

Iowa SWCS Summer Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2024

Wallace Learning Center at ISU Armstrong Research and Demonstration Farm

53020 Hitchcock Ave.

Lewis, IA 51544



Iowa Chapter

Cost: \$30 for SWCS members*; \$40 for non-members; \$20 for students

Registration Information: Pre-register through Eventbrite by ~~Thursday, May 23~~ **Wednesday, June 5** (deadline extended!). Payment can be made with a credit or debit card through Eventbrite, or with cash or check in person at the meeting, but registration must be completed through Eventbrite regardless of payment method.

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-swcs-2024-summer-meeting-tickets-903404446017>

Other Info: Consider bringing what you need for sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, etc.), outdoor shoes, and a water bottle. See below for additional items for the post-meeting social.

AGENDA

9:30 AM Check in, networking, and morning refreshments

10:00 AM **MORNING PRESENTATIONS**

SWCS Welcome

Wallace Learning Center / ISU Armstrong Research and Demonstration Farm Welcome

10:20 AM **Bringing Awareness to Conservation: Education and Engaging Youth**

- Ruth Blomquist, Area Soil Health Specialist, NRCS

10:50 AM BREAK

11:00 AM **My Regenerative Journey**

- Seth Watkins, Owner, Pinhook Farm

12:00 PM **LUNCH** – catered by Downtowner Café & Catering in Atlantic

1:00 PM **AFTERNOON PRESENTATION**

Surficial Geology of Western Iowa, Loess Soil, Stream and Gully Erosion, and In-Stream Control Practices, Bank Stabilization, and Pictures

- John Thomas, Project Director and Fluvial Geomorphologist, Hungry Canyons Alliance and Golden Hills RC&D

2:00 PM **AFTERNOON TOUR**

- Travel to **George B. Hitchcock House** near Lewis for a 1-hour Underground Railroad Tour beginning at 2:15 PM

Post Meeting Social: Gather at **Cold Springs Park** for more socializing with fellow conservationists and fishing at Cold Springs Lake! BYOB and fishing pole.

*To join SWCS, visit www.swcs.org/join or join on site at the meeting. Learn more about the Iowa Chapter at www.iaswcs.org and @iaswcs on Facebook and Twitter!

Questions? Contact Jon Tesdell (SW Area Chair) at 641-332-2640 (work) or 641-431-0645 (cell), or Jerry Neppel (Chapter President) at 515-450-2325.

Location Information

All locations near the town of Lewis in Cass County, Iowa

- Meet at **Wallace Learning Center**
ISU Armstrong Research and Demonstration Farm
53020 Hitchcock Avenue, Lewis, IA

(on north side of gravel road; look for large sign)

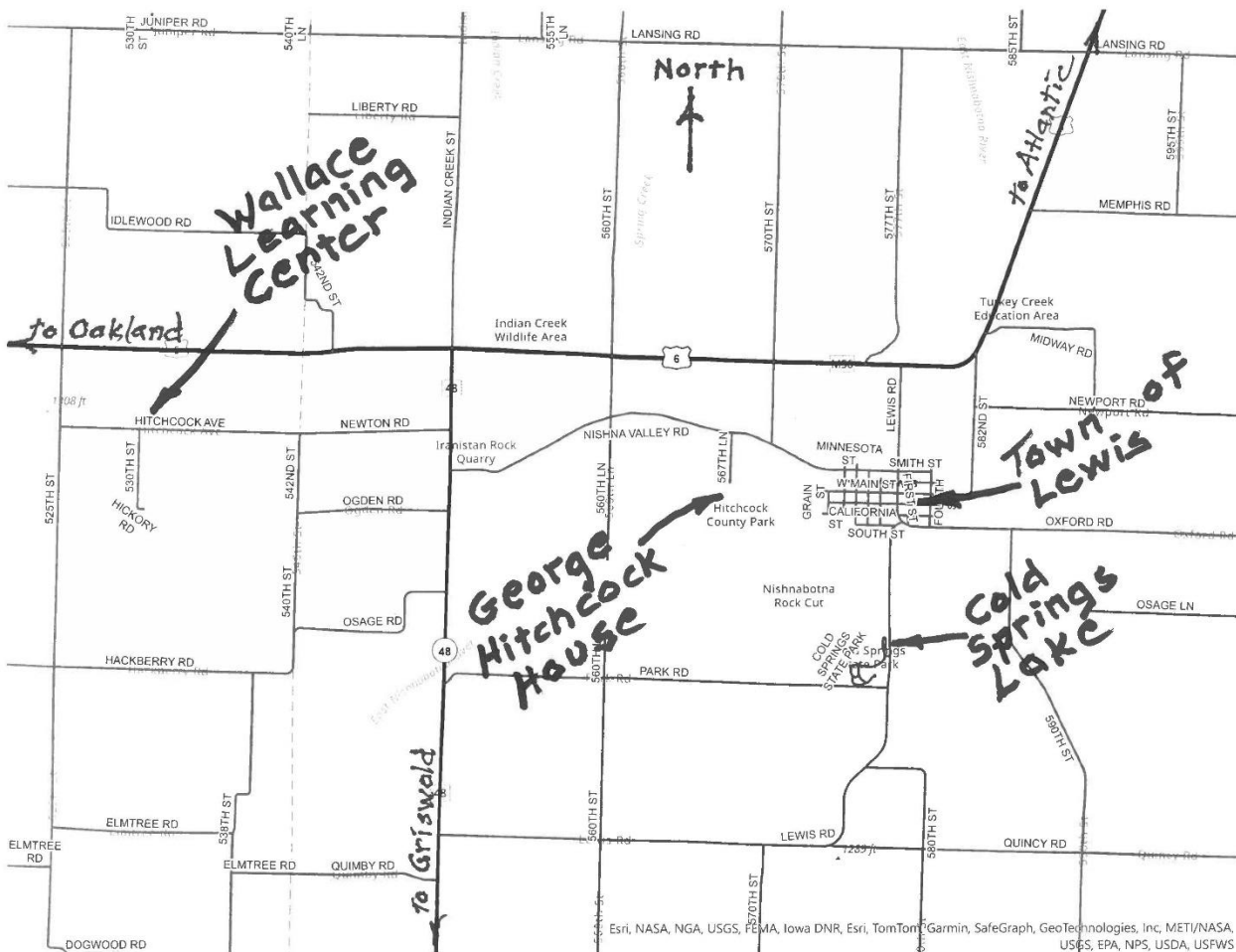


- Travel to **George B. Hitchcock House** at the Hitchcock Recreation Area
63788 567th Lane, Lewis, IA

- Travel to **Cold Springs Park** for Post Meeting Social
57744 Lewis Road, Lewis, IA



(Cold Springs Park has a campground, and Cold Springs Lake has fish in it, if you enjoy angling)



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