

## **COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARDS**

### **ADAIR COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** No, weekly newspaper column

**Facilities:** County parks, hiking trails at Ken Sidey Nature Area

**E.E. Center:** No

### **ADAMS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

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**Website:** mycountyparks.com

**Intern:** Yes

**Facilities:** Interpretive trails, native prairie and woodlands, 700-acre lake

**E.E. Center:** Yes (room in office)

### **ALLAMAKEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

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**Intern:** No

**Facilities:** Rossville Park: sink hole exhibit; self-guided trail with brochure providing interpretive information; located at the intersection of Highway 76 & X32, 1.5 miles east of Rossville, Iowa

**Clear Creek Preserve:** self-guided interpretive trail along wet area and cold water stream; able to view in-stream trout habitat improvements; located south of Highway 9 on west edge of Lansing, Iowa

## APPANOOSE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** mycountyparks.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly public, "Fox Fire"

**Facilities:** 5,600 sq ft EE center with indoor classroom, conference room, animal display and exhibit area. The facility is handicapped accessible. Office/nature center with extensive mammal and mounted animal display, on a 144-acre area with 3.5 miles of hiking trails; wildlife display with extirpated and native animals (i.e. elk, deer, hawks, and owls)

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## AUDUBON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:**

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** Interpretive woodland trail at Littlefield Recreation Area and year-round meeting area at Nathaniel Hamil Park

**E.E. Center:** No

## BENTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Vinton, IA 52349

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**Website:** bentoncountyparks.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly public

**Facilities:** County parks with labeled nature trails, wildlife areas, shelters, cabins, equestrian trails and disc golf.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## BLACK HAWK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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**Website:** www.hartmanreserve.org

**Intern:** Yes, graduate and undergraduate

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "The Oak"

**Facilities:** Hartman Reserve Nature Center and Buckles Program Center. Interpretive center on a 300-acre area with exhibits, a meeting room, and a gift shop; two self-guided trails; a butterfly garden/prairie for display

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Ogden, IA 50212

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**Website:** www.co.boone.ia.us/index.aspx?page=102

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly public newsletter and bi-annual teacher newsletter

**Facilities:** County parks and shelters

**E.E. Center:** No

## BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Tripoli, IA 50676

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**Website:** www.co.bremer.ia.us/conservation-board/default.aspx

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** "Bremer Bulletin" to county residents, and "Bremer Bulletin-Environmental Education Edition" to all teachers in the county

**Facilities:** County uses public lands for E.E. programs. Office with interpretive displays, but not a "nature center".

**E.E. Center:** No

## BUCHANAN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Hazleton, IA 50641

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**Fax:** 319/636-2624

**Website:** www.buchanancountyparks.com

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "Otter Creek Quarterly"

**Facilities:** Interpretive nature center with exhibits, meeting rooms, and library; county parks with two self-guided trails, other labeled nature trails, wildlife display (with native animals, i.e. black bear, bison, foxes, hawks, and waterfowl)

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## BUENA VISTA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.buenavistacountyiowa.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Yes

**Facilities:** County uses all public and accessible private lands for E.E. programs.

**E.E. Center:** No, but have large display at courthouse showing the plants and animals of the prairie, wetland and upland forest. Office building with a few displays too.

## BUTLER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Clarksville, IA 50670

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**Website:** www.butlercoiowa.org

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Three times per year, "Conservation Conversation"

**Facilities:** Nature center including display room located in 380-acre park; 21 county parks including a 12-mile rail trail for hiking and cross-country skiing

**E.E. Center:** Yes, 2400 Sq foot building with office space, exhibit area and small conference room

## CALHOUN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.mycountyparks.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Monthly newspaper column; quarterly public newsletter

**Facilities:** Display area in office building; county areas

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## CARROLL COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** [www.carrollcountyconservation.com](http://www.carrollcountyconservation.com) <http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Carroll.aspx>

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*In a Nutshell*", Radio talk weekly, on Fridays at 12:50 p.m.

**Facilities:** Swan Lake Conservation Education Center has permanent and seasonal displays, live and mounted animals, meeting rooms, local art, concession stand and gift shop. 510-acre Swan Lake State Park with hiking trails, outdoor theater, cabin, campground, live wildlife exhibits, arboretum, and museum; one quarter-mile self-guided trail; 27 county parks; 33 mile hard surface hiking/biking trail

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## CASS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Lewis, IA 51544

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**Website:** www.mycountyparks.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Monthly newsletter to schools; newspaper article periodically; quarterly conservation newsletter for general public

**Facilities:** Turkey Creek Nature Trail, T-Bone Trail and Outdoor Classroom; Hitchcock Recreation Area featuring the restored Hitchcock House and 1.5-mile trail; various wildlife areas and parks

**E.E. Center:** No

## CEDAR COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "Cedar Valley Visions" for the general public

**E.E. Center:** No

## CERRO GORDO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Mason City, IA 50401

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**Website:** [www.co.cerro-gordo.ia.us/departments/conservation](http://www.co.cerro-gordo.ia.us/departments/conservation)

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "In Nature's Care" and teacher newsletter 3x per year

**Facilities:** Lime Creek Nature Center with permanent and seasonal displays, children's displays, live and mounted animals, bee hive, library, outside observation decks, amphitheater, and auditorium; located on a 440-acre woodland/wetland/prairie area with nine miles of multi-use trails and a handicapped-accessible trail

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## CHEROKEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** [www.cherokeecountyparks.com](http://www.cherokeecountyparks.com)

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "Cherokee Smoke Signals" for general public

**Facilities:** County parks and natural areas including native prairies, woodlands, canoe trail, lakes, rivers; public programs held in the conservation office

**E.E. Center:** No

## CHICKASAW COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** [www.chickasawcoia.org/conservation](http://www.chickasawcoia.org/conservation)

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Bi-weekly newspaper column, "*Natural News*"; "*Environmental Flash*", a list of suggested programs for each teacher in the county, is released each semester.

**Facilities:** County parks, wildlife areas, historical park, campgrounds and Twin Pond Nature Center

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## CLARKE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Yes

**Facilities:** 2 self-guided trails, county parks

## CLAY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Facilities:** County parks, cabin, outdoor shelter and natural areas including native prairie, woodland, river, and wetlands; 30.3 miles of the Inkpaduta Canoe Trail on the Little Sioux River; log lodge located at the Oneota Little Sioux Access Area

**Newsletter:** Quarterly newsletter, "*Field Notes*"

**E.E. Center:** No

## CLAYTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Elkader, IA 52043-8247

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**Website:** www.claytoncountyconservation.org

**Intern:** Yes, summer

**Newsletter:** Bi-monthly, "*Osborne Oracle*"

**Facilities:** Iowa State Welcome Center and gift shop and nature center on 350-acre area; lower level nature center with display area and classroom; main level tourist information and services, and historical/cultural displays; three self-guided nature trails; playscape; archery course; live animal exhibit; facilities for skating, sledding, and cross-country skiing; pioneer village used for historical interpretation.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## CLINTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** <http://www.clintoncountyiowa.com/conservation>

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Prairie Whispers*"

**Facilities:** Eden Valley Refuge Nature Center near Lost Nation is a 200-acre area with a nature center, one mile long self-guided nature trail, observation tower, suspended bridge, and spelunking at a nearby cave. Wapsi River Environmental Education Center (run cooperatively by Scott and Clinton County; See Scott CCB for full listing) near Dixon is a 225-acre area with six miles of trails, Eagle View Eco-Center, rental cabin, two lodges, observatory, dormitory (52 cap), overnight facilities, cross country skis, and bald eagle night roost. Rock Creek Park 100 acre park on back-waters of the Mississippi, boats, canoes, and fishing and Soaring Eagle Nature Center.

**E.E. Center:** Yes



## CRAWFORD COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Denison, IA 51442

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**Website:** www.crawfordcountyconservationboard.com

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, “*Wildlife Echo*”

**Facilities:** Neal Moeller Environmental Education Center has permanent and seasonal displays, children's displays, live and mounted animals, bee hive, indoor turtle pond located on a 440-acres with 40 acre lake, woodland/wetland/prairie areas with 4 miles of multi-use trails and a handicapped-accessible trail at Yellow Smoke Park, other county parks, cabins, campgrounds, several native prairie remnants and the historical Dow House in Dow City.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## DALLAS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.dallascountyiwoa.gov/conservation

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Raccoon River Greenbelt Newsletter, with a circulation of 11,000

**Facilities:** **Forest Park Museum** features 19th and 20th century Euro-American artifacts, Native American artifacts, restored log cabin, restored one-room school house and arboretum containing 80 species of shrubs and trees

**Hanging Rock:** a 469-acre park focusing on the geologic, natural, and cultural heritage of the middle Raccoon River and terminal moraine

**Kuehn Nature Center** 770 acres of prairie, woodland and riparian habitat along the Middle Raccoon River. Facilities include an education building with modern restrooms and two primitive camping areas

**Redfield Depot** includes exhibits with memorabilia about the history of Redfield and the Raccoon River Valley Trail

**Sportsmans Park:** 40-acre park with two rental cabins, a rentable event lodge, ten modern campsites, primitive campsites, picnicking and playground along bluffs of North Raccoon River

**Voas Nature Area and Museum** 705 acres that include woodland and restored prairie and wetland areas. The area includes a wildlife refuge, youth hunting and public hunting areas. Facilities include a geology museum housing a large collection of minerals, rocks, fossils and gemstones

**E.E. Center:** Yes , Bear Creek Nature Center at Kuehn Conservation Area

## DAVIS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Bloomfield, IA 52537

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**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** No

## DECATUR COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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## DELAWARE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.co.delaware.ia.us/offices/conservation/index.htm

**Intern:** No

**Facilities:** Conservation center in 80-acre area with interpretive displays in Nature Discovery Room; outdoor wildlife display; monthly display at courthouse; hiking trails; historical school museum; 27 county parks

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## DES MOINES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.dmcounty.com/index.aspx?NID=110

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Wild River Ramblings*" and "*E.E. Edition*" for county teachers

**Facilities:** Nature center on 200-acre area that includes an interactive display area, library, and meeting room; two self-guided nature trails; trails for cross-country skiing, hiking, and nature study; several caves; observatory at Big Hollow Creek Recreation Area; self-guided trails on timber and wildlife management at other county parks

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## DICKINSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** In-school Elementary Newsletter; "Nature News For Kids"

**Facilities:** County parks and wildlife areas, paved hiking/biking trail (11 miles)

**E.E. Center:** Yes, work in progress

## DUBUQUE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Fax:** 563/589-7885

**Website:** dubuquecounty.com

**Intern:** Yes

**Facilities:** Interpretive center on 500-acre area includes displays and historical information; contains over 10 miles of hiking and cross-country ski trails, half of which are self-guided; demonstration arboretum

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## EMMET COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.emmetcountyconservation.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Bi-annual teacher newsletter

**Facilities:** County parks and wildlife areas; a lakeside use area; wildlife habitat arboretum; self-guided trail at Wolden Park

**E.E. Center:** No

## FAYETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Elgin, IA 52141

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**Website:** www.fayettecountyiwoa.org/CONSERVATION.html

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Three times per year

**Facilities:** Nature Center features mounted and live animals, interactive and informative displays; located on 345-acre area with campground, primitive campground, fishing pond, five miles of multi-purpose trails; petting zoo, 2 historical buildings, tillage demonstration area and part of National Park Stamp program.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

Sue Lueder, Naturalist/Office Manager

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Wildwood Nature Center  
1867 Lane Road  
Fayette, IA 52142

**Phone:** 563/422-5146

**Website:** (see above)

**Facilities:** Located on a 10-acre area and offers a display area with many mounted animal and interpretive displays, and outdoor native animal display.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## FLOYD COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Fossil and Prairie Center  
1227 215th St., PO Box 495  
Rockford, IA 50468-0495

**Phone:** 641/756-3490

**Website:** www.floydcoia.org

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Annual Teacher's newsletter for K-12 "Nature Trails" and quarterly public newsletter "Conservation Quarterly"

**Facilities:** Fossil & Prairie Park Preserve. A 7,000 sq ft. facility – upper level has museum quality exhibits on native prairie and Devonian fossils, resource library, offices and restrooms. The lower level has a large classroom/meeting room with kitchenette, laboratory with 15 stereo-microscopes and restrooms.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Hampton, IA 50441

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Newsletter "Franklin County Falcon"

**Facilities:** Mobile displays; self-guided trail

## FREMONT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Vacant

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## GREENE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Facilities:** County parks

## GRUNDY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** Occasionally

**Newsletter:** Yes

**Facilities:** Grundy County Museum contains meeting room, human and natural history exhibits, animal displays, 1200 gallon aquarium with native fish and reptiles; Black Hawk Creek Wildlife Area contains two self-guided nature trails, labeled plant species, and a prairie forb and grass demonstration area

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## GUTHRIE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.guthriecounty.org/gccb/

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "Prairie Woodland Journal"

**Facilities:** Raccoon River Valley Multi-purpose Trail; Guthrie County Historical Village, county parks and wildlife areas

## HAMILTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.mycountyparks.com/county/Hamilton.aspx

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** County parks & Briggs Woods

## HANCOCK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly newsletter, "*Prairie Pothole Journal*"; monthly newspaper columns, "*Nature Link*" and a annual teacher newsletter

**Facilities:** Interpretive trails; county parks and 2 open shelters

**E.E. Center:** No

## HARDIN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** High school intern during school year

**Newsletter:** Quarterly newsletter, "*Calkins Nature Notes*" and Bi-annual teacher newsletter

**Facilities:** The Calkins Nature contains a multipurpose room, seasonal and permanent displays, classroom, kitchen, conference room, library and gift shop on 76 acres, which consists of woodland, wetland and a reconstructed prairie, with over 2 miles of trails bordered by the Iowa River. A live animal exhibit area includes: pheasants, waterfowl, mammals, raptors, and expanding to reptiles; 42 recreational areas: two with electrical hook-ups for camping, some primitive, others with picnic and fishing, and the majority with wildlife areas

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## HARRISON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.HarrisonCountyParks.org

**Intern:** High school intern during school year

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Prairie Hills Journal*"; weekly newspaper column, "*Conservation Concerns*" is published in all county papers.

**Facilities:** County parks and wildlife areas include Loess Hills, native prairies, wetlands, lakes and timbered areas; park trail-systems including one self-guided trail; Harrison County Village/Welcome Center (a facility of the HCCB) is used for historical interpretation and tourism information; Nature Encounter Center at the headquarters/office features interactive and interpretive displays and classroom area; Teacher Resources include: teacher tubs, reference library, and teacher training workshops

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## HENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.henrycountyconservation.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Under the Oak Tree*"

**Facilities:** Oakland Mills Nature Center offers a display area with many mounted animal and interpretive displays, and outdoor native animal display

**Hours:** Sun. afternoons

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## HOWARD COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Newsletter:** No

**Intern:** No

**Facilities:** Prairie's Edge Nature Center functions as a learning center for the public to become more familiar with their natural surroundings. The Nature Center has a woodland, wetland, prairie display that will make visitors feel like they are walking right into these habitats to view the animals. A favorite of many are the life size trees – one of which holds a life size bald eagle nest! The nature center library includes a variety of adult and children's books along with a touch and feel area, trivia games and other activities.



**EE Center:** Yes

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

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**Website:** [www.mycountyparks.com](http://www.mycountyparks.com)

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly newsletter and park notes once a month for the general public

**Facilities:** County parks, cabins and wildlife areas; self-guided trail.

## IOWA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Ladora, IA 52251

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**Website:** [www.iowacountyconservation.org](http://www.iowacountyconservation.org)

**Intern:** Yes, summer

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, Iowa County Conservation Board "*Conservation News*"

**Facilities:** County parks and natural areas, including wetlands, native prairies and woodlands; hiking trails; campground nature center

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Maquoketa, IA 52060

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**Website:** www.jacksonccb.com

**Intern:** Seasonal Summer Intern

**Newsletter:** Quarterly , “*Up and Down the River*”; teachers' newsletter throughout the school year

**Facilities:** Hurtsville Interpretive Center, state and county parks and wildlife areas include: restored one room school, historic lime kilns, and recreation trail

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## JASPER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.jaspercountyconservation.com

**Intern:** Occasionally

**Newsletter:** Quarterly public and three times per year, "*Environmental Education Bulletin*" for teachers and administrators

**Facilities:** County parks with native prairies, woodlands, lakes, and marshes; two labeled nature trails; museum; historic operating water-powered mill; astronomical observatory with two attached rooms and large classroom; 20-mile hiking/biking/recreational trail.

**E.E. Center:** No

## JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Naturally Speaking*" for the general public

**Facilities:** Nature Center with displays and small classroom area located in Jefferson County Park, 175 acres; 7 miles of trails; butterfly garden; bird blind; 3.5-acre pond

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.johnson-county.com/conservation/

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** “*Conservation Connection*”; quarterly with seasons

**Facilities:** Interpretive center on 1,052 area park includes displays and historical information. The park contains over 10 miles of hiking and cross-country ski trails, 3- fishing ponds stocked with Largemouth Bass, Bluegill and Channel Catfish, 3 fishing ponds, a 27 acre lake, campground, numerous historical bridges, and a youth camping area. The park includes prairie, wetland and woodland habitats.

## JONES COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Newsletter:** bi-annual public and bi-monthly teacher newsletter

**Facilities:** Jones County Nature Den/Nature Center, Natural history and live animal displays, resource area, small meeting room holds 50 people, includes kitchen area and restrooms at Central Park.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## KEOKUK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** Outdoor classroom, small nature center, and country school at Belva Deer Recreation Area; self-guided trails; portable, changing displays

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## KOSSUTH COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.watersedgenc.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Northern Prairie Star*" available online

**Facilities:** Burt Lake Nature Trail; Stinson Prairie State Preserve; boating or canoeing access to Devine Wildlife Area, Plum Creek Dam, Patterson Recreation and Wildlife Area, Plum Creek Wildlife Area, Siems Park, and Smith Lake: maple syruping at Smith Wildlife Area; county parks with woodlands, wetlands, and prairies; tree garden and wildflower plot at Smith Lake

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.leecounty.org

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*River Country Conversations*"

**Facilities:** County parks, portable displays; in school winter programming

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## LINN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Toddville, IA 52341

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**Website:** www.linncountyparks.com

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "The Oak-Hickory News"

**Facilities:** Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center is a 9,300 square feet with classroom and exhibit space. Exhibit themes include, archaeology, American Indians and Iowa habitats. Arboretum at Morgan Creek Park; Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Area is 270 acres with wetland, prairie, woodland and archaeological interpretive trails and accompanying curriculum guides

**E.E. Center:** Yes

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**Website:** www.louisacountyconservation.org

**Intern:** Yes, summer

**Newsletter:** Four times per year, "*LCCB Newsletter*"

**Facilities:** County parks with an interpretive nature trail and a camp owned by the county conservation board; Langwood Education Center includes: lodge with kitchen and seating for up to 90, woodburning stove and air conditioner, a frame lodge with 24 cots available, restroom with showers, (by reservation only).

### LUCAS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:**

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** Cinder bike-trail on abandoned railroad track from Chariton to Derby-first Rails to Trails in Iowa (14 miles) -as well as several wetlands and wildlife areas. 4,500 sq ft facility with display room including a variety of taxidermy mounts, multi-purpose room, restrooms and handicapped accessibility.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

### LYON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Newsletter:** Quarterly; Lyon County Conservation Newsletter

**Facilities:** Main office with E.E. meeting room and outdoor nature classroom at Rock Rapids; Lake Pahoja Recreation Area includes: 81 site campground, 2 enclosed shelters, 6 cabins, 2 large full amenity cabins, trails, beach area, restrooms and showers, 6 open shelters, day-use area, 72-acre lake; eight other wildlife/park areas; state-owned, county-managed Blood Run National Landmark Site

**E.E. Center:** No

## MADISON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.mahaskaconservation.com

**Intern:** Occasionally

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "Prairie Star"; monthly newspaper column

**Facilities:** Conservation Center built in 220-acre Russell Wildlife Area includes: fossil and mineral displays, 125 gal. native fish aquarium, terrariums with snakes and turtles; hiking trails and fishing ponds, backyard wildlife demonstration area with 5 ponds, prairie restoration area, tree planting and bird viewing blind.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## MARION COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** co.marion.ia.us/offices/conservation or www.gladysblackeagle.org

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Occasional

**Facilities:** County parks and wildlife areas

**E.E. Center:** No

## MARSHALL COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** [www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/conservation](http://www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/conservation)

**Intern:** Sometimes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Seasons*"; bi-monthly, "*Nature Notes*" for teachers

**Facilities:** Conservation Center is a 6,481 sq ft interpretive nature center with exhibits, meeting room, library and MCCB offices. County parks and wildlife areas with native and restored prairies, woodlands, lakes, wetlands, restored log cabin, interpretive trails; hike/bike/equestrian recreational trail; seasonal interpretive display at courthouse; live bison and swan display, swinging bridge and remnant of old stone cutting mill; astronomical observatory and Rails to Trails bike path

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## MILLS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Facilities:** County Parks and wildlife areas; self-guided trail; restored prairie

## MITCHELL COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly

**Facilities:** EE center with displays, seating for 30, and live trumpeter swans. Four county parks with modern camping, Four self-guided theme trails; New Haven Potholes Outdoor Classroom; also 4-mile and 10-mile limestone surfaced hiking and biking trails

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## MONONA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** Display/program room at the office with changing displays; live animal exhibits and nature-oriented collections; arboretum; county parks with native prairie, woodlands, ponds and rivers; Loess Hills Wildlife Area

**E.E. Center:** No

## MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Facilities:** County park and wildlife areas including self-guided trail, lake, and live animal exhibit, enclosed shelter and 3 rental cabins.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** Wolfe Nature Center in 229-acre area with display and classroom/meeting area; trails, prairie and marsh; Anderson Conservation Area

**E.E. Center:** Yes



## MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Muscatine, IA 52761

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**Website:** www.muscatinecountyconservation.com

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*County Conservation News*"

**Facilities:** Environmental learning center in Discovery Park has seasonal and permanent interpretive displays, two large aquariums, live animal displays and a classroom. Nearby are two fishing ponds, two miles of paved trails and the Muscatine Arboretum. Other county parks offer fishing in lakes and Cedar River, numerous trails, camping and public hunting.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## O'BRIEN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly newsletter, "*Little Sioux Wanderings*", for county residents; teacher newsletter "*You, Me, and E.E.*" distributed to all county teachers

**Facilities:** County parks and natural areas including native prairie, woodland, river, and wetlands; 6.2 miles of the Inkpaduta Canoe Trail on the Little Sioux River; enclosed lodge at Mill Creek State Park; camping facilities

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## OSCEOLA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** mycountyparks.com

**Intern:** Advanced biology students

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** Willow Creek Nature Center houses interpretive displays and office; self-guided and guided nature hikes at several prairie preserves and Ocheyedan Mound State Preserve; enclosed lodge (with heat) available and a classroom building under construction

**E.E. Center:** Yes

### **PAGE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

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**Newsletter:** Quarterly "Conservation Connections" – restart pending

**Facilities:** County parks, self-guided trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use.

**E.E. Center:** Yes. Houses displays and office, adjacent to a river access.

### **PALO ALTO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

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**Website:** www.paoloaltoccb.org

**Intern:** Yes, summer

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Cattails*" to all K-6 students; Quarterly, "*Palo Alto Conservation News*" to the general public

**Facilities:** Lost Island Prairie Wetland Nature Center with exhibit room with displays focusing on "Prairie Potholes" and wetland wildlife, meeting/classroom, info/sales area, reference library, Conservation Board offices; park with wildlife observation blind, boardwalk, and self-guided trail for hiking and skiing.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

### **PLYMOUTH COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**

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Hinton, IA 51024-1033

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**Website:** www.plymouthcountyparks.com

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Nature Notes*", subscription free to public upon request

**Facilities:** County parks and natural areas including: 15 public recreation and wildlife areas, comprised of over 2000 acres, offer camping, hunting, fishing, river access, swimming, snow tubing and picnicking to visitors.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## POCAHONTAS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** [www.pocahontas-county.com/conservation](http://www.pocahontas-county.com/conservation)

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** Home to over 40 county parks and wildlife areas including six parks, three campgrounds and many acres of virgin and restored prairies, wetland and woodlands. Sites of special interest include Lizard Lake Shallow Lake Restoration Project, the 1900's era Wiegert Prairie Farmstead, Historic Keystone Bridge and Cooper's Cove Park and Three Rivers Trail.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

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**Intern:** Seasonal naturalists

**Newsletter:** Semi-annually, "Nature News"; e-newsletter for teachers

**Facilities:** Jester Park Lodge is a 7,000 sq ft modern facility with a 250 person capacity, full kitchen, restrooms, fireplace, dance floor, and large deck; 20 parks and wildlife areas (over 11,000 acres) including native and restored prairies, wetlands, woodlands, lakes, forest preserve, hiking and biking trails; 5 informational/educational kiosks; bison/elk wildlife exhibit, natural playscape

## POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** Volunteers-Graduate and Undergraduate Students

**Newsletter:** "The Conservator"

**Facilities:** Loess Hills Lodge opens summer 2007, now open observation deck and 45' observation tower. Five county parks and three wildlife areas.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## POWESHIEK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** No

**Facilities:** County parks and wildlife areas; mobile displays; self-guided trails, Conservation Education Center at Diamond Lake

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## RINGGOLD COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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## SAC COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.saccounty.org

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Looking Out the Back Door*"

**Facilities:** Three County parks, cabin, including hiking trails, wildlife areas, pine tree plantation and Sauk Rail Trail

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD/WAPSI RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL ED. CENTER

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**Website:** www.scottcountyiowa.com/conservation/wapsi

**Newsletter:** "*The W.R.E.N.*" is the quarterly newsletter of the Wapsi River E.E. Center

**Facilities:** Eagle View ECO Center; Wapsi River Environmental Education is 225-acre preserve located on a bluff overlooking the Wapsipinicon River; Eagle View Eco Center building includes interpretive displays, live animals, laboratory, meeting room, and kitchen and overlooks a bald eagle night roost, other on-site facilities include a lodge, dormitory, rental cabin, astronomical observatory, hiking and cross-country ski trails, an aquatic lab, a 12 station rifle range, a 12 station teams course and outdoor amphitheatre, and a river landing for paddlers.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## SHELBY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.conservation.shco.org

**Intern:** No

**Facilities:** Nishna Bend Recreation Area

**EE Center:** Small nature center with wildlife displays, live animal exhibits and a meeting room with seating for 35.

## SIOUX COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.mycountyparks.com

**Newsletter:** Quarterly public and teacher newsletter

**Facilities:** County parks, including hiking trails

**E.E. Center:** No

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**Intern:** Practicum program with Iowa State University; summer naturalist (paid)

**Newsletter:** Quarterly public, "*Prairie Horizon*", and program guide. Teacher newsletter, a yearly teacher's EE program guide

**Facilities:** Story County Conservation Center consists of administrative/naturalist office space, a multi-purpose room with seating for 100 people with an amphitheatre and limited displays. County parks and natural areas including: native prairies, marshes, woodlands, lakes, and river; hiking trails; handicapped trail; astronomy observatory.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## TAMA COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Newsletter:** Yes. Monthly e-newsletter via mail chimp

**Facilities:** Nature Center, county parks and wildlife areas

**EE Center:** Yes

## TAYLOR COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.unioncountyiowa.org

**Intern:** No

**Facilities:** County parks including: wildlife areas, a bluebird trail, a butterfly garden, several ponds, a marsh, and a spring-fed lake with nature trail; beach and campsites; cabins with heat, and all-season comfort station; contact for handicap accessibility info

## VAN BUREN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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Bloomfield, IA 52537

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**Website:** www.wapellocounty.org/conservation

**Newsletter:** Monthly e-newsletter; "*Voices From The Ridge*"

**Facilities:** Nature center on 995-acre area includes: displays and historical information, 15 miles of hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding trails, and 1/2-mile handicapped accessible paved trail; modern and camping cabins, electric and primitive campsites; shelter for rent; bird blind and four stocked fishing ponds.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## WARREN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.warrencb.org

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Quarterly for general public, "*Three Rivers Journal*", and quarterly for elementary teachers; regular newspaper column

**Facilities:** Annett Nature Center, display, classroom, office, kitchen; hiking and skiing trails; 11 county areas; conservation management; native prairies; fishing ponds; and 2 paved multi-purpose trails.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

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**Website:** <http://co.washington.ia.us/>

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Earthtones*" for the general public;

**Facilities:** Conservation Education center is a 5,300 sq. ft. facility with an exhibit hall, conference room, library and a lab. Eighteen county parks, totaling roughly 2,100 acres ; 14-mile Kewash Nature Trail; 6-mile hiking/horseback riding trail.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

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**E.E. Center:** No



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**Website:** [www.webstercountya.org](http://www.webstercountya.org)

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Pathways to Nature*"

**Facilities:** Kennedy Park Reception Center with wildlife displays, Children's Forest (tree species labeled); cross-country ski trails; amphitheater; county parks with lake, restored prairie

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** [www.winnebagoccb.com](http://www.winnebagoccb.com)

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Our Wild Heritage*" for K-6 teachers during school year; "*Prairie Country Quarterly*" for the general public; monthly newspaper columns

**Facilities:** Interpretive trails; county parks and environmental learning center

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## WINNESHIEK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** Weekly, "*Lake Meyer Nature Center Newsletter*" sent to 6 area newspapers

**Facilities:** County park, nature center, and hiking/skiing trails through 160 acres of woods, wetlands and grasslands

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## WOODBURY COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.woodburyparks.com

**Intern:** Yes

**Newsletter:** 3 times per year, "*Woodbury Wanderings*"; annual teacher's program guide for K-12.

**Facilities:** Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 14,000 sq ft., includes interpretive displays of the loess hills and natural history of the region; outdoor raptor display; Discovery Forest playscape; classroom space; resource library; and staff offices, located in Stone State Park. County parks and natural areas including: Loess Hills prairies, woodlands, canoe trail, lakes, rivers.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

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**Website:** www.worthcounty.org

**Intern:** No

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Naturalist Notebook*" in local shopper

**Facilities:** County parks with trails

**E.E. Center:** No

## WRIGHT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

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**Website:** www.wrightcounty.org

**Intern:** No

**Facilities:** Two self-guided interpretive trails; county parks

## State Parks

<b>Name of Area</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Nearby City</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
<b><u>Ambrose A. Call</u></b>	Kossuth	Algona	515/295-3669
<b><u>Backbone</u></b>	Delaware	Strawberry Pt.	563/924-2527
<b><u>Badger Creek</u></b>	Madison	Van Meter	515/285-4502
<b><u>Banner Lakes at Summerset</u></b>	Warren	Indianola	515/961-7101
<b><u>Beed's Lake</u></b>	Franklin	Hampton	641/456-2047
<b><u>Bellevue</u></b>	Jackson	Bellevue	563/872-4019
<b><u>Big Creek</u></b>	Polk	Polk City	515/984-6473
<b><u>Black Hawk</u></b>	Sac	Lake View	712/657-8712
<b><u>Brushy Creek</u></b>	Webster	Lehigh	515/543-8298
<b><u>Cedar Rock</u></b>	Buchanan	Quasqueton	319/934-3572
<b><u>Claire Wilson Park</u></b>	Dickinson	Okoboji	712/337-3211
<b><u>Clear Lake</u></b>	Cerro Gordo	Clear Lake	641/357-4212
<b><u>Dolliver Memorial</u></b>	Webster	Lehigh	515/359-2539
<b><u>Elk Rock</u></b>	Marion	Knoxville	641/842-6008
<b><u>Elinor Bedell</u></b>	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
<b><u>Emerson Bay</u></b>	Dickinson	Milford	712/337-3211
<b><u>Fairport Station</u></b>	Muscatine	Muscatine	563/263-4337
<b><u>Fort Atkinson</u></b>	Winneshiek	Fort Atkinson	563/425-4161
<b><u>Fort Defiance</u></b>	Emmet	Estherville	712/362-2078
<b><u>Geode</u></b>	Henry	Danville	319/392-4601
<b><u>George Wyth Memorial</u></b>	Black Hawk	Waterloo	319/232-5505
<b><u>Green Valley</u></b>	Union	Creston	641/782-5131
<b><u>Gull Point</u></b>	Dickinson	Milford	712/337-3211
<b><u>Honey Creek</u></b>	Appanoose	Moravia	641/724-3739

<b><u>Lacey-Keosauqua</u></b>	Van Buren	Keosauqua	319/293-3502
<b><u>Lake Ahquabi</u></b>	Warren	Indianola	515/961-7101
<b><u>Lake Anita</u></b>	Cass	Anita	712/762-3564
<b><u>Lake Darling</u></b>	Washington	Brighton	319/694-2323
<b><u>Lake Keomah</u></b>	Mahaska	Oskaloosa	641/673-6975
<b><u>Lake Macbride</u></b>	Johnson	Solon	319/624-2200
<b><u>Lake Manawa</u></b>	Pottawattamie	Council Bluffs	712/366-0220
<b><u>Lake of Three Fires</u></b>	Taylor	Bedford	712/523-2700
<b><u>Lake Wapello</u></b>	Davis	Drakesville	641/722-3371
<b><u>Ledges</u></b>	Boone	Boone	515/432-1852
<b><u>Lewis and Clark</u></b>	Monona	Onawa	712/423-2829
<b><u>Lower Gar Access</u></b>	Dickinson	Arnolds Park	712/337-3211
<b><u>Maquoketa Caves</u></b>	Jackson	Maquoketa	563/652-5833
<b><u>Marble Beach</u></b>	Dickinson	Orleans	712/337-3211
<b><u>McIntosh Woods</u></b>	Cerro Gordo	Ventura	641/829-3847
<b><u>Mines of Spain &amp; E.B. Lyons</u></b>	Dubuque	Dubuque	563/556-0620
<b><u>Mini-Wakan</u></b>	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
<b><u>Nine Eagles</u></b>	Decatur	Davis City	641/442-2855
<b><u>Okamanpedan</u></b>	Emmet	Dolliver	712/337-3211
<b><u>Palisades-Kepler</u></b>	Linn Mt. Vernon	319/895-6039	
<b><u>Pikes Peak</u></b>	Clayton	McGregor	563/873-2341
<b><u>Pikes Point</u></b>	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
<b><u>Pilot Knob</u></b>	Hancock	Forest City	641/581-4835
<b><u>Pine Lake</u></b>	Hardin	Eldora	641/858-5832
<b><u>Pleasant Creek</u></b>	Linn Palo	319/436-7716	

<b><u>Prairie Rose</u></b>	Shelby	Harlan	712/773-2701
<b><u>Preparation Canyon</u></b>	Monona	Moorhead	712/423-2829
<b><u>Red Haw</u></b>	Lucas Chariton	641/774-5632	
<b><u>Rice Lake</u></b>	Winnebago	Lake Mills	641/581-4835
<b><u>Rock Creek</u></b>	Jasper Kellogg	641/236-3722	
<b><u>Shimek Forest-campground</u></b>	Van Buren/Lee County	Farmington	319/878-3811
<b><u>Springbrook</u></b>	Guthrie	Guthrie Center	641/747-3591
<b><u>Stephens Forest-campground</u></b>	Lucas County	Chariton	641/774-5632
<b><u>Stone</u></b>	Plymouth	Sioux City	712/255-4698
<b><u>Templar Park</u></b>	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
<b><u>Trappers Bay</u></b>	Dickinson	Spirit Lake	712/337-3211
<b><u>Twin Lakes</u></b>	Calhoun	Rockwell City	712/297-7131
<b><u>Union Grove</u></b>	Tama Gladbrook	641/473-2556	
<b><u>Viking Lake</u></b>	Montgomery	Stanton	712/829-2235
<b><u>Volga River</u></b>	Fayette	Fayette	563/425-4161
<b><u>Walnut Woods</u></b>	Polk Des Moines		515/285-4502
<b><u>Wanata</u></b>	Buena Vista	Peterson	712/337-3211
<b><u>Wapsipinicon</u></b>	Jones Anamosa	319/462-2761	
<b><u>Waubonsie</u></b>	Fremont	Sidney	712/382-2786
<b><u>Wildcat Den</u></b>	Muscatine	Muscatine	563/263-4337
<b><u>Wilson Island</u></b>	Pottawattamie	Loveland	712/642-2069
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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 930-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**

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**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

## FISHERIES MANAGEMENT OFFICES

**Website:** [www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-Staff-Offices/Fisheries-Management](http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-Staff-Offices/Fisheries-Management)

## IOWA NATURE MAPPING

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Vacant

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124 Science II  
Department of Animal Ecology  
Iowa State University  
Ames, IA 50010

**Phone:** 515/294-6440

**Website:** [www.extension.iastate.edu/naturemapping/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/naturemapping/)

## IOWA CONSERVATION EDUCATION COALITION (ICEC)

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12684 155<sup>th</sup> St  
Ackley, IA 50601  
Phone: 319-238-1199

**Website:** [www.iowaee.org](http://www.iowaee.org) or [www.kindernature.org](http://www.kindernature.org)

**Description:** Since 1958, ICEC has served as a statewide resource connecting educators to conservation and our natural world. Our purpose is to promote and support conservation education and environmental education in Iowa through cooperative arrangements and networking with agencies, institutions, and individuals. We offer workshops where educators can be inspired, get take-home activities, learn how to integrate state and national education standards with education in and for the environment and be updated on the work of state agencies to protect our natural resources. With IAN we recognize outstanding environmental education efforts in Iowa.



## IOWATER –Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring

**Staff:**

Mary Skopek, IOWATER Program Coordinator

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Wallace Building

502 E. 9<sup>th</sup>

Des Moines, IA 50319

**Phone:****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.

## IOWA DNR WETLAND MONITORING

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502 E 9<sup>th</sup> St

Des Moines, IA 50319

Phone: 515/725-3432

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Website: [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov)

**Program:** In 2005, the Iowa DNR Watershed Monitoring and Assessment Section began its wetland monitoring program in north-central Iowa through grant funds provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency. A statewide monitoring program was developed to assess these valuable areas, and results from this monitoring will enable the Iowa DNR to determine the ecological condition of wetlands while documenting the leading contaminants and stressors found in these systems. This information will help make informed decision affecting the future of Iowa's wetlands.

**FEDERAL**

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**CORALVILLE LAKE**

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2850 Prairie Du Chien Road N.E.  
Iowa City, IA 52240-7820 ext 6300  
Phone: 319/338-3543

**Website:** www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Coralville/

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Primarily devoted to summer campers including movies, slides, arts and crafts, interpretive hikes, safety lectures, water safety on hands program; tours of Visitor Center, Fossil Gorge, hiking trails and dam; variety of public recreation events; serves as resource for schools, youth, and adult organizations; takes program to schools and natural areas

**Facilities:** Visitor Center; 3-screen theater and exhibits; dam site with electronic monitoring devices; self-guided nature trail; cross-country ski trail; prairie restoration and wildlife management area/camping/boating/fishing(open all year)

**E.E. Center:** Yes

**Thomson Ranger Field Station**

**Email:** mvrodmn13@usace.army.mil

**Address:**

Thomson Ranger Field Station  
P.O. Box 398  
Thomson, IL 61285

**Phone:** 815/259-3628

**Fax:** 815/259-3629

**Website:** www.mvr.usace.army.mil/missriver/

**Intern:** No

**Program:** Although the office is on the Illinois side of the river, interpretive services are also offered in Iowa including: winter eagle watches and interpretive programs such as Miss. River history, water safety, forestry, etc. for schools and other groups; campground programs; Junior Ranger program for 3rd graders; Annual photo contest, Eco-meet, Earth Day Programs, Civil War Encampment, Annual Eagle Watch Event (held first Sat. of January at Clinton Community College); and local viewing areas.

**Facilities:** Outdoor observation building at Lock & Dam 13, Fulton, IL; nature trail and on-site programs at Thomson Causeway Recreation Area

**E.E. Center:** No

### Dubuque Ranger Field Station

**Email:** mvrodmn11@ usace.army.mil

**Address:**

Dubuque Ranger Field Station

Lock & Dam 11

2595 Kerper Blvd.

Dubuque, IA 52001

**Phone:** 563/582-0881

**Website:** www.mvr.usace.army.mil/missriver/

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Interpretive services to include tours of lock and dam, programs for schools and other groups, campground programs and winter eagle watch, spring ECO-meet

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "The Mississippi River Review"

**Facilities:** Outdoor observation building

**E.E. Center:** No

### LOCK & DAM 14 – Mississippi River Project Office

**Email:** mvrodmn15@usace.army.mil

**Address:**

Mississippi River Project

P.O. Box 534

Pleasant Valley, IA 52767

**Phone:** 309/794-4537

**Website:**

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Interpretive programs relating to the Mississippi River and the Corps of Engineers' role are presented on- and off-site to school groups and other organized groups. Summer programs are offered to the general public at Corps campgrounds along the river. Field trips are available to the lock and dam and Smith's Island.

**Newsletter:** Quarterly, "*Mississippi River Review*"

**Facilities:** Outdoor observation area; 1-mile interpretive trail on Smith's Island

### LOCK & DAM 15/MISSISSIPPI RIVER VISITOR CENTER

**Email:** mvrodmn15@usace.army.mil

**Address:**

Mississippi River Visitor Center

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District

P.O. Box 2004

Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

**Phone:** 309/794-5338

**Website:** <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/missriver/>

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Although the office is on the Illinois side of the river, interpretive services are also offered in Iowa including: tours and interpretive programs for schools and other groups; and in-school programs.

**Facilities:** Visitor center with exhibits, theater and outdoor observation area

**E.E. Center:** Yes

### Muscatine Ranger Field Station

**Email:** mvrodmn16@usace.army.mil

**Address:**

1611 2nd Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761

**Phone:** 563/263-7913

**Website:**

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Although the office is on the Iowa side of the river, interpretive services are also offered in Illinois, including tours and interpretive programs for schools and other groups

**Facilities:** Overlook with outdoor displays

**E.E. Center:** No

### Rathbun Lake

**Email:** rathbun@usace.army.mil

**Address:**

Rathbun Lake, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
20112 Hwy J5T  
Centerville, IA 52544-9461

**Phone:** 641/647-2464

**Fax:** 641/647-2888

**Website:** [www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakes/RathbunLake.aspx](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakes/RathbunLake.aspx)

**Intern:** No

**Program:** Interpretive programs upon request; most programs relate to water safety, hunter safety, natural resource management, and the Corps of Engineers' role in water management; tower tours; water safety kits on loan to area fourth grades

**Facilities:** Visitor center with displays

### Red Rock Lake

**Email:** lakeredrock@usace.army.mil

**Address:**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
1105 Highway T-15  
Knoxville, IA 50138

**Phone:** 641/828-7522 or 641/628-8690

**Website:** [www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/LakeRedRock.aspx](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/LakeRedRock.aspx)

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Major programming is for users of the campgrounds including: slide shows, movies, interpretive walks, etc.; programs for schools both on-site and in schools; youth and adult groups upon request

**Facilities:** Visitor Center with theater

**E.E. Center:** Yes

### **Saylorville Lake**

**Email:** [saylorvillelake@usace.army.mil](mailto:saylorvillelake@usace.army.mil)

**Address:**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
5600 N.W. 78th Avenue  
Johnston, IA 50131

**Phone:** 515/276-4656

**Website:** [www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/SaylorvilleLake.aspx](http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/SaylorvilleLake.aspx)

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Scheduled programs are offered on prairies, forestry, geology, water quality, wildflower walks and tours of the dam structure; weekend public programs cover a variety of natural science topics and recreational skills

**Facilities:** Visitor center with theater, exhibits, and gift shop; 6,000 acre reservoir; 20,000 contiguous acres of wildlife habitat; 24 mile paved bike trail; 2 hiking trails; 157-acre re-established prairie; butterfly garden; handicapped fishing access; campground, picnic, and watchable wildlife areas

**E.E. Center:** Yes

### **BOYER CHUTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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1434 316<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Missouri Valley, IA 51555

**Phone:** 712/388-4800

**Fax:** 712/388-4808

**Website:** [www.fws.gov/refuge/Boyer\\_Chute](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Boyer_Chute)

### **DE SOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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Missouri Valley, IA 51555

**Phone:** 712/388-4800

**Fax:** 712/388-4808

**Website:** [www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto)

### **DRIFTLESS AREA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

**Website:** [www.fws.gov/refuge/Driftless\\_Area/about.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Driftless_Area/about.html)

### **EFFIGY MOUNDS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

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151 Highway 76  
Harpers Ferry, IA 52146

**Phone:** 563/873-3491 ext: 202

**Website:** [www.nps.gov/efmo](http://www.nps.gov/efmo)

**HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

**Address:**

110 Parkside Drive  
PO Box 607  
West Branch, IA 52358

**Phone:** 319/643-2541

**Fax:** 319/643-5367

**Website:** [www.nps.gov/heho](http://www.nps.gov/heho)

**NEAL SMITH WILDLIFE REFUGE/PRAIRIE LEARNING CENTER**

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**Address:**

PO Box 399  
9981 Pacific Street  
Prairie City, IA 50228

**Phone:** 515/994-3400

**Website:** [fws.gov/refuge/neal\\_smith](http://fws.gov/refuge/neal_smith)

**PORT LOUISA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

**Address:**

10728 County Rd X61  
Wapello, IA

**Phone:** 319/523-6982

**Website:** [www.fws.gov/refuge/Port\\_Louisa](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Port_Louisa)

**UNION SLOUGH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

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1710 360<sup>th</sup> St  
Titonks, IA 50480

**Phone:** 515/928-2523

**Website:** [www.fws.gov/refuge/union\\_slough](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/union_slough)

**UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND FISH REFUGE**

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**Phone:** 507/452-4232

**Website:** [www.fws.gov/refuge/upper\\_mississippi\\_river/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/upper_mississippi_river/)

## CAMPS

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The camps listed provide staff to help plan and lead EE/interpretive programming year-round to people outside their own membership. Information about other camp programs may be obtained from the American Camping Association (ACA) Great Rivers Section, James Cherry, 2335 300<sup>th</sup> St., Ventura, IA 50482, 641/927-4429, [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

### CAMP COURAGEOUS

**Email:** [info@campcourageous.org](mailto:info@campcourageous.org)

**Address:**

P.O. Box 418

12007 190th Street

Monticello, IA 52310-0418

**Phone:** 319/465-5916

**Fax:** 319/465-5919

**Website:** [www.campcourageous.org](http://www.campcourageous.org)

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Provides year-round recreation and respite care for people with special needs; among the many activities offered are nature activities and E.E.; caving, acclimatization activities and small farm animals are included; programs planned to meet any needs, both regular and special education

**Facilities:** New nature center with display area and classroom; animal barn; self-guided trails; three cabins with a capacity of 25-40 each; a main lodge that seats 500

**E.E. Center:** Yes

### CAMP HANTESA

**Email:** [hantesa@campfireiowa.org](mailto:hantesa@campfireiowa.org)

**Address:**

Camp Hantesa

1450 Oriole Road

Boone, IA 50036

**Phone:** 515/432-1417

**Fax:** 515/432-1294

**Website:** [hantesa.wordpress.com](http://hantesa.wordpress.com)

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Nature programs for schools, youth, and adult groups visiting the camp; cross-country skiing, rappelling, canoeing, target sports, other outdoor recreation activities and crafts (fee schedule available)

**Facilities:** 144-acre camp and conference center includes: nature building with some displays, 10 heated cabins and lodges, and 14 unheated cabins (summer capacity 350, spring/fall capacity 225, winter capacity 175, meal seating capacity 400)

**E.E. Center:** Yes

## CAMP WYOMING

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**Address:**

9106 42nd Avenue  
Wyoming, IA 52362-7647

**Phone:** 563/488-3893

**Fax:** 563/488-3895

**Website:** www.campwyoming.net

**Program:** Special rates for schools using facilities for overnight experiences; many outdoor education activities; programming available

**Facilities:** 380-acre camp with meal service for up to 225, meeting space for 300, and overnight capacity for 150-180 in heated cabins plus 30 adults. Interpretive features include: Bear Creek, a pond, an inner-tubing hill, archery range, canoes, cross-country skiing, four caves and recreational areas

## DES MOINES YMCA CAMP

**Staff:**

Mark Runkel, Program Director of Environmental Education

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**Address:**

1192 166th Drive  
Boone, IA 50036)

**Phone:** 515/432-7558 ext:224

**Website:** www.Y-camp.org

**Employment:** Seasonal Naturalists hired on per semester basis.

**Program:** Residential environmental education including 5 and 3 day programs. Onsite overnight and day programs as well as in-school programs. Programs include birds, forest ecology, geology, senses, Native Americans, habitats, music, live birds of prey including hawks and owls, ropes and challenge courses, rappelling, and climbing wall.

**Facilities:** 336-acre camp and conference center includes: Environmental center with displays and collections, three miles of wooded trails, 22heated cabins, 10 unheated cabins (year-round capacity 300)

## IOWA 4-H EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES CENTER

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**Address:**

1991 Peach Avenue  
Madrid, IA 50156

**Phone:** 515/795-3338

**Fax:** 515/795-2107

**Website:** www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping/center

**Program:** Summer youth camp program emphasizing E.E.; archaeology, science enrichment camps and self esteem and challenge course programs for schools, youth and adult groups year-round

**Facilities:** 1,100-acre year-round camping center near Luther, Iowa, along the Des Moines River; housing for 300-400 people, 9 miles of trails; rifle, archery and trap ranges; self-guided sustainable agriculture and wildlife trails and demonstration areas; prairie, woodlands, wetlands and pond; teams course, rappelling tower, high ropes, pool, canoes, etc.

**E.E. Center:** Yes



## Colleges and Universities

### IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

#### NATURAL RESOURCE ECOLOGY & MANAGEMENT

**Address:**

339 Science II, ISU  
Ames, IA 50011-3221

**Phone:** 515/294-1458

**Fax:** 515/294-2995

**Website:** [www.nrem.iastate.edu](http://www.nrem.iastate.edu)

As a professor: undergraduate courses and internships leading to a concentration in interpretation of natural resources through the Department of Animal Ecology; consult on techniques for interpretation, nature center displays, building design, and programs; research on interpretation, EE, and other human dimensions of wildlife management; international courses and seminars

**As an Extension Specialist:** workshops, presentations, publications, videos, radio, etc. in wildlife education, natural resources management; also lead statewide programs in wilderness leadership and shooting sports education

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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Ames, IA 50011

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**Fax:** 515/294-1337

**Website:** [www.envs.iastate.edu](http://www.envs.iastate.edu)

The Program offers second major and minor to undergraduate students in all colleges of the university. It cosponsors visiting speakers with the Student Environmental Council. Classes and Council do some outreach activities with local schools and nature centers. Occasional field seminars offered, such as 1990 & 1994 expeditions to Costa Rica and Utah. Internships offered.

#### 4H EXTENSION

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Extension 4H Youth Building  
1259 Stange Rd  
Ames, IA 50011

**Phone:** 515/294-1017

**Website:** [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h)

Lead, design and develop 4-H Extension & Youth Program for camping & E.E.; consultation on Wilderness Adventure programming, Youth at Risk programming and self esteem training; workshops for professionals and volunteers; written materials available in many areas.

## **OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM**

**Staff:**

Jerry Rupert

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**Address:**

Outdoor Recreation Center and Programs  
Recreation Services, 0180 State Gym  
Iowa State University  
Ames, IA 50011

**Phone:** 515/294-4774

**Program:** About 45 outdoor living skills workshops per year; many weekend and extended trips including backpacking, canoeing, rafting, bike touring, rock climbing, skiing, rappelling, kayaking, caving, winter camping, etc.; outdoor recreation equipment rental; resource center with information files on natural resource sites.

## **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

### **RECREATIONAL SERVICES**

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**Email:** rec-services@uiowa.edu

Division of Recreational Services  
309 S. Madison St.  
Iowa City, IA 52242-1111

**Phone:** 319/335-9293

**Website:** <http://recserv.uiowa.edu>

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** E.E. Field Trips for 1-6 grades, Raptor Center tours and off-site programs; summer wildlife camps for grades 2-8

**Facilities:** Located 4 miles northeast of North Liberty, County Road F-28, Macbride Nature Recreation Area (450 acres): The University of Iowa Raptor Center (over 20 nonreleasable raptors on display), bird blind, self-guided nature trails, bluebird trail, cross country ski trails, low element teams course, high ropes course, primitive camping, archery range, sailing club, picnic shelters.

## IOWA LAKESIDE LABORATORY

### Staff:

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Jane Shuttleworth, Education Coordinator

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**Email:** lakesidelab@uiowa.edu

### Address:

Iowa Lakeside Laboratory

1838 Highway 86 Iowa State University

Milford, IA 51351-7267

**Phone:** 712/337-3669

**Website:** [www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/lakesidelab/index.html](http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/lakesidelab/index.html)

**Facilities:** Lakeside Laboratory's campus consists of about 140 acres on Little Millers Bay, on the shore of West Lake Okoboji. The entire shoreline of Little Millers Bay is Lakeside Laboratory property, and the bay and adjacent uplands and wetlands are used as a natural classroom in most Lakeside courses. Many of Lakeside's buildings are listed on the National List of Historic Places and collectively they constitute the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory Historic District. The Caylor Prairie Preserve, Freda Hafner Preserve and the Excelsior Fen Complex are major natural areas close to the Laboratory.

**Program:** Through research facilities and natural areas, undergraduate and graduate students are given the opportunity to get hands-on experience working with a variety of natural and human environments through field-oriented summer courses. Credit and non-credit short courses are offered to the general public and public programs are held every Sunday and Wednesday evening. Students or researchers who wish to conduct independent study are also welcome for long or short-term studies.

## UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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Dr. Jeff Weld

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#### Address:

Biology Department, UNI

Cedar Falls, IA 50614

**Phone:** 319/273-2456

**Fax:** 319/273-7125

Curriculum development and course offerings in E.E.; B.A. program for interpretive naturalists through the Biology Department; programs for schools and adult/family groups; consulting in conservation and E.E.

## SIMPSON COLLEGE

### Staff:

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### Address:

Department of Biology and Environmental Science

Indianola, IA 50125-1297

**Phone:** 515/961-1848

**Program:** Our department offers a major in environmental studies with options in biology, chemistry, or earth science. The biology option includes internships and is designed for students with career interests in education and research, interpreting the environment, and resource management. A newsletter is available on request.

**PRIVATE/LOCAL**

**BLANK PARK ZOO**

**Staff:**

Jessica Schellhorn

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**Address:**

7401 SW 9th Street

Des Moines, IA 50315

**Phone:** 515/974-2588

**Fax:** 515/974-2590

**Website:** [www.blankparkzoo.com](http://www.blankparkzoo.com)

**Intern:** Yes

**Program:** Self-guided tours for schools, special programs offered on weekdays and weekends for school and youth groups (i.e. Campfire, Scouts) to assist in achieving badges or awards; outreach programs to schools, outreach programs on ICN; summer classes and camps

**Facilities:** 21-acre zoo with indoor exploratorium; 20 major exhibits, more than 400 animals; train and camel rides

**City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation**

**Staff:**

Joel VanRoekel, Supervisor of Environmental Education

**Email:** [jmvanroekel@dmgov.org](mailto:jmvanroekel@dmgov.org)

**Email:** [ParksEE@dmgov.org](mailto:ParksEE@dmgov.org)

**Address:**

1551 East MLK Jr. Parkway

Des Moines, IA 50317

**Phone:** 515/248-6369

**Fax:** 515/237-1431

**Cell:** 515/681-2027

**Website:** [www.dmparks.org](http://www.dmparks.org)

**Intern:** No

**Facilities:** Many city parks, nature playscape, boat and bike rentals at Grays Lake, open and enclosed shelters, bike trails, dirt base nature trails.

**EE Center:** No

**Crawdaddy Outdoors**

**Staff:**

Darrin Siefken, Owner

**Email:** [info@rawdaddyoutdoors.com](mailto:info@rawdaddyoutdoors.com)

**Address:**

207 East Bremer Ave

Waverly, IA 50677

**Phone:** 319/352-9129

**Website:** [www.crawdaddyoutdoors.com](http://www.crawdaddyoutdoors.com)

**Program:** Outdoor recreation and education retailer. Provides classes, clinics and trips related to outdoor recreation. Rental equipment is also available.

## E-RESOURCES GROUP/ADVENTURE QUEST

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E-Resources Group  
2550 Stagecoach Rd  
Webster City, IA 50595

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## INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER

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Erin Anzalone, Senior Education Manager

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**Address:**

6665 Otis Road SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403-7134

**Phone:** 319/362-0664

**Website:** www.indiancreeknaturecenter.org

**Intern:** Yes

**Facilities:** Privately funded nature center in 210-acre area includes: natural history exhibits, meeting rooms, gift shop, butterfly garden, hard surfaced trail for physically challenged, sugar house; Cedar Greenbelt National Recreational Trail; constructed wetland and energy efficient exhibits.

## IOWA ARBORETUM

**Staff:**

Mark Schneider, Executive Director

**Email:** info@iowaarboretum.org

Kevin Lantz, Horticulturist

**Address:**

1875 Peach Avenue  
Madrid, IA 50156

**Phone:** 515/795-3216

**Fax:** 515/795-2619

**Website:** www.iowaarboretum.org

**Intern:** Yes

**Facilities:** Meeting area/office building; 340-acre area includes 3 self-guided woodland trails with free printed guides available at the trailhead and 40-acre "Library of Living Plants" with hundreds of cultivated species

## LIVING HISTORY FARMS

**Address:**

2600 111th Street  
Urbandale, IA 50322

**Phone:** 515/278-5286

**Fax:** 515/278-9808

**Website:** www.lhf.org

**Intern:** Yes (25 per summer)

**Program:** Recreates the daily routines of Iowa farm life of four eras: 1700 Ioway Indian village; 1850 pioneer farm; 1875 frontier town; 1900 farm includes a Crop Center on 20th century agriculture; interpreters in period clothing demonstrate and explain the historical crafts and equipment of rural Iowa; scheduled tours for schools, as well as general self-paced tours; sites are connected by a transportation system of tractor-drawn carts

**Facilities:** 600 acres with 4 historical eras of Iowa agriculture

## NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM AND AQUARIUM

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Jared McGovern, Education Program Manager

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Shaina Stewart, Historical Education Supervisor

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National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium  
350 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

**Phone:** (563) 557-9545 Mark ext. 206

**Fax:** (563)583-1241

**Website:** www.rivermuseum.com

**Intern:** Yes

**Facilities:** National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, Mathias Ham House, Ryan House, Old Jail, William M. Black, paddle wheel boat.

**E.E. Center:** Yes

Overnight Facility: Yes

## Nahant Marsh Education Center

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Facilities: Education center offering environmental education programming, wet prairie meadow, mesic and sand prairie, flood plain forest and more. Nature preserve and education center since 2000.

## RACCOON RIVER PARK NATURE LODGE

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Raccoon River Nature Lodge

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**Facilities:** The Nature Lodge, located in the Raccoon River Park, offers unique rental space in a natural setting. The building sits along the northwest shore of Blue Heron lake and provides a place to get away from the demands of city life to slow down and relax. Company retreats, wedding receptions, birthday parties, etc – seats up to 120 comfortably.

**E.E.Center:** Yes

### **R.A.R.E.**

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Program: Raptor rehab group in southeast Iowa.

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**Internships:** yes, qualifying for college credits

**Program:** Educational programming by request with live birds of prey for all ages, groups and events. See education section of website above

**Facilities:** The facilities of SOAR are designed for the safe and quiet rehabilitation of our feathered patients, i.e. a birdie 'hospital,' and are not suitable for visits. In cooperation with Carroll CCB, SOAR has two bald eagles on display at Swan Lake State Park, that can be viewed during park hours.

### **South Dakota Game Fish and Parks**

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**Internships:** yes

**E.E. Center:** Yes

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