

## HISTORY

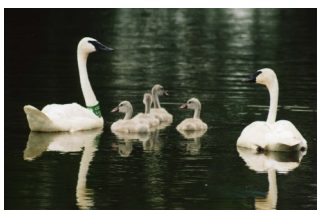
The Green Castle Recreation Area was purchased in 1977. The hilly 116 ½ acre area has a 16-acre lake. The site provides for public fishing, carry-in canoes and kayaks, hiking trails, and day use picnic facilities. This area is only 11 miles from downtown Marshalltown.



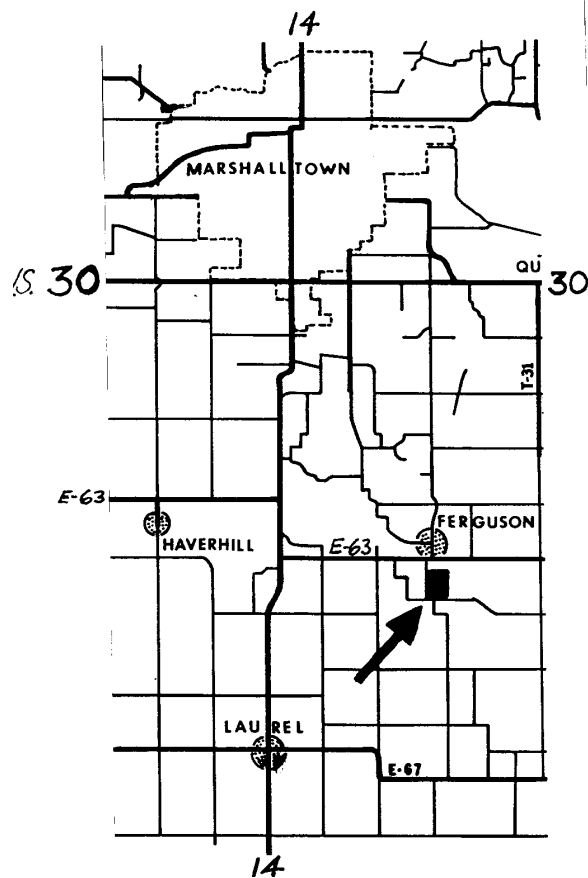
Three shelter houses provide picnic facilities with an excellent view of the lake. All shelters are on a first come/first served basis with one exception. The Gander Lookout shelter adjacent to the playground may be reserved for a fee. Call (641)752-5490 for booking information.

The lake was renovated in 2014, accumulated silt was removed, the shoreline armored with rip rap and numerous additional fish habitat structure created. The lake was restocked with bluegill, large-mouth bass, channel catfish and black crappie. This fishery will improve over the next few years. Several new fishing jetties were also constructed in 2014 as well as a boat ramp installed near the south end of the lake for easy access for canoes and kayaks.

The area, with several restored native prairie areas, is designated a wildlife refuge. A small bison herd and Trumpeter Swan exhibits are located on the south side of the park. An observatory, managed by the Amateur Astronomers of Central Iowa is located near the bison pen.



## HERE'S HOW TO GET TO GREEN CASTLE.....



- ◆ ALL PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH
- ◆ VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS ONLY
- ◆ CANOES AND KAYAKS
- ◆ NO LOUD MUSIC or EXCESSIVE NOISE
- ◆ NO WADING/SWIMMING
- ◆ SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS

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# Green Castle Recreation Area

2891 Green Castle Rd, Gilman





- Boat Ramp
- Drinking Water
- Fishing
- Hiking Trail - - -
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Observatory

# 34 Green Castle Recreation Area

2891 Green Castle Rd.

Gilman, IA 50106

Operating Hours  
5:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

116 Acres

- Parking
- Picnic Shelter
- Restrooms
- Wildlife Observation
- X-C Skiing

