

# Guide to Environmental Education and Interpretive Services in Iowa

## STATE OF IOWA - STATE PARKS

Name of Area	County	Nearby City	Phone Number
Ambrose A. Call	Kossuth	Algona	515/295-3669
Backbone	Delaware	Strawberry Pt.	563/924-2527
Badger Creek	Madison	Van Meter	515/285-4502
Banner Lakes at Summerset	Warren	Indianola	515/961-7101
Beed's Lake	Franklin	Hampton	641/456-2047
Bellevue	Jackson	Bellevue	563/872-4019
Big Creek	Polk	Polk City	515/984-6473
Black Hawk	Sac	Lake View	712/657-8712
Brushy Creek	Webster	Lehigh	515/543-8298
Cedar Rock	Buchanan	Quasqueton	319/934-3572
Claire Wilson Park	Dickinson	Okoboji	712/337-3211
Clear Lake	Cerro Gordo	Clear Lake	641/357-4212
Dolliver Memorial	Webster	Lehigh	515/359-2539
Elk Rock	Marion	Knoxville	641/842-6008
Elinor Bedell	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
Emerson Bay	Dickinson	Milford	712/337-3211
Fairport Station	Muscatine	Muscatine	563/263-4337
Fort Atkinson	Winneshiek	Fort Atkinson	563/425-4161
Fort Defiance	Emmet	Estherville	712/362-2078
Geode	Henry	Danville	319/392-4601
George Wyth Memorial	Black Hawk	Waterloo	319/232-5505

Green Valley	Union	Creston	641/782-5131
Gull Point	Dickinson	Milford	712/337-3211
Honey Creek	Appanoose	Moravia	641/724-3739
Lacey-Keosauqua	Van Buren	Keosauqua	319/293-3502
Lake Ahquabi	Warren	Indianola	515/961-7101
Lake Anita	Cass	Anita	712/762-3564
Lake Darling	Washington	Brighton	319/694-2323
Lake Keomah	Mahaska	Oskaloosa	641/673-6975
Lake Macbride	Johnson	Solon	319/624-2200
Lake Manawa	Pottawattamie	Council Bluffs	712/366-0220
Lake of Three Fires	Taylor	Bedford	712/523-2700
Lake Wapello	Davis	Drakesville	641/722-3371
Ledges	Boone	Boone	515/432-1852
Lewis and Clark	Monona	Onawa	712/423-2829
Lower Gar Access	Dickinson	Arnolds Park	712/337-3211
Maquoketa Caves	Jackson	Maquoketa	563/652-5833
Marble Beach	Dickinson	Orleans	712/337-3211
McIntosh Woods	Cerro Gordo	Ventura	641/829-3847
Mines of Spain & E.B. Lyons	Dubuque	Dubuque	563/556-0620
Mini-Wakan	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
Nine Eagles	Decatur	Davis City	641/442-2855
Okamanpedan	Emmet	Dolliver	712/337-3211
Palisades-Kepler	Linn	Mt. Vernon	319/895-6039

Pikes Peak	Clayton	McGregor	563/873-2341
Pikes Point	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
Pilot Knob	Hancock	Forest City	641/581-4835
Pine Lake	Hardin	Eldora	641/858-5832
Pleasant Creek	Linn	Palo	319/436-7716
Prairie Rose	Shelby	Harlan	712/773-2701
Preparation Canyon	Monona	Moorhead	712/423-2829
Red Haw	Lucas	Chariton	641/774-5632
Rice Lake	Winnebago	Lake Mills	641/581-4835
Rock Creek	Jasper	Kellogg	641/236-3722
Shimek Forest-campground	Van Buren/Lee County	Farmington	319/878-3811
Springbrook	Guthrie	Guthrie Center	641/747-3591
Stephens Forest-campground	Lucas County	Chariton	641/774-5632
Stone	Plymouth	Sioux City	712/255-4698
Templar Park	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
Trappers Bay	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
Twin Lakes	Calhoun	Rockwell City	712/297-7131
Union Grove	Tama	Gladbrook	641/473-2556
Viking Lake	Montgomery	Stanton	712/829-2235
Volga River	Fayette	Fayette	563/425-4161
Walnut Woods	Polk	Des Moines	515/285-4502
Wanata	Buena Vista	Peterson	712/337-3211
Wapsipinicon	Jones	Anamosa	319/462-2761
Waubonsie	Fremont	Sidney	712/382-2786

Wildcat Den	Muscatine	Muscatine	563/263-4337
Wilson Island	Pottawattamie	Loveland	712/642-2069
Yellow River-campground	Allamakee	Waukon Junction	563/873-2341

### **AQUATIC EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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Position: Statewide coordination of Fish Iowa! teaching module and Project WILD Aquatic, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree through training programs and workshops for K-12 educators (formal and non formal); development of supplemental teaching aids, informational materials and displays dealing with aquatic topics; coordination of National Fishing Week and other special events

### **CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER, SPRINGBROOK STATE PARK**

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Program: Provide EE curriculum, programming, materials, and develop individualized schedules for schools (K-12) and youth groups; plan and coordinate workshops for teachers, naturalists, and youth group leaders on EE and natural resource topics (contact office for a fee schedule); offer outdoor skill opportunities for nontraditional audiences

Facilities: Residential E.E. facility in 876-acre Springbrook Recreation Area: buildings include 3 dormitories (for 104 people overnight), classroom/office building with library, dining hall (seats 150) and exhibit area; habitats include forest, prairie, lake, marsh, and stream

E.E. Center: Yes

### **Iowa DNR Fish Hatchery List**

Website: [www.iowadnr.com/fish/programs/hatchery/hatchery.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/fish/programs/hatchery/hatchery.html)

### **FISHERIES MANAGEMENT FACILITY**

Staff: Scott Gritters, Management Biologist

Karen Aulwes, Management Technician

Address: 331 South River Park Drive, Box 250, Guttenberg IA 52052-0250

Phone: 563/252-1156

Fax: 563/252-2469

Program: Admission to the public aquarium is free with tours by appointment; visitors can learn about the fish of the Mississippi, the trout of northeast Iowa, reptiles (especially turtles) of the area, freshwater mussels, and fisheries in general; the Guttenberg facility is responsible for the operation and management of Mississippi pools No. 9, 10, 11 and coordination between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers in the states of Iowa and Wisconsin; Northern pike are raised (April) and the fry are distributed through Iowa as required by fisheries managers

Facilities: Public aquarium with displays detailing the fish of the Mississippi, the trout of northeast Iowa, reptiles (especially turtles) of the area, freshwater mussels, and fisheries in general

E.E. Center: Yes

### **Iowa Nature Mapping**

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Website: [www.extension.ia.state.edu/naturemapping](http://www.extension.ia.state.edu/naturemapping)

### **IOWATER –Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring**

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Website: [www.iowater.net](http://www.iowater.net)

Program: IOWATER, Iowa's volunteer water quality monitoring program, empowers citizens to take a proactive approach to water quality. By monitoring the water resources in our backyards, we can ensure the protection, longevity and productivity of high quality water resources, as well as evaluate, assess, and improve those of lower quality. By becoming an IOWATER volunteer, you are not only provided with monitoring equipment, but you are also given the freedom to monitor wherever and whenever you choose. The program brings people closer to the landscapes that surround them and encourages them to develop a sense of place within the watersheds in which they live. This tie between ourselves and the water resources that give us life will lead to the understanding, respect, and protection of Iowa's water bodies long into the future.

### **Western Historic Trails Center**

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Interprets four historic trails: Lewis & Clark, Mormon Pioneer, California and Oregon. EE programs available based on Project Wild/Wild Aquatic/Learning Tree. History programs and activities also available. Facility built by the National Park Service and now owned by the State Historical Society of Iowa. Lied Historic Building contains theater, exhibit area, meeting room and gift shop. The Center is located on approx 430 acres with native prairie, woods, lake and borders the Missouri River. Call for programming options and monthly events. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. May through September and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. October through April. Admission to the Center and the area is free. Individualized programs available by appointment for a small fee.