



Marshall County Conservation



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Camping

Marshall County Conservation offers three campgrounds: Grammer Grove, Timmons Grove, and Green Castle, each with a range of amenities, from primitive sites to electrical hookups. Visitors can enjoy playgrounds, shelters, trails, and modern shower facilities, making it easy to relax and stay a while.



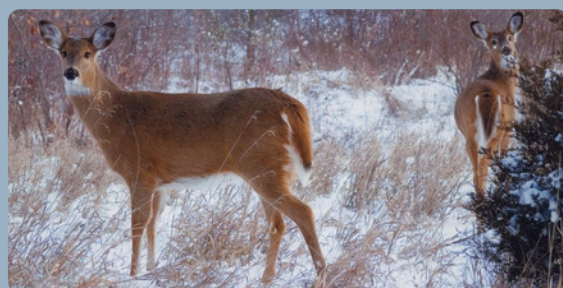
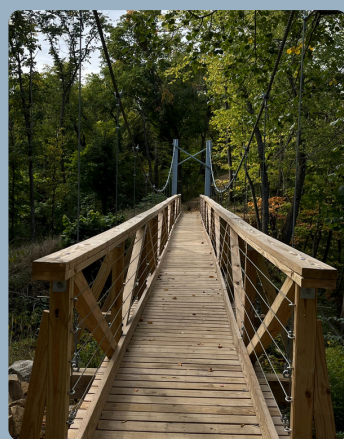
Trails

Marshall County Conservation offers a wide variety of trails for public use, from hard-surfaced and packed limestone paths to grass and water trails.

These trails provide many recreational opportunities, including hiking, running, biking, horseback riding, and paddling.

Explore Marshall County!

Marshall County Conservation invites you to explore over 3,400 acres of diverse natural landscapes. From forests and prairies to wetlands, lakes, and rivers, these areas offer countless opportunities for outdoor recreation. With 37 parks and miles of scenic trails, visitors can enjoy hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, picnicking, historical structures, wildlife observation, photography, and more. Whether you're seeking adventure or a peaceful escape, Marshall County's natural spaces provide something for everyone.



Hunting

Marshall County Conservation manages over 2,300 acres open to public hunting and trapping. A variety of habitats provide shelter for waterfowl, turkey, deer, squirrels, and many other game species, offering excellent opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts.



Park Regulations

Traffic: Motorized vehicles and UTVs are restricted to roadways and designated parking areas. The speed limit is 15 MPH.

Boating: The Iowa River is open to all types of boating. Sand Lake is open to electric and paddle vessels. Green Castle and Arti and Red's Pond are paddle-powered watercraft only.

Camping: Camping is allowed in Campgrounds in designated sites; a fee is required.

Pets: All pets must be leashed at all times, except for hunting dogs in areas open to hunting per state regulations.

Plants: Do not remove or damage any park vegetation. Nuts, fruits, and mushrooms may be harvested for personal use only.

Fires: Fires are permitted only in the provided fire rings and grills.

Trash: Carry-in, carry-out policy exists in most areas. Refuse containers are provided at some parks.

Hours: All park hours are 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., except for registered campers.

Detailed rules and regulations are posted at each area.



Education

Marshall County Conservation offers a diverse range of year-round programs for all ages. From youth summer camps and family outdoor activities to live music and adult art classes, there's something for everyone. Programs are also available for schools, service organizations, businesses, and other groups. For more information, contact the Grimes Farm at 641-752-5490.

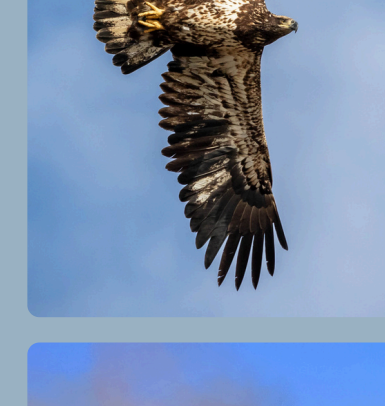
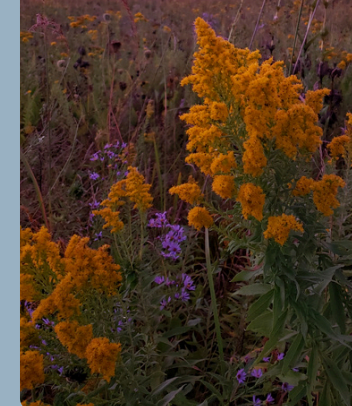


Conservation Center

The Grimes Farm Conservation Center serves as the headquarters for Marshall County Conservation. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stop by, give us a call, or visit us online to learn more!

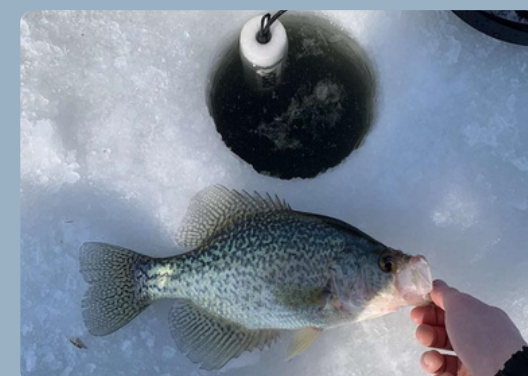
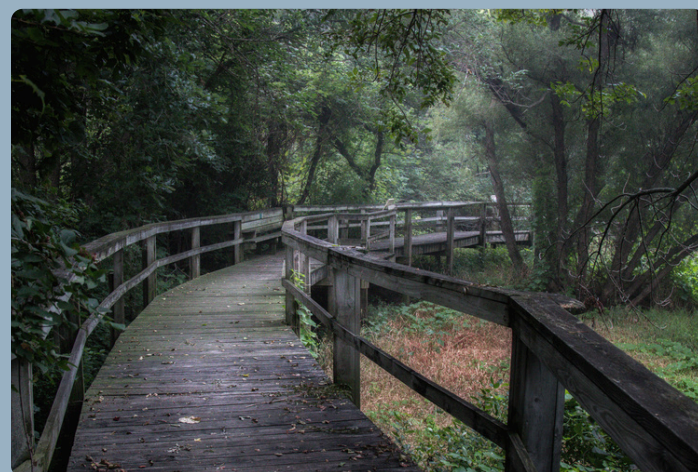
Wildlife Observation

Marshall County Conservation manages over 20 wildlife areas made up of remnant prairie, mature forests, and disappearing wetlands. These habitats support a wide variety of wildlife, including some species that are rare or endangered, offering excellent opportunities to observe nature in its natural setting.



Fishing

Sand Lake, Green Castle, Arti and Red's Pond, and Iowa River access offer excellent fishing opportunities for a variety of species, including crappie, walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, channel catfish, and largemouth bass.



Volunteer

Marshall County Conservation is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who assist with maintenance, tree plantings, and events. Their support makes it possible to offer so many recreational and educational opportunities. If you'd like to get involved and give back, we encourage you to reach out!

Marshall County Conservation Areas, Amenities, and Trails

1) Green Century Farm Wildlife Mgmt. Area

34 Acres - Forest
1756 110th Street, Union, IA


2) Bangor Square City Park

2 Acres - Urban
201 Prairie Street, Union, IA
 

3) Hollingsworth Timber Wildlife Mgmt. Area

6 Acres - Forest
1763B 126th Street, Union, IA


4) Grammer Grove Recreation Area

122 Acres - Forest
2030 127th Street, Liscomb, IA
          

5) Forest Reserve Wildlife Mgmt. Area

85 Acres - Forest
1986 135 Street, Liscomb, IA
   

6) Mormon Ridge Log Cabin Historical Site

.5 Acres - Urban
1482 Mormon Ridge Road, Albion, IA


7) Arney Bend Wildlife Mgmt. Area

213 Acres - Prairie, Wetland, & Forest
1529 Lafayette Avenue, Albion, IA
 

8) Stanley Mill Wildlife Mgmt. Area

319 Acres - Prairie, Wetland, & Forest
2075 Stanley Mill Road, Albion, IA
 

9) Marietta Sand Prairie Preserve

228 Acres - Prairie
1744 Knapp Avenue, Marshalltown, IA
 

10) French Grove Recreation Area

28 Acres - Forest
1243 190th Street, State Center, IA
    

11) Timmons Grove North Wildlife Mgmt. Area

146 Acres - Forest
1777 Marsh Avenue, Marshalltown, IA
  

12) Timmons Grove South Recreation Area

67 Acres - Forest
1801 Marsh Avenue, Marshalltown, IA
          

13) Mann Wetlands Wildlife Mgmt. Area

216 Acres - Prairie, Wetland, & Forest
1774 Marsh Avenue, Marshalltown, IA
 

14) Winter Bottoms Wildlife Mgmt. Area

361 Acres - Wetland & Forest
1961 Radio Tower Road, Marshalltown, IA
 

15) Iowa River Wildlife Mgmt. Area

485 Acres - Prairie, Wetland, & Forest
2503 Sand Road, Marshalltown, IA
 

16) Bill Ernst Outdoor Training Facility

33 Acres - Prairie & Forest
1962 Sandford Avenue, Marshalltown, IA


17) Stewart Wildlife Mgmt. Area

21 Acres - Forest
618 N 16th Street, Marshalltown, IA


18) Bear Grove Wildlife Mgmt. Area

22 Acres - Forest
2204 Hart Avenue, State Center, IA
 

19) Black Walunt Acres Wildlife Mgmt. Area

2 Acres - Forest
2098 220th Street, Marshalltown, IA


20) Linn Creek Trail

8 Miles Hard Surface
Trail Head: Grimes Farm 2359 233rd Street, Marshalltown, IA
   

21) Sand Lake Recreation Area

193 Acres - Water
2901 Main Street Road, Marshalltown, IA
            

22) Jesse R. Furrow Sr. Access

12 Acres - Forest
2991 Main Street Road, Marshalltown, IA
  

23) Grimes Farm Conservation Center & Recreation Area

162 Acres - Prairie, Wetland, & Forest
2359 233rd Street, Marshalltown, IA
         

24) Three Bridges Recreation Area

13 Acres - Forest
2272 Three Bridges Road, Marshalltown, IA
     

25) Mag Holland Wildlife Mgmt. Area

66 Acres - Forest
2283 Zeller Avenue, Marshalltown, IA
  

26) Coppock Wildlife Mgmt. Area

9 Acres - Forest
2408 Coppock Park Road, Marshalltown, IA


27) Arti & Red's Pond Recreation Area

9 Acres - Water
2006 250th Street, Marshalltown, IA
    

28) West Wickersham Wildlife Mgmt. Area

11 Acres - Forest
2563 Starry Grove Road, Marshalltown, IA


29) East Wickersham Wildlife Mgmt. Area

5 Acres - Forest
Contact MCCB for Access


30) Dillon City Park

.5 Acres - Urban
102 Center Road (Dillon) Marshalltown, IA
 

31) Highway 330 Trail

12 Miles Hard Surface Trail
North Trail Head: Grimes Farm, 2359 233rd Street, Marshalltown, IA
South Trail Head: 2836 Gerhart Avenue, Melbourne, IA
    

32) Rhodes Timber Wildlife Mgmt. Area

61 Acres - Forest
708 North Main Street, Rhodes, IA
 

33) Heart of Iowa Nature Trail

4 Miles Soft Surface
Trail Head: 209 S. Main Street, Rhodes, Iowa
    

34) Van Cleve City Park

3 Acres - Prairie & Urban
2098 290th Street, Melbourne, IA
   

35) Green Castle Recreation Area

116 Acres - Water, Prairie, and Timber
2891 Green Castle Road, Gilman, IA
          

36) Wehrmann Prairie Preserve

8 Acres - Prairie
3296 Lafayette Avenue, Melbourne, IA
 

37) Klauenberg Prairie Preserve

240 Acres - Prairie
3306 Knapp Avenue, Melbourne, IA 50162
 

Iowa River Trail - Marshall County

Forest Reserve **A** to Timmons Grove **B** - 5.9 Miles
Timmons Grove **B** to Center Street Dam **C** - 6.1 Miles
Center Street Dam **C** to Riverview Park **D** - 1.1 Miles
Riverview Park **D** to Furrow Access **E** - 4.2 Miles
Furrow Access **E** to Three Bridges **F** - 4.0 Miles
Total Miles of Water Trail 21.3



Key

-  Wildlife Observation
-  Shelter House
-  Hiking Trail
-  Picnicking
-  Camping
-  Restroom
-  Playground
-  Potable Water
-  Horse Trail
-  Hunting
-  Fishing
-  Boat Ramp
-  Historical Structure
-  Fire Ring
-  Electricity
-  Showerhouse
-  Fishing Pier
-  Electric Motor
-  Canoeing & Kayaking
-  No Swimming
-  Conservation Center
-  Amphitheater
-  Observation Tower
-  Bike Trail
-  X-Country Skiing
-  Snowshoeing
-  Basketball Court
-  Sand Volleyball Court
-  Observatory
-  Live Animal Display
-  Snowmobiling
-  Grill

