

# Jackson County Conservation

## Environmental Education Guide

# Outdoor Recreation

**Introduction** Jackson County Conservation manages 38 parks encompassing over 2,200 acres across the county. There are 3 Environmental Educators on staff (Jess, Jen, Tony) who are available to the citizens of Jackson County to educate and assist with environmental education and outdoor recreation.

**Outdoor Recreation Equipment** *Gear is free to loan to schools and organized groups.*

\*Denotes equipment that requires our staff to be present. Otherwise, having our staff present is optional.

- ⇒ **\*Canoeing/Kayaking** – Paddling provides access to great wildlife viewing and an escape from machines. Paddlers learn what team work and self reliance mean all in one activity. Great outdoor physical activity! Maquoketa River, Hurstville Pond, Horseshoe Pond, Green Island, other body of water. JCCB has 7 canoes, 4 kayaks, 4 youth kayaks (we have access to more canoes/kayaks if needed). *4th grade & up*
- ⇒ **\*Voyageur Canoes**— Team work is put to the test in these 29-foot canoes, which resemble the vessels that fur traders and explorers would have used hundreds of years ago. Best done in large bodies of water, such as South Sabula Lake, backwaters of the Mississippi, etc. Up to 15 people can fit in one canoe. 2 canoes available to borrow at no cost from Clinton County Conservation. *3rd grade & up*
- ⇒ **Fishing** – JCCB has 40 fishing poles, 15 ice fishing poles, and 10 fly fishing rods. *2nd grade & up*
- ⇒ **Casting**—fishing done inside! *All grades*
- ⇒ **Snowshoeing** – 25+ sets of snowshoes available. *2nd grade & up*
- ⇒ **Compass orienteering** - Using compasses, students learn about directions, map reading, and finding their way. Our staff can help set up an orienteering course on your school grounds. *4th grade & up*
- ⇒ **GPS Orienteering** – Find your way using coordinates with a GPS. Students learn how GPS works and experience the sport of geocaching. *4th grade & up*
- ⇒ **\*Archery** – Recurve bows, 3D animal targets. *4th grade & up*
- ⇒ **\*Atlatls**—Students will practice throwing spears with a ‘spear thrower’. *4th grade & up*



**Fees** Programs are provided free of charge to schools in Jackson County, with the exception of summer and after school programming.

**National & State EE Curriculum/Certifications** Our education staff has been trained and often utilize the following: Project Wild, Project Wet, Project Learning Tree, NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program), IOWATER, Fish Iowa!, Iowa DNR Boater & Hunter Education, Iowa DNR Canoe Instruction and others.

**To schedule a program, field trip, or for more information please contact:**

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