Assault,” Please pre-register. Registrations accepted day of .Burkley Wellness Center & Hope Crisis Center, Carmen Hinman, 402-729-2570 [www.hopecrisiscenter.org](http://www.hopecrisiscenter.org)

#### MAY

**May 6, Steele City Living History Weekend**, Explore Historic Steele City with Blacksmithing & Living History Demonstrations, Historic Buildings open for tours. 402-729-5131

**May 18, Thursday, JCHC Salad Festival**, 11-1 p.m., Elk’s Club, 525 G Street, Advanced tickets \$6.00, \$6.50 at the door. *Lana Likens* 402-729-6855.

**May 20, Saturday Fairbury Cycling Tour**. A scenic fun filled bicycle ride through Jefferson County. Jefferson Community Health & Life Burkley Fitness Center, 2200 H Street, *Craig Bontrager* 402-729-6139.

**May 20, Saturday, 5th Annual Duck ‘N’ Run**, Fairbury, Crystal Springs Park. Family activities. 10K Run, 2 Mile Run/Walk, Rubber Duck Races, Fun, Food and Prizes. *BVCA Partnership office* 402-729-2278

**May 20, Saturday, 9:30am-2:30pm FREE Park Entry & Fishing Day**. Alexandria State Lakes, Kids Fishing Clinic, Hot dog lunch. Fishing poles & supplies provided if you can’t bring your own. **ONE DAY ONLY NO PARK PERMIT OR FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED.** 402-729-5777 [ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov](mailto:ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov)

**May 26 - 28, Friday-Sunday Fairbury Girls Softball Invitational, Celebrating 30 years!** Fairbury Softball Complex, City Park, Brackets 10 & under through 18 & under. *Lana Likens* 402-587-0432, email [llikens@hotmail.com](mailto:llikens@hotmail.com) Registration: [www.FairburyChamber.org](http://www.FairburyChamber.org)

**May 28, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. -JayHusker Racing**, Jefferson County Speedway. Winged Outlaw 600, Non-winged Mini Sprint Legend 600/750, Restrictor 600 & Trucks. Concessions by Fairbury Optimist Club & Ice Cold Beer by Side Trek Bar & Grill. [www.racejayhusker.com](http://www.racejayhusker.com) 402-729-3008, *Scott Criner*.

#### JUNE

**June 3, Saturday all day, Abate #7 Steele City Ride-In Bike Show**. Bikers from all over the Midwest ride the scenic byways to show off their bikes, compete for prizes & camp for the weekend. *Margo at the Salty Dog* 402-442-2233.

**June 3 & 4, Saturday & Sunday, Rails & Trails Rock Creek Trail Days**, Rock Creek Station, stagecoach rides, living history demonstrations, music, buffalo stew cookout, reenactments. 402-729-5777 [ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov](mailto:ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov).

**June 3 & 4, Saturday & Sunday, Rock Island Rail Days**, Rock Island Depot, Fairbury. Model railroad display, ride on the miniature railroad, enjoy exhibits & model train displays. JCHS Office, 402-729-5131.

**June 4, Sunday, 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. Grill Fest at the Fairbury Museum**, Music & BBQ Meal. Ben McBride 402-300-1318 [www.FairburyMuseum.org](http://www.FairburyMuseum.org)

**June 6, Tuesday, Pony Express Re-Ride**, From Highway 53 @ in Thayer County to the Tri-County Marker Kansas/Nebraska Line. Trail Captain: Kevin Riggie 402-729-5629 [www.xphomestation.com](http://www.xphomestation.com)

**June 10, Saturday, Kids Fishing Clinic**, Alexandria State Lakes. Fishing poles & supplies provided if you can’t bring your own. Rain date June 17. 402-729-5777 [ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov](mailto:ngpc.rock.creek.station@nebraska.gov)

**June 17, Saturday 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life of Jefferson County**. Downtown Fairbury. Krystal, 402-587-0387 Linda Schwisow 402-729-7523, Nichole Siebolt 402-587-0298

**June 22, 23 & 24, Thursday-Saturday 121st Annual Diller Picnic**, Nebraska Bush Pullers Tractor pulls, mud drags, pasture golf, carnival, parade, food stands, bingo and much, much more! [www.dillerpicnic.net](http://www.dillerpicnic.net)

**June 24, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. -JayHusker Racing**, Jefferson County Speedway. Winged Outlaw 600, Non-winged Mini Sprint Legend 600/750, Restrictor 600 & Trucks. Concessions by Fairbury Optimist Club & Ice Cold Beer by Side Trek Bar & Grill. [www.racejayhusker.com](http://www.racejayhusker.com) 402-729-3008, *Scott Criner*.

#### JULY

**July 1, Steele City Living History Weekend**, Explore Historic Steele City with Blacksmithing & Living History Demonstrations, Historic Buildings open for tours. 402-729-5131

**July 3 & 4, Monday-Tuesday. 47th Annual Shriner’s Flea Market**, Fairbury City Park, July 4~Parade at 10:00 a.m. and VFW fireworks at dusk. Flat rate \$60. For pre-registration: [www.FairburyFleaMarket.com](http://www.FairburyFleaMarket.com). 402-729-3221 *Wayne*

**July 4, Summer Arts & Music Festival**, 10-4pm, Stagecoach Mall Antiques & Tasting Room. 508 E St. Blues Party with Live music all day, Totally Smoked BBQ serving at noon. [www.Fairbury.com](http://www.Fairbury.com) 402-587-2521.

**July 7, Plymouth Tractor Pull**, 72245 578th Ave. Plymouth. Light Super Stock tractors, Super Farm tractors and Limited Pro Stock Diesel pickups! Plus Super Street 4x4 pickups, farm stock tractors and modified farm tractors! (402) 806-2179

**July 13-16, Thursday-Sunday. Jefferson County Fair**. Jefferson County Fairgrounds, “Red, White and Blue, This Fair is For You” Jayhusker racing, horse related activities, carnival and much more. *Tony Likens*, 402-729-5792. [www.jeffcofair.us](http://www.jeffcofair.us)

**July 14, Friday, 8:00 p.m.-Caleb Bradley Band & Beer Garden**, Jefferson County Grandstand. 402-729-3000

**July 15, Saturday, 8:00 p.m.-Past Masters Band 50s-60s-70s & Beer Garden**, Jefferson County Grandstand. 402-729-3000

**July 16, Sunday, 7:00 p.m. - JayHusker Racing**, Jefferson County Speedway, Winged Outlaw 600, Non-winged Mini Sprint Legend 600/750, Restrictor 600 & Trucks. Concessions by Fairbury Optimist Club and Ice Cold Beer by Side Trek Bar & Grill [www.racejayhusker.com](http://www.racejayhusker.com). 402-729-3008, *Scott Criner*.

#### AUGUST

**August 1, Tuesday. “Tuesday Night Thunder”**. Jefferson County Speedway. USAC Nat’l Midgets & JayHusker Mini-Sprints Racing. Cody Brewer 405-823-8095. [www.TuesdayNightThunder.com](http://www.TuesdayNightThunder.com)

**August 11, Friday, JCHC Charity Golf Tournament**, Fairbury Country Club, *Contact Lana Likens* 402-729-6855

**August 11-13, 125<sup>th</sup> Plymouth’s Anniversary Celebration**. Kicks off with Friday Opening Ceremony & Beer Garden, Saturday Kids Fun Run, Car/Tractor Show, & Fireman’s Chicken BBQ followed by live entertainment. Sunday with Parade & Games.

**August 19, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. -JayHusker Racing, Fan Appreciation**. Jefferson County Speedway. Winged Outlaw 600, Non-winged Mini Sprint Legend 600/750, Restrictor 600 & Trucks. Concessions by Fairbury Optimist Club & Ice Cold Beer by Side Trek Bar & Grill. [www.racejayhusker.com](http://www.racejayhusker.com) 402-729-3008, *Scott Criner*

**August 21, Monday. GREAT AMERICAN SOLAR ECLIPSE** [www.EclipseJeffersonCounty.com](http://www.EclipseJeffersonCounty.com) Jefferson County Eclipse begins 11:36am-2:20pm

#### SEPTEMBER

**September 10, Mile High Time Trials**, Fairbury. Burkley Wellness Center. 402-729-6139 Contact *Craig Bontrager* @ [craig\\_bontrager@jchc.us](mailto:craig_bontrager@jchc.us)

**September 16 & 17, Saturday & Sunday Tractors and Treasures /Steele City Flea Market** Antique Tractor Pull, Tractor Drive, Old Farm Machinery Show and Tours of Historical Buildings. Living History with blacksmithing, working saw & shingles mill and Flea Market. *Tractor Show, Drive & Parade call Juliann Endorf* 402-446-7486. *Flea Market call Megan Sothan*, 402-729-5131.

**September 17, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4th Annual Car Show at the Fairbury Museum** Music, Food, Kids Games, Door Prizes, Trophies & Dash Plaques. *Ben McBride*, 402-300-1318 [www.FairburyMuseum.org](http://www.FairburyMuseum.org)

**October 6,7,& 8, Friday-Sunday**. Nebraska Heritage Highway Trail of Treasures Flea Market/Garage Sales. Discover miles of treasures along Highway 136. [www.heritagehighway136.com](http://www.heritagehighway136.com)

#### OCTOBER

**October 7, Saturday, Lord’s Acre Festival**, Endicott. Parade, pancake feed, crafts, food, auction, kid’s games and lots of family fun. *Loren Specht*, 402-729-6048

#### NOVEMBER

**November 4, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Frost Frolic Holiday Market**, Fairbury Junior/Senior High School. Over 100 booths attract hundreds of shoppers each year. *Debby Ebke*, 402-300-7146

#### DECEMBER

**December 1, Friday Miracle on the Square**, Downtown Fairbury, **Festival of Trees**, Santa & Carriage Ride, *Fairbury Chamber* 402-729-3000

#### 2018 Jefferson County Events

#### FEBRUARY

**February 2, Friday, Social Hour 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm Annual Chamber Banquet**, Elks Lodge. Fairbury Chamber of Commerce 402-729-3000 [www.FairburyChamber.org](http://www.FairburyChamber.org)

#### MARCH

**March 17, Saturday, 10am. 5K Run/Walk/Crawl Shamrock Shuffle**, Chuckles, join us in your CRAZIEST St. Patty’s Day attire for a fun packed event w/Live Music, Prizes and good food. Fairbury Chamber of Commerce 402-729-3000. Registration form: [www.FairburyChamber.org](http://www.FairburyChamber.org)

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