

The Mid-America Council  
**Outdoor Fun**  
**Locations**  
by District and County  
2024 Edition



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# Introduction

This book is for the service of scouts and their packs, troops, crews and families when looking for a place to camp or enjoy the great outdoors. The Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge hopes it encourages your unit to discover new places for camping and outdoor activities that keep scouting fresh, challenging and exciting. This book contains the collected knowledge of campgrounds, parks, and trails in the Mid-America Council.

It is a work in progress—there is always room for updated information, comments from leaders and youth, and additions and corrections. We won't be able to make updates *every* time something is sent in, but at least periodically, we will make updates to the electronic version.

There are parks where we have little to no information, especially in Nebraska. Some counties do not put much, if any, camping information on-line. If you know about a park and can help fill in the information, please send it to us! Use the [support@lodge97.org](mailto:support@lodge97.org) email address. With this, we'll create updates, add comments about parks, add new parks, and so forth.

We owe a special thank you to Thomas Cruse, and Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge volunteers for developing the original version of this resource in 2014. It has been a useful resource for Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Venturing Crews for many years.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project. Enjoy!

*Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge*  
[www.Lodge97.org](http://www.Lodge97.org)

## How to Use This Guide

The *Outdoor Fun Locations* guide is designed to be used by Cub leaders, Troop leaders and Crew leaders alike. Each area includes the name, the closest town (and sometimes approximate directions), a brief description, and a “scout information” section. This information includes:

Camping—is camping available at the location?

Toilets—are toilets located here? This edition does NOT make a distinction between pit and flush toilets; however, often if there are no showers, then the toilets are pit.

Hiking Trails—is hiking available?

Showers—are showers available? This will often indicate flush toilets, sinks, and the like.

Aquatics—if this is marked “yes”, then the site has swimming, fishing, and boating. Otherwise, the specific activities will be noted.

Co-Ed Friendly—Are there separate toilet facilities?

Drinking Water—is potable water available at the site. This guide does NOT make a distinction between sites that have water all year and those that turn water on and off seasonally.

Electricity—are sites with electricity available?

Cabins—are there cabins located at the facility?

Comments—these are comments from scouters, like you, who have camped at this location.

# Mid-America Council Properties

## *Camp Cedars*

**Camp Cedars** is located on the south bank of the Platte River near Fremont, Nebraska. Camp Cedars is home to Mid-America Council's premier Scouts BSA long-term camp. It occasionally hosts sessions of Cub or Webelos camp, National Youth Leadership Training and Wood Badge and Powder Horn training.

Camp Cedars comprises the western half of the Covered Wagon Scout Ranch and is located approximately three miles northeast of Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska. It has been Mid-America Council's principal long-term resident camp since 1939. Camp Cedars consists of 360 acres of wooded hills and meadows on the bluffs overlooking the south bank of the Platte River.

Camp Cedars features a heated pool; three shower houses; five FEMA-rated storm shelters, a campsite accessible to the physically challenged; the air-conditioned HunTel Systems dining hall; the Bates Amphitheater; a shooting sports facility featuring the Protzman Arena and the Scott Family Shotgun Range; the Dixon Family Nature Center; Haddix Trading Post; Scott Health Center; Smith Administration Building; Scott Director's Cabin; Karp Pavilion; Rotary Shelter; Millard Resource Center and Honored Camping building. Fifteen campsites provide permanent tent platforms, including the Armstrong McDonald wheelchair-accessible campsite, for Scouts and leaders. Two campsites are available for bring-your-own tent camping.

Camp Cedars also boasts the premier Challenging Outdoor Program Experience (COPE) course in the midwest and a lake for canoeing, rowing and fishing. Camp Cedars also features a rappelling tower, 65-feet high, with climbing walls - the highest tower in the BSA!

Buildings and facilities at Cedars may be rented when summer camp is not in session. **Contact Scouter Services at the Durham Scout Center for more information 402.431.9272.**

Covered Wagon Scout Reservation  
2911 County Road 15  
Cedar Bluffs, NE 68015

Camp Cedars  
2898 Tom Lee Rd.  
Cedar Bluffs, NE 68015

Robert Cook, Camp Ranger, [Robert.Cook@scouting.org](mailto:Robert.Cook@scouting.org), 402.452.7115  
Noah Morocco, Camp Ranger, [Noah.Morocco2@scouting.org](mailto:Noah.Morocco2@scouting.org), 402-541-6575  
Cedars Admin GPS Coordinates: lat 41.430711 | lon -96.584963  
Web Address: <https://mac-bsa.org/camping-outdoors/council-facilities/camp-cedars/>  
On-line Reservation System: <https://campreservation.com/326/Camps/295>

Weather conditions at Camp Cedars can be viewed at [Tempestwx.com](http://Tempestwx.com) by signing in using the email address: [mac@scouting.org](mailto:mac@scouting.org) and the password CampGuest. The down arrow at the center of the screen toggles between sensors at Camp Cedars and Little Sioux Scout Ranch.

## ***Little Sioux Scout Ranch***

**Little Sioux Scout Ranch (LSSR)** is approximately one hour north of Omaha, Nebraska in Iowa's Loess Hills. The 1,800-acre ranch is approximately 15 minutes east of Interstate 29, off the Little Sioux exit (#95).

LSSR is host to a variety of programs annually, including National Youth Leadership Training and Camp Amikaro Cub & Webelos Resident Camp. It is also available for year-round camping for Scouting groups as well as outside organizations.

LSSR has several buildings, including the North Shelter, the East and South Cabins, the Administration/HQ building, with kitchen, a large pavilion and stage, the Welcome Center and a shower house with flushable toilets during Spring, Summer and Fall. Both the North Shelter and Welcome Center are FEMA-rated storm shelters. Outside of Camp Amikaro operations, these facilities are available for rental year-round. For more information on rental of this camp's facilities, you may contact Scouter Services at 402-431-9272.

LSSR also has some outstanding hiking trails, and a patch can be earned for hiking several of the trails. A trail map is available: <https://mac-bsa.org/app/uploads/2019/07/ScoutRanch-Handout2-1.pdf>. Trail maps for the red, white and blue trails can be accessed at <https://mac-bsa.org/app/uploads/2019/07/RedWhiteBlueTrails.pdf>. Trail maps for the blue, gold and brown trails can be accessed at <https://macbsa.org/app/uploads/2019/07/BlueGoldBrownTrails.pdf>

Little Sioux Scout Ranch  
32977 Larpenteur Memorial Rd  
Little Sioux IA 51545

Robert Cook, Camp Ranger, [Robert.Cook@scouting.org](mailto:Robert.Cook@scouting.org) 402.452.7115

LSSR Welcome Center GPS Coordinates: lat 41.877417 | lon -95.979457

Web Address: <https://mac-bsa.org/camping-outdoors/council-facilities/little-sioux-scout-ranch/>

On-line Reservation System: <https://campreservation.com/326/Camps/296>

## ***Camp Eagle***

**Camp Eagle** is a 312-acre camp on the bank of the Platte River near Fremont, Nebraska. Camp Eagle comprises the eastern half of the Covered Wagon Scout Ranch, and is located approximately four miles northeast of Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska. It consists of 312 acres of woods, meadows and river bottomland. The camp has a variety of buildings: Pentzien Lodge, an air-conditioned "A-frame" dining hall which can seat 200; the Chief's Wickiup, an administrative center with meeting and rest rooms and sleeping quarters for two; Millard Lodge, a general-purpose building with meeting rooms, restrooms, showers, bunks for 50 and a kitchen.

Eagle also has four air-conditioned cabins, each with a kitchen, bathroom and bunks for 16 people. Three of the cabins are wheelchair accessible. The camp also has a 5-acre lake for boating and fishing, a campfire stage, picnic shelter and BB and archery ranges. Campers can also stay in any of twelve primitive campsites. For more information on rental of this camp's facilities, you may contact Scouter Services at 402-431-9272.

Originally opened by the Covered Wagon Council (now the Mid-America Council) in 1963, Camp Eagle was a Boy Scout Resident Camp. Camp Eagle hosts district camporees, Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut Lodge events and many unit campouts.

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Web Address: <https://camppreservation.com/326/Camps/297>

On-line Reservation System: <https://camppreservation.com/326/Camps/297>

**Note:** The Mid-America Council also rents equipment to help you create great unit adventures.

- Canoes
- Kayaks
- Row boats
- Trailers to haul canoes/kayaks
- Life jackets, paddles and oars



# Black Hawk, Iron Horse, Wagon Wheel Districts

## *Douglas County, Nebraska*

**Name:** Elkhorn Crossing Recreation Area

**Location:** 252<sup>nd</sup> St. and Bennington Rd.

**Description:** Open for camping from April 1 to November 1, Fishing available in Elkhorn River. Boating access to Elkhorn River. This is a primitive campsite, with no water.

### **Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails n

Aquatics n

Drinking Water n

Toilets y

Showers n

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity n

Cabins n

**Web:** <https://www.papionrd.org/tag/elkhorn-crossing/>

**Name:** Glenn Cunningham Lake

**Park Location/Address:** The park is located along 96th Street with entrances at State Highway 36, State Street, 96th Street and Rainwood Road.

**Park Description:** Glenn Cunningham Lake, NE, named for former Omaha mayor and U.S. Congressman Glenn C. Cunningham, is located in north central Omaha, and is operated by the City of Omaha. The lake has a surface area of 390 acres and is surrounded by 1,050 acres of parkland. Recreational opportunities include camping, no-wake boating, fishing, hiking and bicycling, picnicking, and horseback riding.

**Web Address:** <http://www.cityofomaha.org/parks/parks/campgrounds>

**Contact:** 402-444-4628

### **Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails y

Aquatics y

Drinking Water n

Toilets y

Showers n

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity n

Cabins n

**Name:** NP Dodge Park

**Park Location/Address:** 11005 John J Pershing Drive

**Park Description:** N.P. Dodge Park is 445 acres with two "double-wide" park boat ramps located on the Missouri River. There is a nice natural area around the inlet north of the marina for river fishing.

**Web Address:** <https://parks.cityofomaha.org/parks/marinas-boating>

**Contact:** 402-444-5900

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> Y (boating/fishing)	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u>	N					

**Name: Prairie View Recreation Area****Park Location/Address:** 180<sup>th</sup> St., ½ mile South of Hwy 36, near Bennington, NE**Park Description:** A 84-acre recreation area for day-use with access to trails for hiking and biking, and a 42-acre lake for fishing.**Web Address:** <https://www.papionrd.org/recreation-wildlife/parks-and-trails/prairie-view-recreation-area/>**Contact:** 402-444-6222**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> Y (fishing/boating)	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u> Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N					

## ***Cass County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Eugene T. Mahoney State Park

**Location:** Exit 426 off of Interstate 80 or 3.5 miles East of Ashland, NE on Nebraska Hwy 66.

**Description:** Open year-round. Overnight lodging, 53 modern cabins, 40 lodge/motel rooms. 149 RV sites w/electricity. Seasonal and year round activities. Full service restaurant. Conference facilities and catering services. Off-season discounts available. Park Entry Permit required.

**Web:** <https://outdoornebraska.gov/mahoney/>

**Phone:** 402.944.2523

### **Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails y

Aquatics y

Drinking Water y

Toilets y

Showers y

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity y

Cabins y

Other Information: Horse-back riding, ice skating, paddle-boats, and fishing are all available.

**Name:** Louisville State Recreation Area Park

**Location:** One-half mile northwest of Louisville on highway 50.

**Description:** 192 acres offer hiking, picnicking, swimming, fishing, non-power boating and canoe access to the Platte River. Anglers will find bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie and walleye in five sandpit lakes with some 50 surface acres of water. Camping facilities include 145 allweather camping pads, complete with electrical hookups, another 84 all-weather pads without electricity. There is another area to handle yet another 75 units on primitive, non-designated sites.

**Web:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/?s=Louisville+State+Recreation+Area>

**Phone:** 402.234.6855

### **Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails y

Aquatics y

Drinking Water y

Toilets y

Showers y

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity y

Cabins n

**Name:** Platte River State Park

**Location:** Exit 426 from I-80 (between Omaha & Lincoln); take highway 66 east toward South Bend, entrance is 6 miles from the interstate.

**Description:** Lodging includes the “camper cabin” concept. There are 31 cabins, grouped around central shower-latrine buildings, with four to six units in a pod. Each cabin has refrigerator, fire grate for outdoor cooking and a picnic table, and linens are provided.

**Web:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/?s=Platte+River+State+Park>

**Phone:** 402.234.2217

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y (cabins)	<u>Hiking Trails</u> n	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> y			

## ***Sarpy County, Nebraska***

***Name:*** Camp Wa-Kon-Da

***Location/Address:*** 402 Forest Dr., Bellevue, NE 68005

***Camp Contacts:***

Fontelle Forest: 402-431-3140 ext. 1036

Scouter Services: 402.431.9272

***Web Address:*** <https://camppreservation.com/326/Camps/727>

**Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails Y

Aquatics n

Drinking Water y

Toilets y

Showers n

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity y

Cabins y

Camp Wa-kon-da, formerly owned by the Mid-America Council, is in Bellevue, Nebraska and covers 40 acres of wooded bluffs, adjacent to Fontenelle Forest, the current owner of this camp. The camp has 6 Adirondack-style shelters. There are conveniently located latrines, with water, in addition to frost-free spigots that are running year-round. The Paxton Program Building has a furnace, fireplace, kitchen, restroom and shower.

Wa-kon-da is the home of the Logan Fontenelle Trail, one of the BSA's historic trails. The MidAmerica Council has an agreement with Fontenelle Forest that allows our campers access to 10 miles of trails, included in your camp reservation fee. Wa-kon-da is a convenient place to stay while taking in local attractions like the Henry Doorly Zoo or the Durham Museum. Wa-kon-da is available year-round.

***Name:*** Chalco Hills - Wehrspann Lake

***Park Location/Address:*** 154<sup>th</sup> and Giles Road, in NW Sarpy County, Omaha, Nebraska

***Park Description:*** A 940-acre recreation area for day-use with access to trails for hiking and biking, and a 250-acre lake for fishing.

***Web Address:*** <https://www.papionrd.org/recreation-wildlife/parks-and-trails/chalco-hills-at-wehrspann-lake/>

***Contact:*** 402-444-6222

**Scout Info**

Camping N

Hiking Trails Y

Aquatics Y (fishing/boating)

Drinking Water Y

Toilets Y

Showers N

Co-ed Friendly Y

Electricity Y

Cabins N

**Name:** Haworth Park

**Park Location/Address:** Bellevue Nebraska

**Park Description:** basic campground, with river access.

**Web Address:** <https://bellevue.net/departments/parks/overview>

**Contact:** 402-293-3122

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> Y (fishing/boating)	<u>Drinking Water</u> Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> Y	<u>Electricity</u> Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N				

**Name:** Prairie Queen Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** Hwy 370 and 132<sup>nd</sup> St, in NW Sarpy County, Papillion Nebraska

**Park Description:** A recreation area for day-use with access to trails for hiking and biking, and a 135-acre lake for fishing and no-wake boating.

**Web Address:** <https://www.papionrd.org/recreation-wildlife/parks-and-trails/chalco-hills-at-wehrspann-lake/>

**Contact:** 402-597-2049

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> Y (fishing/boating)	<u>Drinking Water</u> Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> Y	<u>Electricity</u> Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N				

**Name:** Walnut Creek

**Park Location/Address:** 9902 Schram Rd, Papillion, NE 68046

**Park Description:** The Walnut Creek Lake & Recreation Area features: Hiking/Biking Trails (approx. 3 miles), Boat Dock & Ramp, Picnic & Play Areas, Fishing Pier, Lake Islands for Fishing, Equestrian Trail, RV & Tent Camping

**Web Address:**

<https://www.papillion.org/facilities/facility/details/walnutcreekrecreationarea-14>

**Contact:** 402.592.8877

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

# Trailblazer District

## *Pottawattamie County, Iowa*

**Name:** Arrowhead Park

**Park Location/Address:** 29357 310th Street Neola, IA 51559

**Park Description:** This 147-acre park includes a fishing pond encircled in wooded acres providing hiking, trails and wildlife. The 17-acre fishing pond is filled with Bluegill, Bass and Catfish.

Visitors are invited to fish from shore, off the equal access fishing dock or from a boat.

**Web Address:** <https://www.pottconservation.com/parks/arrowhead/>

**Contact:** 712-485-2295

### **Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails y

Aquatics boating, fishing

Drinking Water y

Toilets y

Showers y

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity y

Cabins Y

**Name:** Botna Bend Park

**Park Location/Address:** 42926 Mahogany Road, Hancock, IA 51536

**Park Description:** Botna Bend Park is a favorite for campers who enjoy a small town atmosphere. Park visitors will love this quiet, beautiful park that is located next to the Nishnabotna River. While at Botna Bend, anglers commonly catch flathead catfish and carp. Another huge draw to Botna Bend is the bison and elk herd that resides in the park's pasture areas.

**Web Address:** [https://www.pottconservation.com/parks/botna\\_bend/](https://www.pottconservation.com/parks/botna_bend/)

**Contact:** 712-741-5465

**Park Name:** Hitchcock Nature Center

**Park Location/Address:** 27792 Ski Hill Loop, Honey Creek IA

**Park Description:** This 1,102-acre nature center is located in the heart of the globally significant Loess Hills and harbors some of the largest remaining prairie remnants in the state of Iowa. At Hitchcock, visitors can enjoy many unique low-impact recreation opportunities such as hiking, Camping, picnicking, bird watching, sledding, star gazing or simply enjoying nature.

**Web Address:** <http://www.pottcoconservation.com/parks-and-habitat-areas/hitchcock-naturecenter/>

**Contact:** 712-328-5638

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> n	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> y			

**Name: Lake Manawa State Park****Park Location/Address:** 1100 South Shore Drive Council Bluffs, IA 51501

**Park Description:** Lake Manawa State Park is one of the most popular outdoor recreation facilities in the Omaha/Council Bluffs metropolitan area. The park's 1,529 acres encompass a beautiful 772-acre lake. Lake Manawa was formed during a flood in 1881 when a portion of the river channel was cut off by the meandering of the great Missouri River. Over the years, the resulting "oxbow" lake, became a major outdoor recreation center for thousands of visitors. "Manawa" is a Native American term meaning "peace and comfort."

**Web Address:**

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Lake-Manawa-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-366-0220**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

Other information: Lake Manawa state park is partly managed by the City of Council Bluffs. Contact the park before making camping.

**Name: Narrow Rivers Park****Park Location/Address:** 2500 North 25th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

**Park Description:** Narrows River Park provides boat access to the mighty Missouri River. A covered shelter with large deck overlooking the river invites visitors to stay and enjoy the beauty of the river and the Omaha skyline downstream. In addition to the boat ramp, facilities include a restroom, hiking trails, horseshoe pits, archery range, and a new playground. **Web Address:**

[https://www.pottconservation.com/parks/narrows\\_river/](https://www.pottconservation.com/parks/narrows_river/)

**Contact:** 402-490-1290**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> n	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> n
<u>Cabins</u> n			



**Name: Old Town Park**

12515 385th Street, Macedonia, IA 51549

Old Town Park is a small park that provides a picnic area and river access. This is a great place to inner-tube down the river.

**Web Address:** [https://www.pottconservation.com/parks/old\\_town/](https://www.pottconservation.com/parks/old_town/)

**Contact:** 712-741-5465

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> n	<u>Aquatics</u> y (inner-tubes)	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> n
<u>Cabins</u> n			

Other information: Located along the Mormon Trail

**Name: Wilson Island**

**Park Location/Address:** 32801 Campground Lane Missouri Valley, IA 51555

**Park Description:** Wilson Island, named after former Governor George Wilson, came into existence as an island sandbar around 1900. Today, Wilson Island State Recreation Area encompasses 544 acres of dense cottonwood stands. Seclusion is one of the area's greatest assets and spacious shady campsites, Hiking Trails and picnic spots provide a welcome retreat. Wildlife is abundant in the park and a visitor may see deer grazing in the park's fields or be awakened by a huge flock of snow geese flying low overhead in the fall. Bald eagles are often perched in the tall cottonwoods during the winter and mushroom hunters will find no better place in the spring. On the way to Wilson Island, visitors will see the unique wave-like loess hills which overlook the great Missouri River flood plain. These rugged hills are found along the Missouri River Valley in Iowa and Missouri. Early history tells us that Lewis and Clark camped on this reach of the Missouri River in 1804 on their historic trip to and from the Pacific Coast.

**Web Address:**

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Wilson-Island-State-Recreation-Area>

**Contact:** 712-642-2069

**Scout Info n**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

## ***Mills County, Iowa***

### **Name: Fisher Wildlife Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Located roughly 2.5 miles east of Malvern on north side of Lambert Ave (H38) along the west side of the West Nishnabotna River.

**Park Description:** This 20-acre area was added to the Mills County Conservation Board's publicly accessible areas with assistance from the local Fremont-Mills chapter of Pheasants Forever. The area consists of previously established Quail and Riparian Buffer strips as well as general green space and river bottom timber. The Fisher Wildlife Area provides habitat for wildlife, access to the West Nishnabotna River for recreationists, and is open to public hunting.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Mills/Park/Fisher-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-527-9685

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> n	<u>Hiking</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-Ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> n
<u>Cabins</u> n			

### **Name: Lake George**

**Park Location/Address:** 59490 380th St

**Park Description:** This 9-acre park offers a 2-acre fishing lake with 2 picnic shelters that can be used on a first come first serve basis, or shelter reservations can be made at least one week in advance of the desired date, for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per day. There are gravel parking lots near the shelter area, allowing for easy public access. There are a total of 6 picnic tables on site, with 2 group grills and 1 pedestal grill. Lake George is a very good birding area due to the close proximity to Indian Creek and the access to both live and dead trees for bird use.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Mills/Park/Lake-George.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-527-9685

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> n	<u>Hiking</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-Ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> n
<u>Cabins</u> n			

**Name: Pony Creek Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 56235 Deacon Road, Pacific Junction, Iowa 51561

**Park Description:** This 53-acre park offers 6 recently renovated 50, 30, 20 amp electrical campsites with gravel pads measuring 14 feet wide by nearly 30 feet in depth, which run \$12.00 per night. All electrical camp sites have 1 pedestal grill, 1 fire ring and 1 picnic table. All other campsites are \$10.00 per night, 8 of which have 1 pedestal grill, 1 fire ring and 1 picnic table. There is a new centralized playground located near the electrical campsites. There are 2 picnic shelters that can be used on a first come first serve basis, or shelters may be reserved for a nonrefundable fee of \$25.00 per day. The park offers 3 pit latrines, 1 of which is handicap accessible. There are Hiking Trails within the park as well as a scenic overlook platform. The park also has 1.5 acres of restored prairie as well as 4-acres of native prairie. During fall, a wonderful image is painted upon the canvas of treetops across the lake from the park. Campground open April 1 – November 1.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Mills/Park/Pony-Creek-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-527-9685

**Scout Info**

Camping y

Toilets y

Cabins n

Hiking Trails y

Showers n

Aquatics n

Co-ed Friendly y

Drinking Water n

Electricity n

## ***Montgomery County, Iowa***

### **Name: Erickson Conservation Park**

#### **Location/Address:**

**Park Description:** Erickson Wildlife Area was purchased from Wesley and Daryl Erickson in August 2004. It is 130 Acres and was purchased using Wildlife Habitat Stamp Grant and REAP funds. Erickson Wildlife Area is all public use area for hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. The Montgomery County FFA Cooperative plants all food plots for wildlife. No motorized vehicles are allowed on this area unless authorized by the Montgomery County Conservation Board.

**Contact:** 712-623-4753

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> n	<u>Hiking Trails</u> n	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> n
<u>Toilets</u> n	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> n	<u>Electricity</u> n
<u>Cabins</u> n			

### **Name: Franek Prairie Park**

**Location/Address:** Located on Highway 34 - between Red Oak and Stanton. Look for the "Bison Monument" at about mile marker 43.

**Park Description:** A 3.75 acre triangular piece of land acquired from the IDOT located on Highway 34 between Stanton and Red Oak. Dorothy Franek gave the Montgomery County Conservation Board a \$1000.00 donation for this purchase. A grant from the Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF) also provided funds for the planting of prairie grasses and wildflowers

**Contact:** 712-623-4753

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> n	<u>Hiking Trails</u> n	<u>Aquatics</u> n	<u>Drinking Water</u> n
<u>Toilets</u> n	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> n
<u>Cabins</u> n			

### **Name: Hacklebarney Woods Park**

**Location/Address:** Hacklebarney Woods Park is located 1 mile northeast of the U.S. Hwy 34 and U.S. Hwy 71 intersection, 4 miles north of Villisca, IA.

**Park Description:** This area totals 230 acres in size and is managed as a multi-use area. The public facilities at Hacklebarney Woods includes a campground with fourteen electrical sites, a horse campground with four non-electrical sites, a shelter house, three pit vault latrines, a swing set, approximately three foot bridges, picnic area and two ponds. Camping season is April 1 – October 15.

**Contact:** 712-623-4753

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> n	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

**Name: Pilot Grove Park**

**Location/Address:** Pilot Grove Park is located 4 miles west of Grant, IA and 9 miles east of Elliott, IA on 110th Street.

**Park Description:** This 50 acre park provides amazing outdoor recreational opportunities to include: camping, hiking, fishing, kayaking, picnic areas, and much more. The public facilities available include 22 campsites, campground restroom/shower house, dump station, three picnic shelters, half mile of paved hiking trails around a six acre lake, and one fishing pond. Campsites are first come first serve. Camping season is April 1 – October 15.

**Contact:** 712-623-4753

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> n	<u>Aquatics</u> n	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

**Name: Viking Lake State Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 2780 Viking Lake Road, Stanton, IA 51573

**Park Description:** Viking Lake is one of the most popular state parks in southwest Iowa due to its accessibility and variety of recreational opportunities. A large portion of the 1,000-acre park has been left in its natural state and has an abundance of wildflowers, plants and wildlife. It is not uncommon to see beavers, turkeys, muskrats, ducks, shore birds and white-tailed deer. Many of the park's hills and valleys were once campsites of Native American tribes and artifacts were uncovered when the dam was being constructed.

**Website:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Viking-Lake-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-829-2235

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

Other information: Bait, Bird Watching, Boat Rental, Boating, Camping - Electric, Nonelectric, Youth Group; Canoeing, Concession, Cross Country Skiing, Dining, Firewood Sales, Fish Cleaning Station, Fishing, Hiking, Horseshoe Pits, Kayaking, Modern Campground, Paddle Boating, Lake, Picnic Area, Picnic Shelter, Playground, Restrooms, Showers, Snowmobiling, Swimming, Trails, Cross Country Skiing, Hiking Trails, Snowmobile, Water.

## ***Union County, Iowa***

**Name:** Cedar Park

**Park Location/Address:** Cedar Park is located approximately 4 miles east and south of Creston

**Park Description:** Twelve acre Cedar Park is a favorite for family and community outings. It has a small pond, enclosed shelter with potable water, electricity and restrooms. A 1/4 mile trail, complete with footbridges leads to the butterfly garden, a relaxing spot to observe nature on a warm summer day.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Cedar-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 641-347-5100

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> n	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

**Name:** Green Valley State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1480 130th Street Creston, IA 50801

**Park Description:** Green Valley Lake is used for all types of boating; water skiing is allowed in a designated area. For safety reasons, there are special regulations governing water skiing. All other boats must keep out of the general traffic pattern of boats pulling skiers and must not operate at speeds greater than five miles per hour when within 50 feet of another craft or person. All water skiers, including those using surfboard-type devices, must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life-saving jackets. No boat is allowed to be operated within 100 feet of shore at speeds greater than five miles per hour. Boats must also maintain a "no wake" speed when outside the ski zone. Four boat ramps on Green Valley Lake provide convenient lake access. Green Valley's 390-acre lake draws hundreds of visitors on hot summer days. Not only does it offer excellent fishing, boating and swimming, it is also the focal point for a great variety of other outdoor recreation pursuits.

**Website:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/test/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Green-Valley-State-Park>

**Contact:** (641) 782-5131

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

Other information: Beach, Bicycling, Bird Watching, Boat Launch Ramp, Boating, Camping - Electric, Camping - Full Hook-up, Camping - Nonelectric, Camping - Youth Group, Canoeing, Cross Country Skiing, Dock, Boat, Dock, Fishing, Dump Station, Firewood Sales, Fishing, Hiking, Jogging/Running, Kayaking, Modern Campground, Mountain Biking, Paddle Boating,

Park Lake, Picnic Area, Picnic Shelter, Playground, Restrooms, Retail, Drinks, Sail Boating, Showers, Snowmobiling, Swimming - Beach, Trails, Bicycle, Trails, Cross Country Skiing, Trails, Hiking Trails, Mountain Bike, Snowmobile, Walking, Water Hydrants, Water Skiing, Wildflower Viewing, Wildlife viewing .

**Name: Groesbeck Wildlife Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Groesbeck Wildlife Area is located approximately 7 miles northeast of Afton, IA and 4 miles east of Three Mile Lake Recreation Area.

**Park Description:** This 112-acre area northeast of Afton offers almost everything a hunter could want, from timber to open grassland. The 4 acre pond with nesting island provides excellent fishing.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Groesbeck-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 641-347-5100

**Scout Info**

Camping	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
Toilets	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
Cabins	n						

**Name: Mallard Point Campground**

**Park Location/Address:** The park is located approximately 3 miles north of Afton.

**Park Description:** This campground has 38 campsites. 20,30, and 50AMP service is available. There also 4 walk-in campsites available right next to the lake. There are 3 pit latrines located throughout the campground.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Mallard-Point-Campground.aspx>

**Contact:** 641-347-5100

**Scout Info**

Camping	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
Toilets	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
Cabins	n						

**Name: Mt. Pisgah**

**Park Location/Address:** Mt. Pisgah is located approximately 4 miles south and west of Lorimor, Iowa.

**Park Description:** This park was the site of the first white settlement in Union County and one of eight camps established by the Mormons on their trek from Nauvoo, Illinois to Utah in 1846. In 1852 the population reached a peak of 3,000, but today all that remains is a limestone obelisk bearing the names of some of those buried there. It is nominated for the State Registry of historic places and is a state preserve. Aside from the historical background this area accommodates many families for picnics with a shelter house, picnic tables, latrine and an approved water supply.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Mt-Pisgah.aspx>  
**Contact:** 641-347-5100

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

#### **Name: Talmage Hill Nature Park**

**Park Location/Address:** Talmage Hill Nature Park is located approximately 5 miles east of Afton and 15 miles west of Osceola

**Park Description:** With 36 acres of native timber, this area was acquired to preserve its natural beauty. A leisurely walk along the hiking trail and a watchful eye can usually find an abundance of wildlife as well as wildflowers in the spring. Located along the south side of Highway 34, 2 miles west of Thayer, this area offers a shelter house, restrooms and picnic facilities. There is no hunting allowed at this area.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Talmage-Hill-Nature-Park.aspx>  
**Contact:** 641-347-5100

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

#### **Name: Talmage Hill Wildlife Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Talmage Hill Wildlife Area is located 2 miles west of Thayer, IA and 5 miles east of Afton, IA

**Park Description:** This 210-acre area on the north side of Highway 34, 2 miles west of Thayer, is one of the County's most beautiful natural areas. It abounds with habitat diversity, from the pond, marsh and timbered areas to the upland game areas. It is used extensively by wildlife enthusiasts as well as for an outdoor classroom for environmental education.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Talmage-Hill-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 641-347-5100

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>		<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

#### **Name: Thayer Lake Park**

**Park Location/Address:** Thayer Lake Park is located 1 mile south and west of Thayer



approximately 10 miles east of Afton and 12 miles west of Osceola

**Park Description:** Located 1 mile southwest of Thayer, this 10-acre lake was built by the railroad in the 1850's for water supply for steam engines. The 47 acre area includes excellent facilities for fishing as well as Camping, hiking, and picnicking. Access is available via a rocky road parallel to Highway 34 just south of Thayer which leads to the entrance and a beautiful drive through pristine native timber. With two shelter houses, primitive camping and electric hookups, this area receives considerable usage throughout the spring, summer and fall months. It is one of the oldest recreation areas in the county.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Thayer-Lake-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 641-347-5100

#### **Scout Info**

Camping	y	Hiking Trails	n	Aquatics	n	Drinking Water	y
Toilets	y	Showers	n	Co-ed Friendly	y	Electricity	y
Cabins	n						

#### **Name: Three Mile Recreational Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Three Mile Lake Recreation Area is located approximately 70 miles south and west of Des Moines 3 miles north of U.S. Highway 34 at Afton.

**Park Description:** large, popular well maintained area with boating, fishing, camping, cabins and lodge

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Three-Mile-Recreational-Area-South-Campground.aspx>

**Contact:** 641-347-5100

#### **Scout Info**

Camping	y	Hiking Trails	n	Aquatics	y	Drinking Water	y
Toilets	y	Showers	y	Co-ed Friendly	y	Electricity	y
Cabins	y						

#### **Name: Three Mile Recreational Area-South Campground**

**Park Location/Address:** This park is located approximately 3 miles north of Afton. *Park*

**Description:** This campground has 48 campsites, a playground, horseshoe pit, and the shower house located near it.

**Website:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Union/Park/Three-Mile-Recreational-Area-South-Campground.aspx>

**Contact:** 641-347-5100

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

## ***Taylor County, Iowa***

### **Name: French Preserve**

**Park Location/Address:** Take State Highway 2 east from Bedford 9.5 miles to Virginia Avenue, turn north on Virginia Avenue for 1 mile and the Area is on the west side of the road.

**Park Description:** An 80-acre timber tract owned by the Iowa DNR and managed by Taylor County Conservation Board. It is primarily a nature and wildlife preserve. No hunting or motorized vehicles are allowed. There are 3 miles of trails available for hikes or equestrian use. The area is rich in plant species. Take State Highway 2 east from Bedford 9.5 miles to Virginia Avenue, turn north on Virginia Avenue for 1 mile and the Area is on the west side of the road.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Taylor/Park/French-Preserve.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-523-2852

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

### **Name: Lake of the Three Fires State Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 2303 Lake Road Bedford, IA 50833

**Park Description:** The 85-acre Lake of Three Fires is nearly a mile long and a half-mile wide, with scenic inlets ideal for fishing and boating. Surrounding the lake are 691 acres of picturesque woodlands. Although summer is the most popular season, any nice spring or fall day will draw hundreds of picnickers, hikers, photographers and fishermen. There are eight miles of marked trails for hikers, horseback riders, and snowmobilers. Playgrounds are located in the picnic area and at the beach area. There are horseshoe pitching areas at the beach area near the lodge, the camp area and the picnic area.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Lake-of-Three-Fires-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-523-2700

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	y						

Other information: Beach, Bird Watching, Boat Launch Ramp, Boating, Camping - Electric, Camping - Equestrian, Camping - Nonelectric, Camping - Youth Group, Canoeing, Cross Country Skiing, Day-use Lodge, Dock, Boat, Dock, Fishing, Dump Station, Frisbee Disc Golf, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Horseshoe Pits, Jogging/Running, Kayaking, Modern Cabins, Modern Campground, Mountain Biking, Non-modern Campground, Paddle Boating, Park Lake,

Picnic Area, Picnic Shelter, Restrooms, Showers, Snowmobiling, Trails, Cross Country Skiing, Trails, Equestrian, Trails, Hiking, Trails, Mountain Bike, Trails, Snowmobile, Walking, Water Hydrants , Wildflower Viewing, Wildlife Viewing

**Name: Sands Timber Recreation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** 2881 Yellowstone Ave. Blockton IA 50838

**Park Description:** A 235-acre site with a 76-acre lake. There are 7 modern campsites for rent. Primitive Camping is also available. The lake is stocked with bass, channel cat and pan fish. Only electric boat motors are allowed. There is a 2 mile hiking trail on the west side of the park. Public hunting is allowed except in the Camping/picnic areas. The site is located west and north of Blockton. Just follow the signs west on County Road J55 for about 1/4 mile, go north on Yellow-stone Avenue for 1/4 mile and turn west into the en-trance. The park is 1/4 mile west of Yellowstone Avenue.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Taylor/Park/Sands-Timber-Recreation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-523-2852

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> n	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> n	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

**Name: Siam Tract**

**Park Location/Address:** 2453 300th Street Bedford IA 50833

**Park Description:** A 117-acre public hunting area. This area is located on the Taylor/Page County line on both sides of 300th Street

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Taylor/Park/Siam-Tract.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-523-2852

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> n	<u>Hiking Trails</u> n	<u>Aquatics</u> n	<u>Drinking Water</u> n
<u>Toilets</u> n	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> n	<u>Electricity</u> n
<u>Cabins</u> n			

**Name: Wilson Lake**

**Park Location/Address:** The site is south and east of Lenox. From County Road N64 go east on County Road J20 for 1 mile, then go south on Utah Avenue for 1.5 miles and there you are

**Park Description:** A 50-acre site with a 20-acre lake. There are 10 modern camp sites and primitive Camping is available. The lake has catfish, bass, pan fish and some walleye. Only electric boat motors are allowed. No hunting is allowed in the park. The site is south and east of

Lenox. From County Road N64 go east on County Road J20 for 1 mile, then go south on Utah Avenue for 1.5 miles and there you are!

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Taylor/Park/Wilson-Lake.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-523-2852

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Windmill Lake

**Park Location/Address:** A 60-acre site with a 20-acre lake.

**Park Description:** There are 14 modern camp sites and primitive camping is allowed on the west side of the lake. The lake has cat-fish, bass, pan fish and some walleye. Only electric boat motors are allowed. The site is located east of New Market Iowa.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Taylor/Park/Windmill-Lake.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-523-2852

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

## ***Page County, Iowa***

**Name:** Nodaway Valley Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1954 Hwy 71, Clarinda

**Park Description:** 165 acres

**Contact:** 712-542-3864

### **Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails y

Aquatics n

Drinking Water y

Toilets y

Showers y

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity y

Cabins n

**Name:** Pierce Creek Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 1148 140<sup>th</sup>, Essex

**Park Description:** 361 acres

**Contact:** 712-542-3864

### **Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails y

Aquatics fishing, boating

Drinking Water y

Toilets y

Showers y

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity y

Cabins n

Other information: fishing and boating available; hiking and equestrian trails. Archery range.

**Name:** Pioneer Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1849 Hwy 2, Shenandoah

**Park Description:** 361 acres

**Contact:** 712-542-3864

### **Scout Info**

Camping y

Hiking Trails n

Aquatics y

Drinking Water y

Toilets y

Showers y

Co-ed Friendly y

Electricity y

Cabins n

Other information: fishing, canoeing, some prairie

**Name:** Rapp Park and Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 1 Mile N. of Shenandoah on A

**Park Description:** 207 acres

**Contact:** 712-542-3864

**Scout Info**

Camping	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

Other information: day use only; bird watching, fishing

**Name:** Ross Park and Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 3 miles of Braddyville

**Park Description:** 76 acres

**Contact:** 712-542-3864

**Scout Info**

Camping	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

Other information: day use only; fishing, boating on lake

## ***Fremont County, Iowa***

**Name:** Waubonsie State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 2585 Waubonsie Park Road, Hamburg

**Park Description:** Waubonsie is located in the unique "Loess Hills," a landform found only along the Missouri River in Iowa and Missouri and in China. As glaciers melted 14,000 to 28,000 years ago, the Missouri River became a major channel for huge volumes of water and sediment during the summer. In winter, the volume of the meltwater was reduced, leaving the deposited sediments exposed to the wind. These sediments of silt, clay and very fine sand particles called "loess", were then carried by strong westerly winds and deposited when these winds encountered the steep slopes of the east valley wall.

There are several distinctive features of loess hills topography. Because of the fine texture of the soil, deep, steep-sided and very narrow ridge tops have been eroded in the hills. Small, step-like terraces called "cat steps" resulting from repeated slipping of the soil can be seen on many west-facing slopes. Since the soil drains rapidly, nearly vertical cuts can be made in the soil without erosion. The unique topography of the park resembles the "badlands" of the west and harbors plants like the yucca which are normally found in more arid climates.

**Contact:** 712-374-2347

**Web address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Waubonsie-State-Park>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> y			

Other information: Boat Launch Ramp, Boating, Camping - Electric, Camping - Equestrian, Camping - Nonelectric, Camping Cabins, Cross Country Skiing, Dump Station, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Modern Cabins, Modern Campground, Non-modern Campground, Picnic Area, Picnic Shelter, Restrooms, Scenic Driving Routes, Showers, Snowmobiling, Trail, Interpretive, Trails, Cross Country Skiing, Trails, Equestrian, Trails, Hiking, Trails, Snowmobile, Wildlife Viewing



## ***Adams County, Iowa***

**Name:** Lake Binder

**Park Location/Address:** 2 miles east for Corning on N53

**Park Description:**

**Contact:** (641) 322-4793

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/idnr/Fishing/Where-to-Fish/Lakes-Ponds-Reservoirs/LakeDetails/lakeCode/BIN02>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> n	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

Other information: primitive camping area, pit toilets only.

**Name:** Lake Icaria

**Park Location/Address:** 4 miles north of Corning on Hwy 148

**Park Description:** 2 large camping areas, state park run by the county

**Contact:** (641) 322-4793

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Adams/Park/-Lake-Icaria.aspx>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u> y	<u>Hiking Trails</u> y	<u>Aquatics</u> y	<u>Drinking Water</u> y
<u>Toilets</u> y	<u>Showers</u> y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u> y	<u>Electricity</u> y
<u>Cabins</u> n			

Other information: beach, excellent facilities, no reservable sites EXCEPT youth camping area, which has pit Toilets and water, and must be reserved at least one week in advance. Water is off mid-October to mid-April.

## ***Ringgold County, Iowa***

**Name:** Boone Woods

**Park Location/Address:** 3 miles southwest of Redding

**Park Description:** Boone Woods is a 311 acre mature timber area. There are fire lanes for hiking or horseback riding in this undisturbed oak - hickory forest remnant. Hunting, fishing, birdwatching, cross country skiing and a primitive campsite add to this secluded area.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Ringgold/Park/Boone-Woods.aspx>

No ATV, Snowmobiles, Dirtbikes or Motor Vehicle of any kind is allowed in any RCCB area.

**Contact:** (641) 464-2787

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Fife's Grove Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1 mile north of Mt Ayr

**Park Description:** Fife's Grove Park is a 52 acre park nestled in a remote, diverse area with an oak savanna, wetland, pond and prairie area. In 1964, Fife's Grove Park became the first park to come under management of the RCCB. The park boasts an outdoor enthusiasts dream with the natural diversity of ecosystems

**Contact:** (641) 464-2787

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Ringgold/Park/Fifes-Grove-Park.aspx>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Fogle Lake

**Park Location/Address:** just east of Diagonal Iowa

**Park Description:** state managed area with Camping, fishing, cabins and more. Very popular with local residents

**Contact:** (641) 464-2787

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Ringgold/Park/Poe-Hollow-Park.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	y						

Other information: fishing, electric motors, canoes, great day use or camping area. 1 large lake and 2 additional fishing ponds.

**Name: Huff Wildlife Area**

**Park Location/Address:** About 10 Miles northeast of Mount Ayr

**Park Description:** The Don and Connie Huff Wildlife Area is the most recent addition to RCCB.

This 298 acre site is a prairie restoration site and is in transition with a small parking lot area. This is a wildlife area and is open to all regulated hunting seasons. Rare birds such as the Greater Prairie Chicken and bobolinks have been spotted here, making it a great site for avid nature enthusiasts.

**Contact:** (641) 464-2787

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Ringgold/Park/Don-and-Connie-Huff-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

Other information: Greater Prairie Chicken is an *endangered* species.

**Name: Kokesh Recreation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** 1 mile south of Diagonal

**Park Description:** Kokesh Recreation Area is a 15 acre timbered park with a recently renovated pond and water garden. This small park is a great place for the quiet camper and outdoor enthusiast.

**Contact:** (641) 464-2787

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Ringgold/Park/Kokesh-Recreation-Area.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Poe Hollow Park

**Park Location/Address:** 2 miles east of Mt Ayr

**Park Description:** Poe Hollow Park is a scenic 72 acre park with an oak hickory timber and several small forest meadows. The central location of the park in Ringgold County makes it a popular site for Camping, hiking, picnicking and just enjoying the outdoors. Poe Hollow is a favorite site among locals for mushroom hunting and berry picking.

**Contact:** (641) 464-2787

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Ringgold/Park/Poe-Hollow-Park.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

# Ohwahnasee District

## *Harrison County, Iowa*

**Name:** Gee-Hruska and O'Day Wetlands

**Park Location/Address:** 1496 Larpenteur Memorial Road, Little Sioux, IA

**Park Description:** Donated by local residents, Gee-Hruska and O'Day Wetland Areas create a wetland complex located about one mile south of Little Sioux. Gee-Hruska Wetland consists of 30 acres that is predominately wetland with some upland habitat along the edge. A wetland reserve property ([\*Wetland Reserve Program\*](#)), O'Day Wetland has 15 acres with a small wetland basin, mixed native upland habitat, and wooded areas. These are nice areas for pheasant, quail, waterfowl, and deer.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Parks.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n

**Name:** Gleason-Hubel Wildlife Area

**Park Description:** Gleason-Hubel Wildlife Area was donated by a local resident and is located in the Little Sioux Unit of the [\*Loess Hills State Forest\*](#). It is located one mile southeast of Little Sioux on Larpenteur Memorial Road. This area has 165 acres that is predominately woodland, along with ridge top native prairie stands and a network of trails. Gleason-Hubel Wildlife Area is excellent for hunting turkey, deer, quail, squirrel, and rabbit.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Park/Gleason-Hubel-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Missouri Bottoms Wetland Areas**

**Park Location/Address:** 2837 Isles Ave., Missouri Valley, IA. The wetland area is located about two miles northwest of Missouri Valley on Isles Ave. Be aware that access to Missouri Bottoms Wetland Area is on a Level B "dirt" road.

**Park Description:** Restored through the *Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)* and acquired by HCCB with assistance from many conservation partners, this 240 acre restored wetland provides seasonal wetland habitat for migrating waterfowl and mixed native uplands that supports huntable populations of pheasants and quail.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Park/Missouri-Bottoms-Wetland-Area.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Old Town Conservation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Missouri Valley

**Park Description:** The Old Town Conservation Area is located 2 miles SE of Missouri Valley and was acquired by HCCB with the help of many conservation partners. The 341 acre area lies in the *Loess Hills* adjacent to the National Park Service (NPS) identified Loveland Special Landscape Area (SLA). The area features the following high quality natural areas: Loess Hills little bluestem prairie and Eastern Great Plains bur oak woodlands. A network of Hiking Trails, scenic vistas, and abundant populations of white-tailed deer and Eastern turkey provide a variety of public recreation opportunities. Parking is available in two locations along Lima Trail and Mesa Place county roads.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Park/Old-Town-Conservation-Area.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Ruffcorn Wildlife Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Located three miles southeast of Little Sioux on Eden Avenue. Access is on a Level B dirt road.

**Park Description:** Located three miles southeast of Little Sioux, on Eden Avenue, Ruffcorn Wildlife Area was donated by a Harrison County pioneer family. The pioneer family cemetery is still located on the site. There are 15 acres of mixed native prairie and upland habitat.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Park/Ruffcorn-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

#### **Name: Sawmill Hollow Wildlife Area**

**Park Location/Address:** 7 miles north of Missouri Valley off Loess Hills Trail (L20). Access to Sawmill Hollow Wildlife Area is on a Level B dirt road

**Park Description:** Sawmill Hollow Wildlife Area is located in the Loess Hills seven miles north of Missouri Valley off Loess Hills Trail (L20). This area is predominately woodland habitat. Food plots greatly enhance the habitat for wildlife. It is also a great place for bird watching and morel mushrooms. Sawmill Hollow also has a six-acre lake for fishing.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Park/Sawmill-Hollow-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

#### **Name: Schaben Park**

**Park Location/Address:** two miles off Hwy 30 between Woodbine and Dunlap

**Park Description:** Schaben Park is located two miles off Highway 30, between Woodbine and Dunlap. This little know treasure features a modern *campground* with electricity and water, a modern shower house, picnic shelter, playground, a fishing lake with boat ramp access, and woodland and prairie nature trails. Only electric motors are allowed on the lake. There is also a primitive, tent-only camping area next to the shower house.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Park/Schaben-Park.aspx>

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Schley Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1/2 mile E of Persia, IA on F-58

**Park Description:** This picturesque site contains a small lake with a boat ramp for fishing. This park also contains a picnic shelter.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n	
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Sioux Dam Wildlife Area

**Park Location/Address:** 4 miles north of Little Sioux on the Harrison/Monona County line on Larpenteur Memorial Road.

**Park Description:** This wildlife area is at the base of the Loess Hills. Approximately 10 acres of restored prairie/timber mix is suitable for hunting turkey, deer, and upland game including pheasant, quail, rabbits, and squirrel. Bank fishing is also available along the Little Sioux River.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Park/Sioux-Dam-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n	
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Vaile Wetland Nature Area

**Park Location/Address:** 3 miles east of Modale on F50 and one mile north on Hamlin Avenue

**Park Description:** Harrison County Conservation Board's largest area, the Vaile Wetland Nature Area has 280 acres of seasonal wetland habitat for migrating waterfowl. This is a restored wetland through the *Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)* partnered with Boyer Valley Chapter of *Pheasants Forever*. Mixed native upland habitat also provides for pheasant and quail.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Park/Vaile-Wetland-Nature-Area.aspx>



**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Willow Lake Recreation Area****Park Location/Address:** 2725 East Trail, Woodbine

**Park Description:** A 27-acre lake has bluegill, sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass, and channel catfish, fishing jetties, boat ramp access, and swimming beach. Only electric motors are allowed on the lake. There are six miles of trails through prairies and woodlands. The campground has electricity, central water, and a modern shower house. A playground is located nearby along with picnic shelters. There are rental cabins for those that want a “home away from home.” The camping cabins are strategically perched on a hill overlooking the lake, while the housekeeping cabins are nestled in a pine grove next to the lake that provides peace and quiet.

**Contact:** 712-647-2785**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Harrison/Content/Willow-Lake-Nature-Center.aspx>**Scout Info**

Camping	y	Hiking Trails	y	Aquatics	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	y						

## ***Crawford County, Iowa***

**Name:** Ahart/Rudd Conservation Area

**Park Location/Address:** Hwy 30 through Dow City, then south on 185<sup>th</sup> for 1 ½ miles.

**Park Description:** 92 acres, primarily wooded for hunting, 7-acre fishing pond is also on site.

**Contact:** 712-263-2748

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Crawford/Park/Ahart-Rudd-Natural-Resource-Area.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n	
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	c
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Hanover Wildlife Area

**Park Location/Address:** Located 1 ½ miles east of Charter Oak just off of Hwy 141.

**Park Description:** Another former railroad stretch donated by Pheasants Forever.

**Contact:** 712-263-2748

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Crawford/Park/Hanover-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Milwaukee Road Habitat Prairie

**Park Location/Address:** Six miles south of Denison on Hwy 59.

**Park Description:** Donated by Pheasants Forever, this one mile stretch of former railroad property preserves wildlife habitat.

**Contact:** 712-263-2748

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Crawford/Park/Milwaukee-Road-Habitat-Prairie.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Nelson Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 1450 Nelson Park Road, Dow City. Traveling west on US Highway 30, take the Nelson Park Road two miles west of Dow City, Ia, then follow signs to the park.

**Contact:** 712-263-2748

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Crawford/Park/Nelson-Park.aspx>

**Park Description:** This 165 acre park was developed in 1963. Nelson Park provides picnicking, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, and camping for all ages. Four separate campgrounds are available for the camper with shelter houses available for rental or on a first-come, first-served basis. There are also 4 primitive cabins available for rent.

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y	
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	y						

**Name: Newcom Dale Riggleman Natural Resource Area**

**Park Location/Address:** located four miles northeast of Deloit.

**Park Description:** 110 acres prairie, including 46 wooded acres and a 6 acre lake.

**Contact:** 712-263-2748

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Crawford/Park/Newcom-Dale-Riggleman-Natural-Resource-Area.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y	
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Thul Woodland**

**Park Location/Address:** 6 miles north and 3 miles west of Ricketts, IA

**Park Description:** 310 acres. Used primarily for timber preservation and hunting.

**Contact:** 712-263-2748

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Crawford/Park/Thul-Woodland.aspx>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Yellow Smoke Park

**Park Location/Address:** 2237 Yellow Smoke Road, Denison, IA

**Park Description:** The park has been developed for a variety of outdoor activities. Shelters are available on a first-come first-served basis, or by calling 712 263-2748. A large 61 site modern campground is available. Reserving campsites is not available. A forty acre stocked lake is also on site.

**Contact:** 712-263-2748

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Crawford/Park/Yellow-Smoke-Park.aspx>

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

## ***Shelby County, Iowa***

**Name:** Elkhorn Creek

**Park Location/Address:**

**Park Description:** Elkhorn Creek has multiple activities. Foundation stones from the original village of Elkhorn area also found on site. Electrical sites available.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Shelby/Park/Elk-Horn-Creek-Recreation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-744-3403

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Manteno Park

**Park Location/Address:**

**Park Description:** Located northwest of Earling, this is Shelby County's most popular site. Includes a 12 acre lake and electric camping sites.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Shelby/Park/Manteno-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-744-3403

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Nishna Bend Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:**

**Park Description:** Park is located southeast of Corley. Newest park in Shelby County. Park has Camping, cabins, arboretum, and nature center.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Shelby/Park/Nishna-Bend-Recreation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-744-3403

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	y						

**Name:** Prairie Rose State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 680 M47, Harlan, IA

**Park Description:** Prairie Rose State Park is one of the most attractive outdoor recreation areas in western Iowa. The 422-acre park lies in a region of scenic hills, six miles east and three miles south of Harlan.

The park received its name from a small town called Village of Prairie Rose which was once located near the present park location. Plans for Prairie Rose were initiated in the 1930s. However, actual construction of the dam started in 1958 with the park dedication taking place in 1962.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Prairie-Rose-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-773-2701

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

## ***Carroll County, Iowa***

**Name:** Dickson Timber

**Park Location/Address:** 3 miles north of Hwy 30 on N50

**Park Description:** primarily an equestrian camp, but non horseback campers are also welcome. Well water is available, but not recommended for campers. Electric sites available.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Carroll/Park/Dickson-Timber.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-792-4614

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Great Western Park

**Park Location/Address:** South of Manning on M66

**Park Description:** This is the newest park in the county. Shelterhouse and fishing are available; tent and electrical sites.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Carroll/Park/Great-Western-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-792-4614

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Richey Access

**Park Location/Address:** two miles north of Hwy 30 on County N58

**Park Description:** riverside access to Coon River. Boating access to the river. Electric and tent sites.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Carroll/Park/Richey-Access.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-792-4614

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing/boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Riverside Park**

**Park Location/Address:** East edge of Coon Rapids on Walnut Ave.

**Park Description:** Camping and fishing available, and a new hiking trail. Electrical sites are also available.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Carroll/Park/Riverside-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-792-4614

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing/boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Swan Lake State Park**

**Park Location/Address:** located 3 miles south of Carroll on 220<sup>th</sup> St.

**Park Description:** Park has camping, cabins, electrical sites, and boat rentals.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Carroll/Park/Swan-Lake-State-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-792-4614

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing/boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	y						



## ***Audubon County, Iowa***

**Name:** Albert the Bull Campground

**Park Location/Address:**

**Park Description:** The park has modern camping with 40 hookups, a shelter house with a fireplace, and electricity. The neighboring sports complex consists of a swimming pool, tennis courts, sand volleyball, track, baseball fields, and children's playground. For more information during the camping season call Jim at 712-563-3856.

**Web Address:** <https://www.traveliowa.com/destination/albert-the-bull-campground/7644/>

**Contact:** 712-563-3269

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Littlefield Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 2672 Littlefield Drive, Exira, IA 50076

**Park Description:** Littlefield Recreation Area is owned and operated by the Audubon County Conservation Board (ACCB). Its 444 acres provide many types of recreational opportunities. They include picnicking, camping, swimming, fishing, hunting, hiking, winter sports, and a bison exhibit. For campers there are 3 campgrounds of various sizes, with a total of 88 sites. All campgrounds have electrical hookups. Two of them have flush toilets. Most sites have water hookups, and some are available with sewer. A self-registration system is used. Because we are a county facility, we do not reserve campsites.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Audubon/Park/Littlefield-Recreation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-268-2762

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

## ***Cass County, Iowa***

### **Name: Cold Springs Park**

**Park Location/Address:** Cold Springs is located south of Lewis on Lewis Rd.

**Park Description:** This 104-acre park is located just south of Lewis, IA on Lewis Rd. As you enter the park, the lake area, boat ramp/dock, swimming area and picnic area are to your right. On your left are the offices of Cass County Conservation, and the next driveway is the regional IDNR Fisheries Station. From the left if you continue up the hill you will find campgrounds and shelter.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Cass/Park/Cold-Springs-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-769-2372

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

### **Name: Hitchcock Recreation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Hitchcock Recreation Area is overlooking the East Nishnabotna River. Located just west of Atlantic and Lewis.

**Park Description:** The Hitchcock House was built in 1856 by Rev. George B. Hitchcock, a Congregational minister. The Hitchcock House played a major role in moving freedom seekers to Canada prior to the Civil War. The house has been accepted as a site on the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, and is a National Historic Landmark. The house is one of the few remaining Underground Railroad "stations" in Iowa. Gift shop also available.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Cass/Park/Hitchcock-Recreation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-769-2372

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

### **Name: Indian Creek Wildlife Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Located 1/2 mile East of the Hwy 6 and Hwy 48 intersection.

**Park Description:** This area had 10 acres of dense timber and hilly terrain.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Cass/Park/Indian-Creek-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-769-2372

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Lake Anita State Park****Park Location/Address:** 55111 750<sup>th</sup> St., Anita, IA**Park Description:** Lake Anita State Park, dedicated in 1961, is one of the most popular outdoor recreation facilities in southwest Iowa. The 1,062-acre park features a beautiful 171-acre artificial lake which was formed by creating a dam on a branch of the Nishnabotna River. Lake Anita State Park truly has something for everyone; from hiking on a quiet trail to splashing on the beach, Lake Anita is a great place to enjoy yourself in the great outdoors.**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Lake-Anita-State-Park>**Contact:** 712-762-3564**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Nodaway Wildlife Area****Park Location/Address:** Located 4 miles south and 2 miles west of Massena.**Park Description:** This pristine 40 acres has 3 ponds, native prairie, and hardwood plantings.**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Cass/Park/Nodaway-Wildlife-Area.aspx>**Contact:** 712-769-2372**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name: Pellet Memorial Woods****Park Location/Address:** Located 2 miles north and 3/4 of a mile east of Atlantic.**Park Description:** A 20 acre tract containing 8 acres of native woodland that was established as a wildflower preserve in 1908. It is known to contain over 120 species or plants. Some of which are marked along the trail.

In the spring of 1907 Frank Pellett returned to Cass County with his wife and first two children. He was planning to live his life as a naturalist and beekeeper. Frank was concerned because

many of the wildflowers that were abundant during his boyhood were threatened with extinction. After his death, the Iowa Horticultural Society and the Iowa Beekeepers Association dedicated the five acres Frank set aside in 1907 to his memory. His children arranged with the Iowa State Preserves Advisory Board, to dedicate eight acres including five acres of the Memorial Woods as an Iowa State Preserve. On January 11, 1984 the Pellett's deeded 12 more acres to the state making a total of 20 acres in the Pellett Memorial Woods. Since 1987, the area has been owned by the State of Iowa and managed by the Cass County Conservation Board.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Cass/Park/Frank-Chapman-Pellett-Memorial-Woods.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-769-2372

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Turkey Creek Wildlife Area

**Park Location/Address:** Located 4 miles south of Atlantic.

**Park Description:** Turkey Creek West provides access to the Nishnabotna River. This wildlife area allows hunting.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Cass/Park/Turkey-Creek-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-769-2372

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing/boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** West Nodaway Wildlife Area

**Park Location/Address:** Located five miles south and 1/2 mile east of Cumberland.

**Park Description:** Explore 120 acres of wildlife habitat, including the forested area of the West Nodaway River.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Cass/Park/West-Nodaway-Wildlife-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-769-2372

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

## ***Adair County***

**Name:** Ken Sidey Nature Area

**Park Location/Address:** 2521 Lewis Ave., Greenfield, Iowa 50849

**Park Description:** The Ken Sidey Nature Area is located 2 1/2 miles southwest of Greenfield at 2521 Lewis Avenue. There are 107 acres of timberland and 3 miles of walking trails. Ken Sidey Nature Area is owned by the Adair County Conservation Board. It was named honoring Kenneth H. Sidey for his many columns in the Adair County Free Press newspaper titled “Nature Notes” during the 1930s and 1940s. Mr. Sidey hiked the area often and used information he gathered for his column. The Ken Sidey Nature Area is part of a 4 park complex. Adjacent to the Ken Sidey Nature Area are Nodaway Lake, Land between Two Lakes and Lake Greenfield. These three adjacent areas are managed by the City of Greenfield. There are 10 miles of hiking trails in this 4-park complex. Eight miles of trails have a grass surface among the Southern Iowa rolling hills. Most of the grade on these hiking trails is moderately steep. There is a 2 mile concrete surfaced trail around Lake Greenfield that has very little change in grade.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Adair/Park/Ken-Sidey-Nature-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** (641) 743-6450

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Lake Orient Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** Lake Orient is located one mile west on Highway 25 of Orient, Iowa, at 3103 Orange Avenue

**Park Description:** This 22-acre lake offers fishing, camping with electricity, shelter houses, a playground, Frisbee golf, horseshoes, and a walking trail. Orient Lake provides recreation for visitors of all ages. A marker commemorating Henry A. Wallace is located in the park. Wallace was born near Orient and served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Vice President, and U.S. Secretary of Commerce

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Adair/Park/Lake-Orient-Recreation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** (641) 743-6450

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Middle River Forest Area

**Park Location/Address:** 3234 200th Street, Dexter, Iowa 50070 or 10 miles SE of Stuart, Iowa or 13 miles NE of Greenfield, Iowa

**Park Description:** Middle River Forest Area is owned and maintained by the Adair County Conservation Board. Located at 3234 200th Street, Dexter, Iowa which is 10 miles SE of Stuart, Iowa or 13 miles NE of Greenfield, Iowa. This 38 acre park provides access to Middle River, a hiking trail and a walk-in primitive tent camping area. Small camping trailers can use the 2 parking lots for overnight primitive camping. Most of the 38 acre park is a mix of mature bottomland and upland timber. There is a 3/8 mile hiking trail that provides foot access to 3/4 mile of river in the park. Middle River Forest Area serves as a trail head to the Middle River Water Trail which includes fishing, hiking, canoeing, and wildlife watching. Channel catfish and carp are the major species of fish found in these streams. The minor species found are flathead catfish, bullhead, and walleye.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Adair/Park/Middle-River-Forest-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** (641) 743-6450

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing/boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

# GOLDENROD DISTRICT

## *Saunders County, Nebraska*

**Name:** Lake Wanahoo

**Park Location/Address:** 2 miles N of Wahoo, NE on Hwy 109

**Park Description:** Lake Wahoo was opened in 2012, as a 1,777-acre recreation area offering recreation, fishing, no-wake boating, tent and RV camping, hiking/biking, picnicking and more. The park features a 662 acre lake. Primitive 10' x 12' cabins are available to rent.

**Web Address:** <https://lpnnrd.org/outdoor-recreation/lake-wanahoo/>

**Contact:** 402-443-4673

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing/boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	y					

**Name:** Memphis State Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** Memphis State Recreation Area is just south of the little community of Memphis, Nebraska. From Lincoln, travel north on highway 77 to highway 63 and turn south. You'll travel past turn offs for Ithaca and Mead before you reach Memphis. Turn south into town and follow the road until you find the recreation area

**Park Description:** Memphis State Recreation Area is a 163-acre state recreation area with a 48acre lake. The area offers primitive Camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking and wildlife viewing. Only electric- or non-powered boats are allowed at Memphis — a rule that helps maintain the peaceful surroundings.

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/memphis/>

**Contact:** 402-471-5497

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing/boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n					

**Name:** Saunders County Fairgrounds

**Park Location/Address:** From highway 77 / 92, turn south on East 1st Street in Wahoo. You'll travel east to the edge of Wahoo and fairgrounds are on the south side of the road.

**Park Description:** The Saunders County Fairgrounds offers affordable campsites for visitors who don't want to stay in a motel while they are in the area. Contact 402-443-3157

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						



## ***Dodge County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Dead Timber SRA

**Park Location/Address:** 227 County Road & 12 Blvd, Scribner, NE 68057

**Park Description:** This 200 acre area near Scribner on the Elkhorn River has 50 acres of water and offers primitive camping, picnicking, fishing and non powered boating. The area has 17 pads with 30-amp electrical hookups, primitive Camping, Drinking Water and latrines.

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/deadtimber/>

**Contact:** 402-727-2922

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Fireman Park Campground

**Park Location/Address:** 3rd St, Snyder Nebraska

**Park Description:** It is truly gorgeous here at this primitive campground; at Fireman Park Campground you can get a nicer wilderness experience than you would get at a more civilized campground. There's lots to do close to Fireman Park Campground such as playing golf, fishing, and swimming.

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Fremont Lakes State Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 4349 W State Lakes Rd, Fremont, NE 68025

**Park Description:** One of eastern Nebraska's most popular recreation areas, Fremont has about 40 land acres and nearly 300 water acres in 20 sandpit lakes. Located three miles west of Fremont, this is a favorite area with campers, picnickers and water enthusiasts - from boating to fishing to water skiing. The swimming beach is unsupervised, and there is a PWC area, as well as a handicap accessible fishing pier.

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/fremontlakes/>

**Contact:** 402-727-2922

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	y
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

## ***Washington County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Fort Atkinson State Historical Park

**Park Location/Address:** Ft. Calhoun

**Park Description:** The first U.S. military post west of the Missouri River, Fort Atkinson was established in 1820 on recommendation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Located at Fort Calhoun, the fort was important to the early fur trade, river traffic and Indian relations. Much of the historic outpost has been reconstructed, and interpretive work continues. Living history demonstrations are scheduled periodically during the summer

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/fortatkinson/>

**Contact:** 402-468-5611

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	y	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	y
<u>Toilets</u>	y	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

## ***Burt County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Beck Memorial Park

**Park Location/Address:** E 13<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. to 11<sup>th</sup> St., Decatur, Nebraska 68020

**Park Description:** Primitive camping at a campground such as Beck Memorial Park Campground is a wonderful way to be in the vicinity of the wilderness. Primitive campgrounds like Beck Memorial Park Campground can be hard to get to, but they are beautiful. If by chance natural prettiness is what you would like, this primitive campground is what you have a need for. Beck Memorial Park Campground is a primitive campground which of course means that there are few conveniences.

**Contact:** 402-349-5360

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Island Park Campground

**Park Location/Address:** Lyons, NE

**Park Description:** There aren't scores of conveniences at Island Park Campground since it is a primitive campground. Experience the fresh air in Nebraska at its most excellent at a primitive campground such as this one. This primitive campground is to be found in a fantastically pretty place; after you arrive at this primitive campground you'll realize it was well worth the effort getting here. Going for a camping trip here in Nebraska is something you have to do

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/summitlake/>

**Contact:** 402-687-2485

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Summit Lake State Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 2787 County Road G, Tekamah, NE

**Park Description:** Summit Lake State Recreation Area is a 190-acre lake, surrounded by 345 acres of land. The area offers fishing, hiking, hunting, swimming and camping, among other activities.

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/summitlake/>

**Contact:** 402-374-1727

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Oakland City Park****Park Location/Address:** Oakland, Nebraska

**Park Description:** Primitive campgrounds like Oakland City Park Campground is an outstanding way to get out in the fresh air. This is a primitive camp ground which obviously means that there are not many services. Getting to a primitive campground such as Oakland City Park Campground can be a bit challenging, but it's well worth it. Natural attractiveness surrounds this primitive campground.

**Web Address:** <https://ci.oakland.ne.us/visitors/outdoor-recreation/>

**Contact:** 402-870-1419

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Cuming County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Bancroft Park

**Park Location/Address:** Bancroft

**Park Description:** Primitive campgrounds like these are a magnificent way to get out in the outdoors; getting to this primitive campground can be a little hard, but it's well worth it. Bancroft Park Campground is a top choice campground with people from Bancroft.

**Web Address:** <https://www.bancroftnebraska.com/things-to-do/parkscamping/>

**Contact:** 402-648-3332

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Neligh Park

**Park Location/Address:** 530 W. Bridge St., West Point, NE 68788

**Park Description:** This primitive campground is positioned in an incredibly pretty location. Don't forget your fishing pole since fishing here at Neligh Park Campground is good . There are showers at this campground, and swimming at Neligh Park Campground is fine exercise. You could experience the great outdoors at its greatest at primitive campgrounds like Neligh Park

**Web Address:** <https://cumingco.com/visitors/attractions/neligh-park/>

**Contact:** 402-372-2466

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** River Park

**Park Location/Address:** Near Wisner

**Park Description:** The natural splendor at this primitive campground is good. There aren't scores of facilities at River Park Campground since it is a primitive campground. If you love nature you will enjoy a primitive campground like River Park Campground.

**Web Address:** <https://www.ci.wisner.ne.us/2163/Recreational-Facilities>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Thurston County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Village of Pender

**Park Location/Address:** Pender, Nebraska

**Park Description:** When you arrive at this primitive campground you will realize it was well worth the effort getting here. Natural splendor surrounds this primitive campground; at this primitive campground you could get a more enjoyable wilderness experience than you would get at a more civilized campground.

**Web Address:**

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

# PETAH LA SHAURO

## Colfax County, Nebraska

**Name:** Centennial Park

**Park Location/Address:** Road 1A, Leigh, Nebraska

**Park Description:** There is one park in Leigh which covers three acres. Facilities include playground equipment, camping with electric and water hookups, horseshoe court, sand volleyball court, ball field, picnic area, swimming pool, and a small fishing lake. New playground equipment includes a kid's choice modular play station with three slides, climbers, fun planes and a big kahuna bridge. A rodeo rocky spring rider was also added.

**Web Address:** <http://www.cityofleigh.com/attractions.htm>

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Schuyler Park

**Park Location/Address:** Schuyler, Nebraska

**Park Description:** The Schuyler parks system consists of two parks covering approximately 155 acres. Facilities include a swimming pool, fishing ponds, five ball diamonds, overnight camping, lighted tennis courts, soccer fields, horseshoe pitches, sand volleyball court, fitness courts and playground equipment.

**Web Address:** <https://schuylernebraska.net/points-of-interest/city-parks-campground/>

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Howell's Public Park

**Park Location/Address:** Howells, Nebraska

**Park Description:**

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Platte County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Camp Pawnee

**Park Location/Address:** 2330 S 16<sup>th</sup> St, Columbus

**Park Description:** This park is open to the public May through September. Camping is first come first served.

**Web Address:** <https://www.facebook.com/CampPawnee/>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Lake North

**Park Location/Address:** 4 miles N to US Hwy 30 and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, Columbus

**Park Description:** 14 acres with two beaches and two boat ramps adjoining a 200 acre lake.

**Web Address:** <https://loup.com/recreation/lake-north-park/>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Loup Park

**Park Location/Address:** 3 miles north of Columbus on 48th Avenue, turn east on Lakeview Road and proceed approximately ¼ mile.

**Park Description:** Camping, picnicking, grilling, outstanding trails and nature walks.

**Web Address:** <https://loup.com/recreation/loup-park-lake-babcock/>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Powerhouse Park

**Park Location/Address:** 3 miles N at US Hwy 30 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave (1 ½ miles north)

**Park Description:** Picnicking, fishing and camping. Fishing is quite popular along the canal, but for your safety, please be careful while fishing along the steep banks.

**Web Address:** <https://loup.com/recreation/powerhouse-park/>



**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Tailrace Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 3 ½ miles E on 8<sup>th</sup>, then 1 ½ miles S

**Park Description:** Fishing is quite popular along the entire canal except where posted. A limited number of primitive camping sites are available during the summer at no charge. Entry via foot traffic only, no motor vehicle access.

**Web Address:** <https://loup.com/recreation/tailrace-park/>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Maple Creek Recreation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Hwy 91, Leigh

**Park Description:** 557 acres with 150 acre reservoir with camper pads, swimming, hiking, fishing, no-wake boating, picnic shelters

**Web Address:** <https://www.nrdnet.org/rec-area/maple-creek-recreation-area>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Genoa City Park Campground**

**Park Location/Address:** Genoa, NE

**Park Description:** The city's park covers 32 acres and has picnic shelters with barbecue grills, camping facilities with electrical hookups, playground equipment, heated swimming pool, two lighted ball diamonds, two sand volleyball courts and restrooms. Two unsupervised playgrounds have swings, merry-go-round, teeter-totters, slides and much more. Recreation programs for youth include summer swimming lessons and youth ball programs.

**Web Address:** <https://ci.genoa.ne.us/recreation/>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Newman Grove City Campground

**Park Location/Address:** Newman Grove, NE

**Park Description:**

**Web Address:** <https://cityofnewmangrove.com/recreation.asp>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Swimming	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Nance County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Broken Arrow Wilderness

**Park Location/Address:** 1025 P322 Rd., Fullerton, NE 68638

**Park Description:** A family owned & operated campground located 1/8 mile North of Fullerton, NE with camper hookups, tent sites, cottages and primitive cabins. Also offers tanking & tubing down the Cedar River, trails for hiking and jeeping.

**Web Address:** <https://visitnebraska.com/fullerton/broken-arrow-wilderness>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Boone County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Fuller Park

**Park Location/Address:** S 11<sup>th</sup> St., Albion, Nebraska 68620

**Park Description:** A well maintained campground which is part of a larger multi-use center. The campground has all the basics and there are activities that are close by such as various types of shows and a pool (not included in the daily rate). There is free WiFi, which is a bit slow but reliable. All systems work well. The location is quiet and close to town for whatever shopping or dining you might want to do. All sites are first come.

**Web Address:** <https://campgrounds.rvlife.com/regions/nebraska/albion/fuller-park-campground-259943>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u> swimming	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Mel's Landing

**Park Location/Address:** Cedar Rapids, NE

**Park Description:** For the person who likes to rough it, camping is offered at Mel's Landing on the north edge of Cedar Rapids along the Cedar River. City water and outhouse rest room facilities are available. The campsite also offers a canoe landing, along with several fire pits. One electrical hookup for RVs and campers is available.

**Web Address:** <https://cedarrapidsne.com/events-recreation/>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Olson Nature Preserve

**Park Location/Address:** 8 miles Northwest of Albion, NE on Hwy 14, left on Y Road 1 mile

**Park Description:** Tucked into an area of approximately 112 acres, several interesting ecosystems invite further exploration. Located at the eastern edge of the Nebraska Sandhills, characteristic blowouts and gullies comprise the western edge of the preserve. A bur oak grove, clinging to the steep slope, borders the eastern edge of the Sandhills. A person may observe typical prairie plants on the hot, dry Sandhills and walk just 100 meters or so to view ferns growing in the moist, cool forest. Wetlands, which fill the area at the base of the oak grove, abound with typical Loup River Watershed wetland plants and animals.

**Web Address:** <https://www.prairieplains.org/olson-nature-preserve>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

# Diamond Dick

## Knox County, Nebraska

**Name:** Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 54731 897 Rd, Crofton, NE

**Park Description:** Lewis & Clark State Recreation area offers beautiful new modern housekeeping cabins situated on the shore of Lewis and Clark Lake, offering a beautiful scenic view of the lake and the bluffs. The cabins can be rented one year in advance. Cabins are twobedroom air conditioned/heated units, with two queen beds and three single beds, with a maximum occupancy of eight. Cabins are equipped with linens, towels, stove, refrigerator, coffeepot, toaster, microwave oven and kitchen service for eight. Complete with a covered patio, picnic table, outdoor grill and campfire ring. All cabins are smoke free. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance.

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/lewisandclark/>

**Contact:** 402-388-4169

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Niobrara State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 89261 522 Ave, Niobrara, NE

**Park Description:** Situated at the confluence of the Niobrara and Missouri rivers on Nebraska's northeastern border, Niobrara State Park offers visitors an opportunity to sample a wide range of outdoor experiences. Cabins, camping from RVs to tents, picnicking, swimming pool (open mid June - mid August), boat ramps, horseback trail rides, hiking, fishing, history or communing with Mother Nature are all available at this exceptional state park.

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/niobrara/>

**Contact:** 402-857-3373

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Wildwood Acres Park

**Park Location/Address:** State Spur 54A, Verdigre, NE

**Park Description:** Wildwood Acres Park got its start in 1972 when Dr. James G. Carlson donated 70 acres of land on the southeast edge of Verdigre. The 12 ft. deep heated swimming pool located in the middle of the park has a capacity for 210 swimmers and includes low and high diving board. Lifeguards are on duty. The pool usually opens on Memorial weekend and closes in the middle of August. The complex includes two fenced concrete tennis courts, basketball hoops and a bandstand. Just west of the pool is a large playground and a picnic shelter with a large stone fireplace. A camping area with 2 sleeping cabins and 27 camper pads is nestled among tall trees south of the tennis court.

**Web Address:** <http://www.verdigre.org/wildwood-acres/>

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	pool	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

## ***Cedar County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Coleridge Village Park

**Park Location/Address:** Coleridge, NE

**Park Description:** A primitive campground

**Web Address:** <http://www.hikercentral.com/campgrounds/117269.html>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Laurel Lions Club Park

**Park Location/Address:** 600 Wakefield St., Laurel, NE

**Park Description:** This park has playground equipment, 3 covered shelters with tables for gatherings and picnics, and a basketball court on the west side of the park. It is next to the Laurel swimming pool.

**Web Address:** <https://laurelne.com/our-community/recreation/>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Laurel City Park

**Park Location/Address:** 302 Cedar St., Laurel, NE

**Park Description:** The park is an attractive, shaded area with a variety of playground equipment, City-maintained bathrooms and a covered shelter with picnic tables. There are 3 camping pads with electricity on the south side of the park.

**Web Address:** <https://laurelne.com/our-community/recreation/>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						



**Name:** New Homewood Park Campground

**Park Location/Address:** Wynot, NE

**Park Description:** Primitive campground near Lewis & Clark Recreation area, Buckskin Hills Lake.

**Web Address:** <http://www.hikercentral.com/campgrounds/117355.html>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Antelope County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Ashfall Fossil Beds

**Park Location/Address:** 86930 517<sup>th</sup> Ave, Royal, NE 68773-5052

**Park Description:** Nearly 12 million years ago, volcanic ash engulfed this ancient watering hole, entombing innumerable animals. National Geographic has called it the Pompeii of prehistoric animals. Because of its scientific importance, the 360-acre historical park between Orchard and Royal was acquired in 1987 and is a joint project of the Game and Parks Commission and the University of Nebraska State Museum. See paleontologists "dig" the site and prepare fossils unearthed. Interpretive facilities, include a visitor center and rhino barn. Picnicking is available at Grove Lake WMA near Royal.

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/ashfall/>

**Contact:** 402-893-2000

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Fred Penn Park

**Park Location/Address:** 311 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Neligh, NE

**Park Description:** Located next to the Elkhorn River and Fred Penn Lake, this park offers primitive camping for \$5/Day - first come, first serve. Fishing available.

**Web Address:** <https://visitnebraska.com/neligh/fred-penn-park>

**Contact:** 402-887-4066

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Pierce County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Willow Creek State Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 54876 852 Rd, Pierce, NE

**Park Description:** Willow Creek, 1 1/2 miles SW of Pierce, has 1,633 acres with a 700-acre lake. Facilities include: 100 camping pads, 64 with 30 amp electrical hookups, 19 with 50 amp electrical hookups. Picnic tables and shelters, fire grates, water, showers, modern restrooms, accessible fishing pier, archery field course, unsupervised swimming, two playgrounds and an 8mile hiking/horseback trail around the lake. Seven rock jetties provide some fine fishing access. Reservations may be made for half of the campsites at Willow Creek SRA and the remainder are available first-come, first-served. Those camping first-come, first-served register their nightly camping fees in a raised, locked box called an Iron Ranger. Self-service envelopes are provided at each Iron Ranger station. Check or cash only.

**Web Address:** <http://outdoornebraska.gov/willowcreek/>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> boating, fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Gilman Park Campground

**Park Location/Address:** Pierce, NE

**Park Description:** Pierces' city Gilman park has a very nice arboretum and fishing lake with a nice walking path around it. The park has lots of big shade trees and a playground. During migration, the lake fills with Canadian geese and ducks on their flyby. Pierce Swimming Pool has facilities.

**Contact:** 402-329-4873

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> boating, fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Madison County, Nebraska***

### **Name: Cowboy Trail**

**Park Location/Address:** The eastern trail-head begins at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park near Norfolk, NE

**Park Description:** The Cowboy Trail is a recreation and nature trail that is the longest rails to trails conversion project in the United States. Beginning at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, the trail stretches 195 miles to Valentine in the West. Eventual development is planned to extend the trail through Kilgore and on to Chadron, a total of 321 miles. Several communities along the trail provide camping. The crushed limestone compacted surface is great for mountain or hybrid biking. Bring several extra tire tubes.

**Web Address:** <https://bikecowboytrail.com> and <https://outdoornebraska.gov/cowboytrail/>

### **Scout Info**

Camping	Y	Hiking Trails	Y	Aquatics	N	Drinking Water	N
Toilets	N	Showers	N	Co-ed Friendly	N	Electricity	N
Cabins	N						

### **Name: Ta-Ha-Zouka Park**

**Park Location/Address:** S. Hwy 91 and TaHaZouka Drive, Norfolk, NE

**Park Description:** This park features a bathhouse, electricity, playground, trout fishing, fall fields, shelters, 24 court horseshoe complex, sand volleyball and four cabins for rent. Bathrooms are not available in the off-season. Ta-Ha-Zouka Park is the site of the eastern trail head to the [Cowboy Trail](#), a recreation and nature trail that is the longest rails to trails conversion project in the country.

**Web Address:** <https://norfolkne.gov/government/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/ta-ha-zouka-park/campground.html>

**Contact:** 402-844-2180

### **Scout Info**

Camping	Y	Hiking Trails	N	Aquatics	N	Drinking Water	Y
Toilets	Y	Showers	Y	Co-ed Friendly	Y	Electricity	Y
Cabins	Y						

### **Name: Tilden East Park Campground**

**Park Location/Address:** Tilden, NE

**Park Description:** The city of Tilden has two parks with a third under construction. East City Park, located on the Cowboy Trail, offers camping hook-ups with restroom facilities. The Tilden City Park, located on both sides of Giles Creek near the Tilden Hospital, offers relaxing shade, playground facilities and a swimming pool. The Tilden Community Park features soccer and ball fields.

**Web Address:** <https://visitnorfolkne.com/portfolio-item/east-city-park-campgrounds-tilden/>

**Contact:** 402-368-2232

**Scout Info**

Camping	Y	Hiking Trails	N	Aquatics	N	Drinking Water	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Wayne County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Victor Park Campground

**Park Location/Address:** Wayne, NE

**Park Description:** Victor Park is located at the south edge of Wayne on Highway 15. It is named after Henry Victor who served as Street Commissioner of Wayne for 22 years. This site was originally known as the Brick Making Yard in the early 1900's. John F. Sherbahn ran a brick plant to the south of this property until 1916 and manufactured 45,000 bricks per day. These bricks were used in Wayne and other nearby places. In 1965 the City purchased the property from Mr. & Mrs. Merle Tietz for \$1,000.00. The sunken area was filled to its present level during the early 1970s and the park was completed in 1973. The City Council dedicated the park in memory of Henry Victor in 1974.

**Web Address:** <http://www.cityofwayne.org/index.aspx?NID=500>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Stanton County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Maskenthine Lake Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 13 miles, ESE of Norfolk, NE

**Park Description:** Maskenthine Lake Recreation Area is located ten miles east of Norfolk, Nebraska in the rolling hills of north-central Stanton County. Constructed in 1976, the dam provides flood control for the town of Stanton, one and one-half miles south of the lake. The area is approximately 680 acres in size, including the 100 acre lake, which provides many recreational activities to the public. The lake is a popular fishery in the district, and is stocked by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Other recreational activities include hunting, boating, picnicking, hiking, camping and swimming. An arboretum has been established on the east side of the lake. Other tree plantings and windbreaks are located throughout the area. No park permit or fee is required for entrance.

**Web Address:** <https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/maskenthine-lake-recreation-area/MMIS/762253/overview>

**Contact:** 402-371-7313

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> boating, fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

# War Eagle

## *Dixon County, Nebraska*

**Name:** Allen City Park

**Park Location/Address:** Allen, NE

**Park Description:**

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	n	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	n	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	n	<u>Showers</u>	n	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	n	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	n						

**Name:** Buckskin Hills Wildlife Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** Newcastle, NE

**Park Description:** 340 acres of public access land with a 75 acre lake. It is open to hunting, trapping and fishing. Boating is allowed, but no wake.

**Web Address:** <https://www.nrdnet.org/rec-area/buckskin-hills-wma>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Dixon Park

**Park Location/Address:** Dixon, NE

**Park Description:**

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	n	<u>Drinking Water</u>	n
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	y	<u>Electricity</u>	n
<u>Cabins</u>	N						



**Name: Ponca State Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 88090 Spur 26E, Ponca, NE

**Park Description:** Ponca State Park provides excellent camping. Paved electrical camp sites in two modern campgrounds with 30/50 amp electrical hookups. There are showers, picnic tables, fire pits, nearby water spigots (not hookups); dump station, and playground. Modern facilities operate from April - October, weather permitting. With more than 20 miles of trails, the park provides hikers and mountain bikers many opportunities to explore the park's backcountry. Several mountain bike races are held every year making the Park's trail system noted for its diverse and often challenging trails.

In the summer, swimmers can cool off at the Park's swimming pool where lifeguards are on duty. Call the park office for specific dates and times of operation.

Experienced wranglers guide organized horseback rides through the scenic woodland bluffs and river overlooks. Rides run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Additional information, schedules and tickets are available at the park office.

The Highland Oaks Public Golf Course is located on the southern boundary of the park. This challenging 9 hole course offers spectacular park vistas and a luxurious clubhouse. The clubhouse offers a rental room for small family and business functions.

A boat ramp, canoe/kayak launch/take-out (North Addition), and 3 miles of river access offers boaters and anglers many opportunities to experience the Missouri National Recreational River. Anglers commonly catch catfish, sauger, walleye, drum, and other river species. The park also has Youth Fishing Programs twice a week and a Fishing Tackle Loaner Program.

**Web Address:** <https://outdoornebraska.gov/ponca/>

**Contact:** 402-755-2284

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name: Wakefield City Park**

**Park Location/Address:** Wakefield, NE

**Park Description:**

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	<u>Aquatics</u>	<u>Drinking Water</u>
<u>Toilets</u>	<u>Showers</u>	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	<u>Electricity</u>
<u>Cabins</u>			

## ***Dakota County, Nebraska***

**Name:** Cottonwood Cove Park

**Park Location/Address:** Dakota City, NE

**Park Description:**

**Web Address:** <http://www.hikercentral.com/campgrounds/117272.html>

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Kramper Lake at Danish Alps

**Park Location/Address:** 154<sup>th</sup> and Giles Road, in NW Sarpy County, Omaha, Nebraska

**Park Description:** A 520-acre recreation area for day-use with access to 5 miles of trails for hiking and biking, 10 miles of equestrian trails a 226-acre lake for fishing and boating and tent and RV camping.

**Web Address:** <https://www.papionrd.org/recreation-wildlife/parks-and-trails/chalco-hills-at-wehrspann-lake/>

**Contact:** 402-444-6222

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> Y (fishing/boating)	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Monona County, Iowa***

**Name:** Lewis and Clark State Park

**Park Location/Address:** Onawa, IA

**Park Description:** Lewis and Clark State Park lies on the shores of Blue Lake, an "oxbow" formed by the meanderings of the picturesque Missouri River many years ago.

The park is named for Meriwether Lewis, secretary to President Thomas Jefferson, and Captain William Clark, United States Army, who were commissioned by President Jefferson in 1804 to head an expedition into the northwest to explore the vast territory purchased from France. With 26 men and supplies, Lewis and Clark led their expedition up the Missouri River from St. Louis by keelboat.

On August 10, 1804, the expedition arrived at the site where Lewis and Clark State Park now lies. They spent some time there exploring the region and making observations on the geographical conditions, plants and animals in the area. Today, thousands of people visit the park every year for outdoor recreation and to learn a little bit more about the Lewis and Clark expedition. The park has been designated as part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail by the National Park Service.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Lewis-and-Clark-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-423-2829

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Preparation Canyon State Park

**Park Location/Address:** Preparatyion Canyon Rd, Moorhead IA 51558

**Park Description:** The 344 acre the park encompasses what was once the town of Preparation. In 1853, Charles B. Thompson broke from the Mormon wagon train to Utah after receiving a message from the "Spirit." The Mormon leader and elder led 50 to 60 Mormon families to Kanessville, now Council Bluffs. Upon much searching, Thompson and a few select men chose the area called "Monona," an Indian name meaning "Peaceful Valley." Here they organized the town of Preparation, complete with houses and schools and started Monona County's first newspaper which Thompson owned and operated.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Preparation-Canyon-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-456-2924

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Decatur Bend**

**Park Location/Address:** 3 miles west, 1 mile south of Onawa

**Park Description:** Located 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Onawa, this 5.43 acre park is an excellent waterfowl and eagle-viewing site in the early spring and fall. Situated on Middle Decatur Bend Oxbow, the area is popular for fishing, canoeing and camping. Six electrical sites, potable water and vault toilets are provided. Camping fees are \$15.00 per night for electrical sites.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Monona/Park/Decatur-Bend.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-433-2400

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Gray's Landing**

**Park Location/Address:** 34870 St. Hwy 175, Mapleton, IA

This 43-acre wildlife management area was once a gravel operation. Located 5 miles south of Mapleton on Hwy. 175, the area lies along the Maple River and contains a shallow six-acre excavation pond. Vault toilets, an open shelter house with picnic tables and an upright grill with portable water is available for users. Camping Pads/Electrical Sites, \$15.00 per night rate. Non-electric sites \$12.00 per night.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Monona/Park/Grays-Landing.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-433-2400

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Oldham Recreation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** 38852 245<sup>th</sup> St., Soldier, IA

**Park Description:** This park has a rock boat ramp, an open shelter house, a beach shelter, swim area and vault toilets. There are electrical hook-ups for campers, picnic, ground and upright grills. This area is a popular spot for fishing in Monona County. Electrical sites are \$18.00 per night and non-electric are \$15.00 per night.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Monona/Park/Oldham-RecreationArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-433-2400

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> boating, fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Peters Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 1 mile east of Rodney, IA

**Park Description:** Peters Park consists of 73.3 acres known as the Rodney Pits Recreation Area. Here three abandoned gravel pits were developed for recreation and fishing. Located one mile east of Rodney, the combined 42 acres of water provide good fishing for bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish. Facilities at Peters Park include twenty-five electrical camping pads, one handicap accessible campsite, vault toilets, open shelter house with electric and picnic tables, drinking water and dump station. A gravel boat ramp and ground/upright grills are also available. Electrical sites are \$15.00 per night. Non-electrical sites \$12.00 per night.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Monona/Park/Peters-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-433-2400

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Savery Pond**

**Park Location/Address:** 33787 Plum Ave., Moorhead, IA 51558

**Park Description:** Located approximately 4 miles southeast of Moorhead, this 25 acre park includes a 15-acre pond with 10 acres of land. Good populations of white crappie, bass, bluegill, carp and catfish are available to area anglers. A boat ramp and portable water is available. Camping is prohibited.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Monona/Park/Savery-Pond.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-433-2400

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N	
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Whiting Woods****Park Location/Address:** 14858 Peach Ave., Mapleton, IA 51034

**Park Description:** This 80-acre tract of dense native timber is located 4 miles southwest of Mapleton. Approximately 10 acres have been developed for picnicking, hiking and nature studies. a 1.6 mile trail that takes you around the whole timber, with four benches for stopping and relaxing along the way. An open shelter house, drinking water and vault type toilet facilities are available. Upright/ground grills and picnic tables are also available. Camping is prohibited with the exception of 4-H, Boy Scout or Girl Scout organizations. A 10:30 curfew is enforced for all visitors.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Monona/Park/Whiting-Woods.aspx>**Contact:** 712-433-2400**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Ida County, Iowa***

**Name:** Crawford Creek Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** Battle Creek, IA

**Park Description:** Crawford Creek Recreation Area is a modern 260 acre park located 3 miles south of Battle Creek, IA. Established in 1975, the park has become an oasis for those seeking a quick get away or a weekend retreat. The 62 acre Crawford Creek Lake is abundantly stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish. Any size motors may be used on the lake, but must be operated at a “no wake” speed. A concrete boat ramp, fishing jetties and docks all help provide a way for the angler to wet his line.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Ida/Park/Crawford-Creek-RecreationArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-364-3300

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Moorehead Pioneer Park

**Park Location/Address:** 299 Jasper Ave., Ida Grove, IA 51445 (1 miles west of Ida Grove on Hwy 59/175)

**Park Description:** The stagecoach inn, barn and schoolhouse are open every Sunday in the summer from 1:30 to 4:30 for tours or by calling for appointment.

Wildlife abounds at Moorehead Park. The native timber provides the largest single tract of timber in Ida County. This park has been listed as one of Iowa’s “Watchable Wildlife” areas. This distinction has only been given to 75 other areas in Iowa. “Watchable Wildlife” areas are known for their abundance of wildlife due to the quality habitat.

In 2001, the Pleasant Valley Trail was extended into Moorehead Park. The concrete multipurpose trail makes a 4 mile circle in the city of Ida Grove, crosses the Maple River and extends 1 mile into the park. Grassy trails through the timber with foot bridges over the impassable areas will make even the remote corners of this park easily accessible to the public. Bring your camera and binoculars and you will be sure to take home some special memories. Several other improvements have helped to make this area so popular. A 12 acre lake is stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish. The easily accessible lake is popular with local anglers (sorry, electric boat motors only). . Picnic shelters, restrooms, a large playground and facilities for winter activities help round out this park to give the entire family an unforgettable outdoor experience.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Ida/Park/Moorehead-PioneerPark.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-364-3300

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						



## Woodbury County, Iowa

**Name:** Bigelow Park/Brown's Lake

**Park Location/Address:** 722 Bigelow Park Rd., Salix, IA 51052

**Park Description:** Brown's Lake is a natural oxbow of the Missouri River formed when the river was free to meander across the river valley. Brown's Lake offers excellent fishing opportunities for largemouth bass and northern pike. A fishing dock and boat ramp provides access to the lake, which is a popular area for recreational boaters and water skiers as well.

**Web Address:** <https://woodburyparks.org/browns-lake-bigelow-park/>

**Contact:** 712-946-7114

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Fowler Forest

**Park Location/Address:** 3176 Hwy 141. (One-half mile west of Smithland, IA on Hwy 141.)

**Park Description:** This 160 acre area is a perfect spot for a picnic, or a walk through the woods.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Woodbury/Park/Fowler-Forest.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-258-0838

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Little Sioux Park

**Park Location/Address:** 2 miles southwest of Correctionville, IA

**Park Description:** This 609-acre area provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities for the public. The 10-acre lake has angling opportunities for large-mouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. Only electric trolling motors, oars and paddles are allowed on all county owned lakes. There is a designated swimming beach area. Hiking trails offer opportunities to explore the marsh, native trees, shrub plantings, native prairies and food plots. Two campgrounds, Bellamy and Riverside, offer 95 sites with electricity, water, modern restrooms and showers. Playground equipment is located near the campground. Four camping cabins are available for rental as well. Approximately 50 non-electrical campsites are located on the west side of the lake with access to modern restrooms and showers. The Union Bridge Trail connects the park to the town of

Correctionville with a ten foot wide concrete path that winds through scenic areas and crossing the Little Sioux River with a spectacular bridge.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Woodbury/Park/Little-Sioux-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-372-4984

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Midway Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1154 Hwy 140, Merville, IA 51069

**Park Description:** This park is comprised of two abandoned gravel pits that have been converted to recreational lakes. The park features a new vault latrine along with picnic tables and grills

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Woodbury/Park/Midway-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-258-0838

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Stone State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 5001 Talbot Rd, Sioux City, IA 51103

**Park Description:** Native Americans were the first humans to inhabit the area now known as Stone Park. Although little is known specifically about their activities in Stone Park, the area would certainly have been used during hunting activities, migration and possibly for encampments. The Dakota Sioux were the last Native American group to inhabit what is now northwest Iowa. They inhabited the area when Lewis and Clark ascended the Missouri River in 1804 and passed close to Stone Park.

In 1885, Daniel Hector Talbot began buying land that would later become Stone Park. Click here for more information about Mt. Talbot State Preserve. Talbot was well known for the various animals he raised, including: elk, bear, bison, wolves, and monkeys. Thomas Jefferson Stone acquired the Talbot farm in 1895. Stone's son, Edgar, began developing the area into a park in 1905. Sioux City acquired the land from the Stone family in 1912 and continued to develop roads, picnic areas, and a zoo. In 1935, the city sold the property to the state of Iowa.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp was located in the northwestern area of the park from 1935 to 1939. The CCC were responsible for constructing the majority of the park's facilities, including entrance portals, staff residences, the Calumet shelter, and the rustic Stone lodge. The park was once the home for the Salvation Army, Boy Scout, and Girl Scout camps.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Stone-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-255-4698

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Snyder Bend Park

**Park Location/Address:** 2924 Snyder Bend Rd., Salix, IA 51052

**Park Description:** This 34 acre area is located one mile south of Bigelow Park near Salix.

Snyder Bend Park Lake is an oxbow of the Missouri River, formed in the early 1960's when the river was channelized. The lake has been stocked with walleye fingerlings for the past six years, a cooperative project with the River City Anglers of Siouxland. Other popular game fish include largemouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, crappie, catfish, and perch.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Woodbury/Park/Snyder-BendPark.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-946-5622

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Southwood Conservation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 3402 330<sup>th</sup> St., Smithland, IA 51056

**Park Description:** Located one mile southwest of Smithland, this area highlights some of the Loess Hills' open grassland and timbered areas. Two ponds located in the park are stocked with bluegill, channel catfish and largemouth bass. Electric motors may be used in the ponds. Trails of the area take the visitor through a variety of habitats. A self-guided nature trail brochure is available at the trail head. Numerous bluebird boxes have been erected in the area and visitors may catch a glimpse of the brilliant, blue birds.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Woodbury/Park/Southwood-Conservation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-889-2215

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Plymouth County, Iowa***

**Name:** Hillview Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 1 mile west of Hinton, IA on C60

**Park Description:** Hillview is the hub of outdoor recreation opportunities in Plymouth County. The 275-acre Hillview Recreation Area contains a mixture of open grasslands, reconstructed prairie, woodlands, and wildlife habitat. Year around outdoor activities that are available include camping, both primitive and modern; camping cabins, picnicking, including shelters, fishing, swimming, hiking, biking, horseback riding and cross country skiing over a network of trails that traverse the entire park; snow tubing; and hunting (October 15 through December 31) in a portion of the park set aside for this activity. Hillview is also the site of the county's resident elk herd. Visit the herd during the fall or winter to see the majestic bull's antlers.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Plymouth/Park/Hillview-RecreationArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-947-4270

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

## Sioux County, Iowa

**Name:** Big Sioux Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 84 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Hawarden, IA

**Park Description:** This 270 acre area located South of Hawarden, contains 90 acres of water for fishing, boating activities (no wake) and a swimming beach. Picnic shelters are available on first come first served basis, along with picnic tables, and fire rings. Hunting is permitted during regular hunting season outside of city limits, primitive weapons only. This area is popular during the winter months for ice fishing, snow shoeing and other winter activities

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Sioux/Park/Big-Sioux-RecreationArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-552-1047

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Oak Grove & Big Sioux Park

**Park Location/Address:** 4051 Cherry Ave., Hawarden, IA (7 miles N of Hawarden on K 18)

**Park Description:** This park is 433 acres. There is camping of both electrical and non electrical sites available. Environmental Education Programs are offered to local boy and girl scouts, civic groups, nursing homes, assisted living, schools, cadets, and many more groups throughout the county. Programs can be brought to meeting locations or hosted at Oak Grove Park. The Oak Grove Park borders the Big Sioux River along with boat ramp access to the river and shoreline fishing.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Sioux/Park/Oak-Grove-Big-SiouxPark.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-552-1047

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Schomaker Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** Boyden, IA

**Park Description:** This park has 130 acres to explore, hunt, fishing and picnic at. There is an 8 acre lake and the Otter Creek available to fish.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Sioux/Park/Bruce-Schomaker-Recreation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-552-1047

**Scout Info**

Camping	Y	Hiking Trails	Y	Aquatics fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>
<u>Cabins</u>	N					

## ***Union County, South Dakota***

Name: Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve

Park Location/Address: **272 Westshore Dr., McCook Lake, SD 57004**

**Park Description:** This is a 1,500-acre preserve along the Missouri River. It offers archery, biking on trails, birdwatching, cross county skiing, hiking, picnicking, showshoeing, stargazing and wildlife watching. This currently appears to be a day-use facility.

**Web Address:** <https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/adams-homestead-and-nature-preserve/>

**Contact:** 605-232-0873

### Scout Info

Camping	N	Hiking Trails	Y	Aquatics	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

Name: Union Grove State Park

Park Location/Address: **30828 471<sup>st</sup> Ave., Beresford, SD 57004**

**Park Description:** Rich glacial soils support a lush growth of native woods in this hidden treasure. Horseback riders, hikers, bikers and cross-country skiers enjoy several miles of trail through the forest along Brule Creek. The trees and plants attract a variety of birds sure to keep botanists and birdwatchers entertained for hours. Campers enjoy the quiet well-shaded campsites, and the horse camp is the perfect base for a weekend of riding. Deer, wild turkeys, beaver and many small animals abound in the park as well as a variety of trees and plant life. Birdwatchers will enjoy the opportunities to see many species of birds including cardinals, orioles, grosbeak, warblers, red-winged blackbirds, blue jays, pheasants and wild turkeys. The multi-use trails are ideal for horses and mountain bikes and span up to 4.3 miles. The hiking trail is foot traffic only and is 1.2 miles

**Web Address:** <https://gfp.sd.gov/parks/detail/union-grove-state-park/>

**Contact:** 605-987-2263

### Scout Info

Camping	Y	Hiking Trails	Y	Aquatics	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

# Thundercloud District

## *Cherokee County, Iowa*

**Name:** Larson Lake

**Park Location/Address:** 5434 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Aurelia, IA

**Park Description:** Larson Lake is a former gravel pit converted to a 5 acre lake within this 12 acre recreational park east of Aurelia, Iowa. Bluegill, bass, crappie and catfish can be caught year-round and small watercraft are permitted on the lake. No gasoline motors, please. Facilities also include large and small picnic shelters, charcoal grills, a vault toilet and playground equipment. Five primitive campsites are available for \$5 per site per night. No more than six people with one tent/camper per site, please. No hunting is allowed at any time.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cherokee/Park/Larson-Lake.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-225-6709

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Silver Sioux Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 5954 Silver Sioux Rd., Quimby, IA 51049

**Park Description:** Silver Sioux Recreation Area is a 160-acre recreational park found on Silver Sioux Road, northeast of Quimby, Iowa, near the confluence of Silver Creek and the Little Sioux River. The land was previously a dairy farm owned by the Roy Little family, and has become the county's most developed recreation area. Amenities include a campground with modern and primitive campsites, including limestone camper pads and several pull-through sites. Water is currently available from hydrants and electricity is supplied to all modern sites. Modern restrooms with showers have been added to the campground in 2007.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cherokee/Park/Silver-Sioux-RecreationArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-225-6709

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						



**Name:** Steineke Area

**Park Location/Address:** 1010 628<sup>th</sup> St., Quimby, IA 51049

**Park Description:** Stieneke Area provides 15.5 acres on the east side of the Little Sioux River between Quimby and Washta, Iowa. The area features 5 primitive campsites available for \$5 per night. Drinking water, fire pits, picnic tables, a picnic shelter and restroom are provided. Hunting is permitted from October 1 through April 30. Fishing is popular in this stretch of the Little Sioux River for catfish and walleye.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Cherokee/Park/Stieneke-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-225-6709

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Buena Vista County, Iowa***

**Name:** Buena Vista County Conservation Park

**Park Location/Address:** Petersen, IA

**Park Description:** Bur Oak Campground, with flush toilets, showers is open May 1 – October 1. Park has tubing hill, hiking trails, wildlife, winter activities, arboretum.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Buena-Vista/Park/Buena-Vista-CountyConservation-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-295-7985

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Gabrielson Park – Gustafson Lake

**Park Location/Address:** Sioux Rapids, IA

**Park Description:** The developed 36 acres is located on the south edge of Sioux Rapids on Highway 71. The park contains an enclosed shelter house used by reservation only. A small open picnic shelter is located on the southwest corner of the park. The 10-acre lake has a boat ramp for fishing. Electric motors are allowed. A beach area is provided for swimmers.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Buena-Vista/Park/Gabrielson-ParkGustafson-Lake.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-295-7985

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Linn Grove Dam

**Park Location/Adress:** Linn Grove, IA

**Park Description:** The park includes areas on both sides of the Little Sioux River totaling 12 acres. The low head dam on the river provides great fishing. A boat ramp provides access to the river. Primitive camping is allowed. Pit toilets, drinking water and playground equipment are available.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Buena-Vista/Park/Linn-Grove-DamArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-295-7985

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Sturchler Pit

**Park Location/Address:** Newell, IA

**Park Description:** The former 120-acre gravel pit area has been developed and contains picnic shelters, pit toilet, and playground equipment. Several plots of prairie grass have been established. The lake provides excellent deep pond fishing. No firearms or bows and arrows are allowed.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Buena-Vista/Park/Sturchler-PitArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-295-7985

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***O'Brien County***

**Name:** Dog Creek Park

**Park Location/Address:** Sutherland, IA

**Park Description:** Dog Creek Park has a lot to offer in O'Brien County. It's breathtaking view of the lake and valley is something to see. And located along the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/OBrien/Park/Dog-Creek-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-295-7200

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Douma Park

**Park Location/Address:** Sanborn, IA

**Park Description:** Quiet park with a fishing lake.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/OBrien/Park/Douma-Park.aspx> **Contact:**

712-295-7200

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Mill Creek Park

**Park Location/Address:** One-half mile east of Paullina, IA on Iowa Hwy 10.

**Park Description:** Mill Creek Park is one of the highlights of O'Brien County. The park offers a variety of activities for the whole family throughout the year, including winter fishing with drilling the ice and concessions!

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/OBrien/Park/Mill-Creek-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-295-7200

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Tjossem Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1 mile south and ½ mile east of Primghar, IA

**Park Description:** Campground open May 1 – Sept 30. A quiet park with hiking trail that connects to Primghar.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/OBrien/Park/Tjossem-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-295-7200

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Clay County, Iowa***

**Name:** Dickens Pit

**Park Location/Address:** Dickens, IA

**Park Description:** This is a 40-acre wildlife area with a 4 acre pond. Fishing and hunting allowed

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Clay/Park/Dickens-Pit.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-262-2187

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N	
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Riverside Park

**Park Location/Address:** Located on W edge of Peterson, IA, S of Highway 10 on 115<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Park Description:** 13.5-acre park and boat ramp on W edge of Little Sioux River. Pit toilets and a small open air picnic shelter.

**Web Address:** <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Clay/Park/Riverside-Little-Sioux-Access.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-262-2187

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N	
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Scharnberg Park

**Park Location/Address:** From Spencer, IA go W. on 4<sup>th</sup> St. which becomes Couty Road B24 for 6.6 miles. Turn north on 145<sup>th</sup> Ave for a half mile. Look for brown and white County Arrowhead sign markers to assist you.

**Park Description:** Scharnberg Park has a 15 acre pond stocked yearly with bass, bluegill and channel catfish. Access to the pond is made easier by a handicap accessible fishing pier as well as a 50 foot rock jetty. A campsite that will hold 63 campers provides cable TV w/HBO as well as wireless internet, all included in the camping fee. if you don't own a camper, there are three camping cabins available for rent year around. From horseshoes, to fishing, paddle boats and canoe rentals, a concession stand and a beautiful beach to swim at. Scharnberg park has something to offer everyone.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Clay/Park/Scharnberg-Park.aspx>  
**Contact:** 712-262-2187

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

## ***Palo Alto County, Iowa***

### **Name: Basswood Recreation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** 1 mile W of Emmetsburg, IA There are two entrances to this park: (1) 4479 360<sup>th</sup> St., Emmetsburg, IA, off Hwy 18; (2) 3563 450<sup>th</sup> Ave, Emmetsburg, IA

**Park Description:** This area partially borders the West Des Moines River. A portion of this land used to be a car salvage yard. Most of Basswood is floodplain timber, with Silver Maple, Cottonwood, Willow and Basswood trees dominating. A replanted prairie and a food plot provide diversity for wildlife.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Palo-Alto/Park/Basswood-RecreationArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-837-4866

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N	
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

### **Name: Lost Island – Huston Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 3267 350<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ruthven, IA

**Park Description:** The Lost Island Nature Center at Huston Park serves as a site for public information, educational programs and interpretive displays. Highlights at the nature center include a diorama depicting a wetland, raptor and watershed displays, indoor beehive, aquarium with native fish, classroom, reference library and gift shop.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Palo-Alto/Park/Lost-Island-HustonPark.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-837-4866

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						



**Name:** Sportsman Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 2.25 miles N of Cylinder, IA

**Park Description:** Sportsman Recreation Area is an excellent spot for fishing at the gravel pit stocked with catfish. You will also have good luck with Perch, Bluegill, Crappies and Bass. Excellent upland bird hunting. Pack your picnic basket as there is a picnic area. Take advantage of the shooting range at Sportsmans (must have a Palo Alto County Gun Club membership to use the shooting range).

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Palo-Alto/Park/Sportsman-RecreationArea.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-837-4866

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N	
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Osceola County, Iowa***

**Name:** Iowa Lake Park

**Park Location/Address:** 4 miles N, ½ mile W of Harris, IA

**Park Description:** 3 acres with lake access, boat ramp, with fishing dock, picnic shelter, well and restrooms. Tent campint permitted.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Osceola/Park/Iowa-Lake-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-758-3709

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Ocheydan Pits

**Park Location/Address:** Ocheydan, IA

**Park Description:** Picnic shelter, rest rooms, water, camping, fishing, swimming and nature trails. Wildlife Management Area behind park open to public hunting during season. No firearms or shooting any other time.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Osceola/Park/Ocheydan-Pits-CountyRecreation-Area.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-758-3709

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Willow Creek County Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1.5 miles E of Hwys 9 & 59 junction or 5 miles W of Ocheydan, IA on Hwy 9

**Park Description:** 95-acre park with 3.5-acre lake, native and restored prairie. Recreational activities include fishing, hunting, hiking, birding, nature study, photography. A Lodge will accommodate 55 persons for social events, meetings, etc. A classroom is available for school groups, Hunter Education classes, Fish Iowa classes or any 4H, Scout, Club or organization that wishes to use it.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Osceola/Park/Willow-Creek-CountyPark.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-758-3709

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Dickinson County, Iowa***

**Name:** Elinor Bedell State Park

**Park Location/Address:** Milford, IA

**Park Description:** Elinor Bedell State Park is Iowa's newest (1998) state park. It is located on the shores of East Lake Okoboji and represents one of the last remaining open spaces in a region that is among Iowa's most popular tourist destination - the Iowa Great Lakes. The 80-acre park was a generous gift of Berkley and Elinor Bedell. A lifelong resident of the Great Lakes area, Berkley Bedell represented Northwest Iowa for 12 years in the United States Congress. Berkley and Elinor's dream of permanently protecting this beautiful piece of open space for future generations led to donation of the land to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Elinor Bedell State Park will promote appreciation and enjoyment of prairies, wetlands, and oak savanna landscapes once commonly found along the shores of Iowa's Great lakes. An extensive trail system will link these restored landscapes providing the public with recreational opportunities. By re-creating these natural landscapes, wildlife habitat will be improved and will provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.

**Web Address:** <https://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/elinor-bedell-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=IA&parkId=610153>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Emerson Bay State Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 3100 Emerson St., West Okoboji, IA 51351

**Park Description:** West Okoboji and the many other lakes in the area are some of the prime fishing spots in Iowa. Anglers will find challenging sport pursuing a variety of game fish, including walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, white bass, perch, bluegills, crappies, catfish, and bullheads. Boating is also very popular on the lakes using everything from canoes to sailboats and ski rigs.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Iowa-Great-Lakes#Emerson-Bay-State-Recreation-Area-79>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Gull Point State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1500 Harpen St., Milford, IA 51351

**Park Description:** The "lakes area" of northwest Iowa offers a tremendous array of outdoor recreation opportunities, year-round. The unique setting of beautiful and clear Lakes East and West Okoboji, Big Spirit Lake and other water bodies truly provides wonderful opportunities for outdoor recreation. The focal point for state parks and recreation areas in this region is beautiful Gull Point State Park, established in 1933. Gull Point provides a pleasing, shaded setting on West Okoboji Lake and offers a well-rounded variety of outdoor recreation facilities.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Iowa-Great-Lakes#Gull-Point-State-Park-76>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

**Scout Info**

Camping	Y	Hiking Trails	Y	Aquatics	Y	Drinking Water	Y
Toilets	Y	Showers	Y	Co-ed Friendly	Y	Electricity	Y
Cabins	N						

**Name:** Horseshoe Bend Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** Milford , IA

**Park Description:** day use area, for both winter and summer

**Web Address:** [https://www.okoboji.com/business/horseshoe\\_bend\\_county\\_recreation\\_area](https://www.okoboji.com/business/horseshoe_bend_county_recreation_area)

**Contact:** 712-338-4786

**Scout Info**

Camping	Y	Hiking Trails	Y	Aquatics	fishing, boating	Drinking Water	N
Toilets	Y	Showers	N	Co-ed Friendly	Y	Electricity	N
Cabins	N						

**Name:** Kenue Park

**Park Location/Address:** Okoboji, IA

**Park Description:** This day use nature area is home to the pollinator paradise and disc golf course.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Dickinson/Park/Kenue-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

**Scout Info**

Camping	N	Hiking Trails	N	Aquatics	N	Drinking Water	N
Toilets	Y	Showers	N	Co-ed Friendly	Y	Electricity	N
Cabins	N						

**Name:** Marble Beach State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 12320 240<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

**Park Description:** On the shore of Spirit Lake, Marble Beach State Recreation area features one of Iowa's most popular campgrounds. Spirit Lake is the largest natural lake in Iowa and provides some of the best fishing in the state. Camp in the newly renovated campground, which is the largest in the Iowa Great Lakes region. With plenty of shade, campsites include full hook-ups with 50 amp electric and water service, 50 amp electrical sites and non-electric sites. Other amenities include paved roads, modern restroom and shower facilities, as well as a sanitary dump station. Advance campsite reservations can be made through the [park reservation system](#). One fourth of the campsites are available for walk-ins on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional camping is available in the North Campground, which is just north of the main park entrance on 240th Avenue. Hike and bike on paved trails which connect to several miles of regional recreation trails.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Iowa-Great-Lakes#Marble-Beach-State-Recreation-Area-77>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Pikes Point State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 15976 213<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spirit Lake, IA 51360

**Park Description:** West Okoboji and the many other lakes in the area are some of the prime fishing spot in Iowa. Anglers will find challenging sport pursuing a variety of game fish, including walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, white bass, perch, bluegills, crappies, catfish, and bullheads. Boating is also very popular on the lakes using everything from canoes to sailboats to ski rigs.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Iowa-Great-Lakes#Pikes-Point-State-Park-81>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Templar State Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 13185 Templar Dr. S., Spirit Lake, IA 51360

**Park Description:** Located on the west side of Big Spirit Lake, Templar Park offers the user a boat ramp to launch their boat and several areas to fish along the shoreline. Templar Park's boat ramp is one of the most popular on Big Spirit Lake because it is situated on a lagoon that allows users to launch their boats on the windiest of days. The recreation area has an open picnic shelter available on a first-come, first-served basis. An additional shelter can be reserved through the park reservation system. Spirit Lake is the largest natural lake in Iowa and provides some of the best fishing in the state. Anglers will find challenging sport pursuing a variety of game fish, including walleye, northern pike, muskellunges, smallmouth bass, white bass, perch, bluegills, crappies, catfish, and bullheads.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Iowa-Great-Lakes#Templar-State-Recreation-Area-82>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	N	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Emmet County, Iowa***

### **Name: Fort Defiance State Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 175<sup>th</sup> St., Estherville, IA 51334

**Park Description:** Fort Defiance State Park's 191 acres of rugged woodland provide a beautiful contrast to the gently rolling surrounding farmlands. The park's trails, picnic areas and scenic overlooks provide a great place to relax. Its lush cover of vegetation includes hawthorn, plum, locust and many species of the state tree - the oak. In the spring, the slopes are speckled with trillium, bloodroot, hepatica and violets. A small prairie with native grasses and flowers, including the endangered prairie bush clover, thrives on a secluded knoll

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Fort-Defiance-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

### **Name: Okamanpedan State Park**

**Park Location/Address:** Dolliver, IA

**Park Description:** Located on Tuttle Lake in Emmet County, Okamanpedan offers the user several areas to fish along the shoreline, as well as river fishing on the East Fork of the Des Moines River. Anglers will find challenging sport pursuing a variety of game fish, including walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, white bass, perch, bluegills, crappies, catfish, and bullheads

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Iowa-Great-Lakes#Okamanpedan-State-Park-153>

**Contact:** 712-337-3211

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						



**Name: Tuttle Lake Recreation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** 2 miles N. of Dolliver, IA on county road A13

**Park Description:** nearly 2,300 acres to explore with camping and fishing.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Emmet/Park/Tuttle-Lake-Recreation-Area-Campground.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-867-4422

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Wolden Recreation Area**

**Park Location/Address:** Wallingford, IA

**Park Description:** Located on the 467-acre High Lake, the Wolden Recreation Area offers 65 acres of wilderness with campground facilities, hiking trails, and an arboretum. The campground facilities has 90 camping units, forty 50amp sites, a shower house, playground, shelter houses with picnic tables, and a storm shelter.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Emmet/Park/Wolden-Recreation-Area-Campground.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-867-4422

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

# Twin Lakes

## Sac County, Iowa

**Name:** Black Hawk State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 228 S. Blossom, Lake View, IA

**Park Description:** Black Hawk Lake lies off the southeast tip of the town of Lake View in Sac County, Iowa. Black Hawk Lake was formed many thousands of years ago by glacial action. In fact, it is the southern-most glacier-formed lake in Iowa. The lake's 957 acres which adjoins the state park, and the many services provided within the town of Lake View, all combine to provide a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities to the public. There is a great deal of Iowa history at Black Hawk Lake. In 1828, President John Quincy Adams formally declared that all lands east of the Mississippi were to be sold to settlers gradually moving their way westward. This resulted in the forcing of Indian tribes to the west. Chief Black Hawk and 2,000 of his followers refused to move and the "Black Hawk War" resulted. Future President Abraham Lincoln fought in the Black Hawk War in command of a detachment of Illinois militiamen. In August of 1832, Chief Black Hawk was defeated at the Bad Ax River in Wisconsin. In 1838, the chief died and was buried in a sitting position facing southeast on the Des Moines River in Davis County. Later, his remains were stolen, then recovered, and finally lost in a fire. Chief Black Hawk's legacy lives on in such places as Black Hawk Lake and as the namesake for Black Hawk County, Iowa. Black Hawk State Park was established in 1935. Many of its buildings were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Black-Hawk-State-Park>

**Contact:** 712-657-8712

### Scout Info

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Grant Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1½ miles N of Auburn, IA

**Park Description:** This beautiful wooded 98-acre park is situated along the North Racoon River. Grant Park has 3 separate camping areas. Area 1 has 25 camping sites with full hookup-water, sewer and electric both 30 & 50 amp. A shower/restroom facility is in close proximity to the campground and playground area. The playground area does include horseshoe pits. Close to the main camping area an enclosed shelterhouse sits upon a hill overlooking the campground and river. This shelterhouse has indoor bathrooms, a fireplace and outdoor grills. The shelterhouse is available to rent between May 1 and mid-October and seats approximately 100.

Areas 2 & 3 are available for primitive camping. There are picnicking opportunities throughout the park.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Sac/Park/Grant-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-662-4530

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Hagge Park

**Park Location/Address:** Sac City, IA

**Park Description:** This 86 acre park lies along the North Raccoon River & serves as the headquarters of the Sac County Conservation Board. Hagge Park is mostly wooded with a mix of oak, hickory and ash trees. Hagge Park is a great place for fishing, canoeing, camping, picnicking and hiking.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Sac/Park/Hagge-Park.aspx> **Contact:** 712-662-4530

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Reiff Park

**Park Location/Address:** Early, IA

**Park Description:** This 120-acre park is split by the Boyer River. The eastern one-third of the park is developed for recreational purposes such as camping and picnicking. The eastern section has a large enclosed shelterhouse, 2 smaller open-air shelters, campground with 7 sites, a playground and a small pond. The western two-thirds of the park is undeveloped and managed as a wildlife area. A large evergreen plantation, hardwood plantings and native grass plots makes up the majority of the western 2/3. There are plenty of hunting and fishing opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast to partake in. The Boyer River is home to a variety of pan fish, bullheads and channel catfish. Bluegill can also be found in the small pond.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Sac/Park/Reiff-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-662-4530

#### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Calhoun County, Iowa***

**Name:** Featherstone Memorial Park

**Park Location/Address:** 8803 Twin Lakes Rd., Manson, IA 50563

**Park Description:** This 51-acre park is located on the Northwest shoreline of North Twin Lake. You'll find a 453-acre lake to the North and a 600 acre Lake to the South. 8803Camping, fishing, hiking trail, boat ramp access and playground equipment. 5 Camper cabins and 2 family cabins plus lakeside sites for RVs and tents.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Calhoun/Park/FeatherstoneMemorial-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-297-7131

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> boating, fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Twin Lakes State Park

**Park Location/Address:** 6685 Twin Lakes Rd. Rockwell City, IA 50579

**Park Description:** North Twin Lakes is a 453 acre natural lake. There are no restrictions on boat motor size and there are two state boat ramps on the south shore of the lake. Major fish species include bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, and walleye. All areas of Twin Lakes State Park are day use only, no camping is available. The main area on the east side of North Twin Lake is open to fishing only, 24 hours a day and has a modern restroom. Both the east and west areas offer a sandy beach swimming area and modern playground. There is a new multi-purpose paved trail which encircles North Twin Lakes with an access point on the main east area of Twin Lakes State Park.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Twin-Lakes-State-Park>

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Webster County, Iowa***

**Name:** Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

**Park Location/Address:** 2802 Brushy Creek Rd., Lehigh, IA 50557

**Park Description:** At over 6,000 acres, Brushy Creek is one of Iowa's largest tracts of public outdoor recreation land. Visitors can get a real sense of being "away from it all" while, at the same time, enjoying a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities such as camping, hunting, horseback riding, and winter sports. The development of a 690 acre lake and associated facilities will provide additional opportunities for boating, swimming, and fishing, picnicking.

These developments are under construction and are expected to be completed in the future.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Brushy-Creek-State-Recreation-Area>

**Contact:** (515) 543-8298

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Dolliver Memorial State Park

**Park Location/Address:** Lehigh, IA

**Park Description:** In 1912, a family picnicking in the area of the creek that runs through Boneyard Hollow found a lead tablet at the mouth of the creek. Inscribed in Latin, it stated that it was deposited in 1701 by Father Hennepin, a French explorer, often credited with discovering the Des Moines River. The tablet was eventually found to be a hoax, planted by people from the nearby community. However, Edgar Harlan, then curator of the state archives, went to the site where the tablet was found. His interest in the beauty of the area helped spark the state's interest in eventually purchasing the park.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Dolliver-Memorial-State-Park>

**Contact:** (515) 359-2539

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Kennedy Memorial Park**

**Park Location/Address:** 1415 Nelson Ave., Fort Dodge, IA 50501

**Park Description:** The largest and most popular area managed by the Webster County Conservation Board is John F. Kennedy Memorial Park. Construction of Kennedy Park began in 1962 and the park was officially dedicated in 1965. This park is a 400-acre multiple use recreation area. The 53-acre Badger Lake provides the focal point for a wide variety of outdoor activities including camping, fishing, picnicking, hiking, canoeing and boating (no gas motors) as well as the 18-hole Lakeside Municipal Golf Course.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Webster/Park/Kennedy-MemorialPark.aspx>

**Contact:** (515) 576-4258

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name: Skillet Creek Indian Mounds**

**Park Location/Address:** Dayton, IA

**Park Description:** This is the site of a prehistoric Native American ceremonial ground. Five conical burial mounds and one linear ceremonial mound lie forever on the heavily timbered limestone bluff overlooking the Des Moines and Skillet Creek valleys. The mounds were probably built 2,000 to 1,500 years ago by an extinct culture called the Woodland Indians. Found in the bottomland of this area is the old mining town of Hard Scrabble. Once a thriving town in the late 1890's there are few remains left to indicate such a life existed. There is a parking area and self-guided interpretive trail. The area is a preserve.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Webster/Park/Skillet-Creek-IndianMounds.aspx>

**Contact:** (515) 576-4258

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	N	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	N
<u>Toilets</u>	N	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	N	<u>Electricity</u>	N
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Pocahontas County, Iowa***

**Name:** Cooper's Cave

**Park Location/Address:** 7 miles E of Palmer, IA and ½ mile south on 330<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Park Description:** Cooper's Cove is home to many recent projects – upgraded campsites, new shower house, and new pond overview. The oak savanna, keystone bridge, pond, and woodland trails along Lizard Creek remain.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Pocahontas/Park/Coopers-Cove.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-335-4395

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Meredith Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1½ miles N of Plover on N57 miles Plover, IA

**Park Description:** Meredith Park, also known as Plover Pit, is a popular place for fishing, swimming, picnicking, and camping. Special features include an excellent 5 1/2 acre natural lake, a new playground created from 15,000 recycled milk jugs, and a new sleeping cabin added in 2007.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Pocahontas/Park/Meredith-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** 712-335-4395

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Humboldt County, Iowa***

**Name:** Frank A Gotch State Park

**Park Location/Address:** Access park from intersection of Hwys 169 and 3 in Humboldt, IA by going S on Hwy 169 4 miles, then E 1 mile, then N 1½ mile .

**Park Description:** A 67-acre park located on the confluence of the East and West Forks of the Des Moines River. A park which has significant History in that in the 1800's a Stockade style Fort was built on the location and used as a trading post. No remnants of the fort have been located. Frank A Gotch State Park was the second park obtained after organization of the Conservation Boards. The park while State owned has been leased from the DNR and is under the management of the Humboldt Co. Conservation Bd. Gotch Park offers electric and water sites for \$17 per night and non-electric sites for \$10 per night. A camp host is onsite during the camping season to answer any questions and help in any way to make your stay enjoyable. A log cabin is also available for rent. The cabin offers accommodations for up to 6 people, microwave, small refrigerator, air conditioning and heat. An enclosed shelter and open-air shelter are also available to rent and make a great setting for family get togethers. Other amenities include a boat ramp, playground equipment, horseshoe pits and access to a limestone trail that is great for walks and biking.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Humboldt/Park/Frank-A-Gotch-StatePark.aspx>

**Contact:** (515) 332-4087

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Joe Sheldon Park

**Park Location/Address:** About 2 miles west of Humboldt, IA on Hwy 3.

**Park Description:** This park has several areas to enjoy. The first area (2210 Sheldon Ave) is a roadside park and campground with modern restroom/shower house, dump station and playground. The second area (2230 Sheldon Ave.) is more of a picnic area with playground. The third area lower (2250 Sheldon Ave) is located along the West Fork of the Des Moines River. Campsites, shelter, band/stage boat ramp are in this area. New campsites are now complete in a 7-acre area just developed with playground equipment and sand volleyball court. A new restroom facility was completed for the 2013 camping season. The facility offers 3 private shower stalls in each of the men's and women's side, double sinks in each and is heated for your early and late season camping enjoyment! A camp host is onsite during the camping season to answer questions and help in any way to make your stay an enjoyable one!

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Humboldt/Park/Joe-Sheldon-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** (515) 332-4087



**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	Y	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

## ***Kossuth County, Iowa***

**Name:** Ambrose A Call State Park

**Park Location/Address:** Algona, IA

**Park Description:** Ambrose A. Call State Park is a 138 acre "oasis" of rugged hills, heavily wooded with virgin timber in an area of gently rolling farmland. The park is located near the east fork of the Des Moines River. Ambrose Call and his brother, Asa, were early settlers in the area who carved their claim, the first in Kossuth County, on a walnut tree at the present site of the park. The brothers spent their first night in Kossuth County on July 9, 1854. The next day, while Asa went for his wife and supplies, Ambrose and a traveling companion, William Smith, began work on a cabin in what is now the state park.

Seventy-one years later, in 1925, Mrs. Gardner Cowles made a gift of land to the state in memory of her father, Ambrose A. Call. The park was dedicated in 1929.

The authentic log cabin is constructed of elm logs, some exceeding 18 inches in diameter, which is typical of cabins built by the original settlers in the area. Four men were needed to put the logs in place. The cabin in the park is located in the approximate location of the first log cabin in Kossuth County. It was moved from the August Zahlten homestead to the park.

**Web Address:** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Iowa-State-Parks/Ambrose-A-Call-State-Park>

**Contact:** (641) 581-4835

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	N	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	Y	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	Y						

**Name:** Burt Lake

**Park Location/Address:** Drive W from Swea City, IA on Hwy 9 for 3 miles, then turn N on County Rd P 20, also known as 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., for 8 miles until you enter the park.

**Park Description:** A lake formed by the glaciers, Burt lake sits on the Iowa-Minnesota border north and west of Swea City, Iowa. It offers camping with electrical hookups and pit latrines, hunting, fishing, hiking, and picnicking. It is 145 acres

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Kossuth/Park/Burt-Lake.aspx>

**Contact:** (515) 295-2138

### **Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u>	fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Siems Park

**Park Location/Address:** 1 mile SE of Whittemore, IA on 200<sup>th</sup> St.

**Park Description:** Nice county site with all the amenities

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Kossuth/Park/Siems-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** (515) 295-2138

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						

**Name:** Smith Lake Park

**Park Location/Address:** Algona, IA

**Park Description:** Smith Lake Park offers a great variety of outdoor activities all year long, including: camping, fishing, hiking, cross country skiing, picnicking, and bird watching just to name a few. It is also home to the Water's Edge Nature Center.

**Web Address:** <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Kossuth/Park/Smith-Lake-Park.aspx>

**Contact:** (515) 295-2138

**Scout Info**

<u>Camping</u>	Y	<u>Hiking Trails</u>	Y	<u>Aquatics</u> fishing, boating	<u>Drinking Water</u>	Y	
<u>Toilets</u>	Y	<u>Showers</u>	N	<u>Co-ed Friendly</u>	Y	<u>Electricity</u>	Y
<u>Cabins</u>	N						