



DECORAH PARKS & RECREATION

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Water made the Biggest Splash in our 2016 Highlights!



Began construction of a stone arch bridge in Dunning's Spring Park.

Donations from Deco Products and the Chris & Rhonda Storlie Family made this project possible.



August flood waters did a lot of damage. The Dug Road portion of Trout Run Trail suffered a major landslide and is closed indefinitely.



"The Nordic Plunge"

With the installation of our new waterslide, our total pool admission at the pool rose from 24,885 in 2015 to 29,133 in 2016



Two new murals were painted on the pool bathhouse by local artist, Jennifer Fisher Jones.

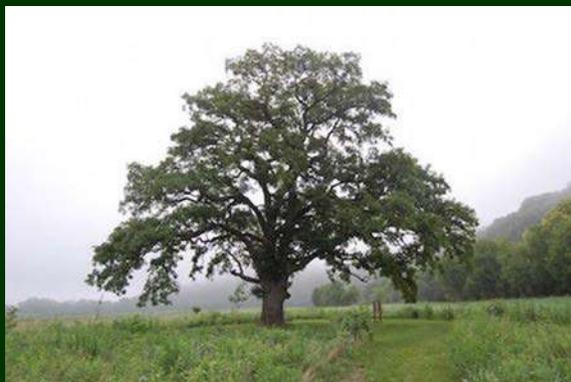
Pictured above is the mural donated in memory of Joyce Cote, an avid pool user.

2016 Highlights



Kayaking, mountain biking and golf were offered the first day.

For the first time ever, Decorah hosted the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association Fall Workshop. 83 delegates attended, with the majority never having visited the area and many wanting to return with family and friends.



The Decorah Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund reached its initial fundraising goal, with the fund surging over the \$100,000 mark.

The purpose of the fund is to help enhance and maintain Decorah's many parks and trails, its recreational facilities, the campground and swimming pool.



Recreation Staff kicked off the summer with a major river cleanup.



Rick Carlson and Dave Carlson donated 110 acres to the Decorah Parks System. This piece of land is located south of Highway 9 and east of Pleasant Avenue. No firm development plans have been made to date.



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A new gathering place was added to Phelps Park in memory of Robert Hunt, Decorah's first Park-Rec. Director, serving from 1970 to 1981.

Decorah Parks & Recreation Mission Statement

To preserve, develop and maintain a parks and recreation system that enriches the quality of life for all residents, visitors and future generations.