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## **You Can Now Check Out a Family Day Pass to Fontenelle Forest at Your Local Library**

We partnered with the Omaha Public Library, Bellevue Public Library, and Council Bluffs Public Library to offer one-day membership cards available to anyone with a library card. Just check it out like a book.



[Fontenelle Forest](#) has announced a partnership with Omaha, Bellevue, and Council Bluffs libraries to offer free one-day admission to library members. Just like a book, patrons of the library can check out a day pass. The Omaha Public Library's 12 locations, the Bellevue Public Library, and the Council Bluffs Public Library will begin this program on May 1.

"We are so excited to be able to offer these membership passes to library cardholders," said Merica Whitehall, Fontenelle Forest Executive Director. "One of the things that's really amazing to me is how much of a resource places like libraries and Fontenelle Forest are for the community. How vast the engagement, activities, and learning opportunities of the organizations are. We are thrilled to work closely with local institutions for the betterment of our community."

Each of the Omaha Public Library's 12 locations, the Council Bluffs Library, and the Bellevue Library have day passes available for check-out. Passes will be available year-round and are good for one time use on the day of the week designated on the pass and admits two adults and children under the age of 18 from their household. Individuals should check out the pass for the day they are interested in visiting Fontenelle Forest. Only one pass per library card can be issued. Passes must be returned to the library within five days of check out, or you are subject to a \$5 replacement fee.

"Fontenelle Forest is a beautiful space in which to explore and learn," says Omaha Public Library Executive Director Laura Marlane.

### **Omaha:**

To see which Omaha locations have passes available for the days you'd be interested in visiting, [click here](#) or call any library branch location to check availability. If you do not have a library card and want more information on how to get a card can [click here](#) or visit their local branch.

### **Bellevue:**

To see if the Bellevue Public Library has a family pass available on the day you want to visit the Forest, [check the availability here](#). You can also find information about getting a Bellevue Library card, [click here](#).

### **Council Bluffs:**

To see if the Council Bluffs Public Library has a family pass to Fontenelle Forest available, [check here](#).

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***About Fontenelle Forest***

*Fontenelle Forest's mission is to provide a place where people can experience and enjoy the quiet wild of nature. We want to inspire current and future generations to care for the natural world. Fontenelle Forest is one of Nebraska's oldest conservation organizations and one of the largest private nature centers in the nation. With Fontenelle Forest Nature Center in Bellevue and Neale Woods in Omaha, FF encompasses nearly 2,000 acres of forest, prairie, wetlands, and Native American historical sites along the Missouri River.*

*Fontenelle Forest is the only organization in Nebraska permitted by the state and federal government to rehabilitate orphaned or injured raptors. Raptor Woodland Refuge, located at the Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, opened in 2016 and provides visitors with an opportunity to observe many species of birds of prey in a unique, tree-top environment.*