CATCH A TRIP ON THE WILD SIDE

For your next group trip, make an experience enjoying the sights, smells and sounds of the outdoors- no matter the time of year!

Day 1


Iowa Arboretum – Catch a love for the outdoors. Visit the 378 acres of trees and woodland trails. See beautiful flowers and outdoor shrubbery stretched over the plains. (515) 795-3216.

Blank Park Zoo – Catch “Iowa’s Wildest Adventure!” Experience the wonders of nature found in the tropical rainforests, Australian Outback and Africa. The zoo offers educational classes, tours and meal options for groups of all ages! Behind the scenes tours also available. (515) 974-2547

Day 2


Meredith Test Gardens – If in town on a Friday, relax in the gardens, which are featured in magazines such as Better Homes and Gardens and Midwest Living. The flowers, plants and vegetables grown in this garden are used for their publications! Open from Noon – 2 p.m. only on Fridays only, May through September. Large groups welcome during these hours. (515) 284-3994.

Day 3
Polk County Conservation – Take a group a nature tour on or off a coach or have an educational program. Contact Kami Rankin at kami.rankin@polkcountyiowa.gov or (515) 323-5363. Your group could event take a guided trail ride or wagon ride at Jester Park!

Animal Rescue League of Iowa - Visit some new cute, cuddly friends at with your group. Volunteers will tour your group throughout their facility and let you interact with their residents. (515) 473-9104

Bass Pro Shops - Catch a lucky strike at the 12-lane bowling alley and have lunch. Have a fly fishing demonstration. Shop a huge selection of outdoor gear. Contact the Events & Promotions Coordinator at (515) 957-5517.

Flying Frog Hosta Farms - Catch more than 1,000 types of hosta plants. (515) 208-9002.

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