



CANOING-MARSHES

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Recreational Experiences Close to Home!

Safety:

- Always wear your personal flotation device (PFD).
- STAY OFF THE WATER DURING PERIODS OF HIGH WINDS AND THUNDERSTORMS.
- As a rule, stay close to shore on open water, even if it adds to your paddling distance. If wind and waves come up, you can quickly get to land or paddle in more protected water.

Marshes/Flatwater Canoeing Areas:

Mallard Marsh-325th St. 1/2 mile north of Cardinal Ave.

Three man-made ponds and wooded hills make up 227 acres of diverse wildlife habitat. A high north prairie hill provides a spectacular view.

Zirbel Slough-200th 1 mile east of S-25

This 330-acre example of the prairie marshes that once dotted the county provides habitat for a tremendous variety of waterfowl, wading birds, and other wildlife.

Mike Zack W.L. Area-230th 1 mile east of Hwy 65

Fin & Feather Lake and Clark Lake are found on this 153-acre wildlife area that provides fishing, hunting, and other outdoor opportunities.

Quarry Lake-25-acre lake found on the Lime Creek Conservation Area features scenic limestone bluffs and is an excellent place to improve canoeing skills, watch wildlife, and photograph. Note: A 1/2 mile portage is required to access the lake. Park at the north end of Nature Center Rd. and follow the trail north to the lake.

Bluebell W.L. Area-2 miles south of blacktop B-35 on Indigo Ave.

62-acre parcel features a 40-acre lake stocked with bass, bluegill, and catfish. Acquisition was financed by a private contribution (Rita & Al Goranson), a grant from the Iowa Fish Habitat Stamp Program, and Cerro Gordo County Conservation "REAP" and land acquisition account funds.

Camping areas

- Lime Creek Conservation Area:
This is a primitive, hike in area only. Reservations are required and must be completed at the Lime Creek Nature Center office between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday – Friday. Cost is \$1.00 per night per tent. Call 641-423-5309.



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