



# Conservation & Recreation in Marshall County

# Welcome To Marshall County Conservation

Discover the 2,644 acres that Marshall County Conservation offers within 31 areas with many miles of trails for your outdoor enjoyment. A wide variety of opportunities await you in forests, prairies, lakes, river, wetlands, and trails for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, picnicking, wildlife observation, photography, and more!



## Camping

Marshall County Conservation manages campgrounds at Grammer Grove and Timmons Grove South. Grammer offers primitive conditions for tent and self-contained campers. Timmons Grove offers 18 electric hook-up sites. Campsites are open on a first come, first serve basis and feature self-registration. Water, picnic tables, and fire rings are available at both campgrounds.



## Trails

Marshall County Conservation provides a wide variety of trails for public use. Hard surface trails from Marshalltown to Melbourne are open to hikers, runners, bikers, walkers, and roller bladers. Grammer Grove and the Heart of Iowa Nature trail offer equestrians a forested trail system. Soft surface trails are available at many of the recreational areas.

## Nature

Marietta Sand Prairie is one of Marshall County's prairie remnants blooming with wildflowers during the spring, summer, and fall. The Iowa River Wildlife Management Area is an example of a mature forest and shows how a forested river system looked in Marshall County prior to modern settlement. Wildlife of numerous species can be found at all MCC conservation and recreation areas.

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## Our Mission

The people of Marshall County at the primary election of June 2, 1958 authorized the Marshall County Conservation Board. To acquire, develop, maintain, and make available to the inhabitants of the county, public museums, parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, county forests, wildlife and other conservation areas, and to promote and preserve the health and general welfare of the people, to encourage the orderly development and conservation of natural resources, and to cultivate good citizenship by providing adequate programs of public recreation.

## Fishing & Boating

There are four public boat ramps to the Iowa River offered by Marshall County Conservation: Forest Reserve, Timmons Grove, Furrow Access, and Three Bridges County Park. Other great opportunities await at Sand Lake for those pursuing crappie, walleye, and large and small-mouth bass. The Iowa DNR stocks Sand Lake with 2,000 trout every April and October through their urban stocking program. Renovated in 2014, Green Castle Lake has healthy populations of pan fish, northern pike, walleye, channel catfish, and large-mouth bass. Boating opportunities are available at Sand Lake and Green Castle Recreation Area.



## Hunting

Marshall County Conservation manages over 1,800 acres open to public hunting and trapping. Arney Bend Wildlife Area, Marietta Sand Prairie, Klauenberg Prairie Preserve, and Timmons Grove North are a few of the areas that are host to variety of habitats that are home to waterfowl, turkey, deer, squirrel, and many other game species. Please note all state rules and regulations apply as you enjoy these natural resources.

## Environmental Education

Marshall County Conservation provides a diverse range of educational programming year round. Information on public programs and summer camps can be found on our website and Facebook page. MCC also provides environmental education to schools, service organizations, businesses, and other groups throughout Marshall County. For more information about education opportunities contact the GrimesFarm and Conservation Center at 641-752-5490.



## Park Rules & Regulations

**Traffic:** Motorized vehicles restricted to roadways and designated parking areas. No ATVs. Speed limit 15 MPH.

**Alcohol:** Beer and wine are allowed in MCC areas. No glass bottles at Green Castle Sand Volleyball Courts. Keg beer by permit only.

**Boating:** Canoes and kayaks are allowed at Green Castle and Sand Lake. Electric motors only at Sand Lake. No swimming.

**Camping:** Allowed in designated areas, fee required.

**Pets:** All pets must be leashed at all times with exception of hunting dogs in areas open to hunting per state rules.

**Hunting/Fishing:** Hunting is allowed only in designated areas, all state rules and regulations apply.

**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 provided fire rings and grills.

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

**Hours:** MCC areas hours are 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., except registered campers.

Refer to posted rules and regulations for detailed information.



The Conservation Center at Grimes Farm (above) serves as the headquarters of Marshall County Conservation. The Conservation Center hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to Noon (Seasonally). Please stop by, call, or visit us to receive more information on programs, volunteering, or about the areas we manage.

Visit us online at  
[www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/conservation](http://www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/conservation) or at  
[www.mycountyparks.com/County/Marshall.aspx](http://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Marshall.aspx).



# Park & Area Amenities

ACRES  
Prairie/Wetland/Forest

CAMPSITES  
Electric/Water/Nor-electric

WATER  
Drinking

RESTROOMS  
Flush/Toilet

PICNICKING  
Shelter

TRAILS  
Pier/Jetty/Lake/Stream/Snowmobile/XC Skiing

FISHING  
Stream/River/Pond

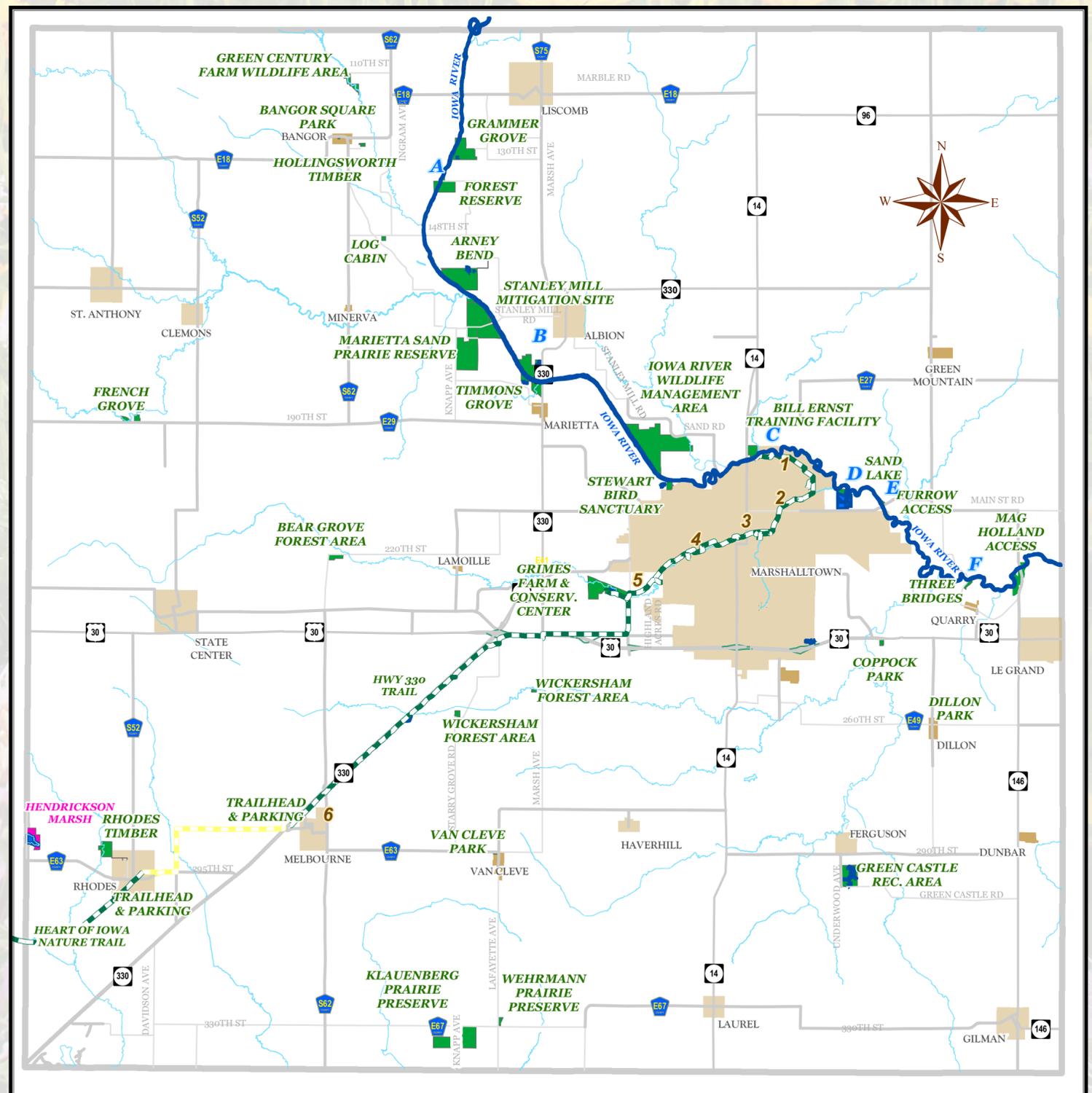
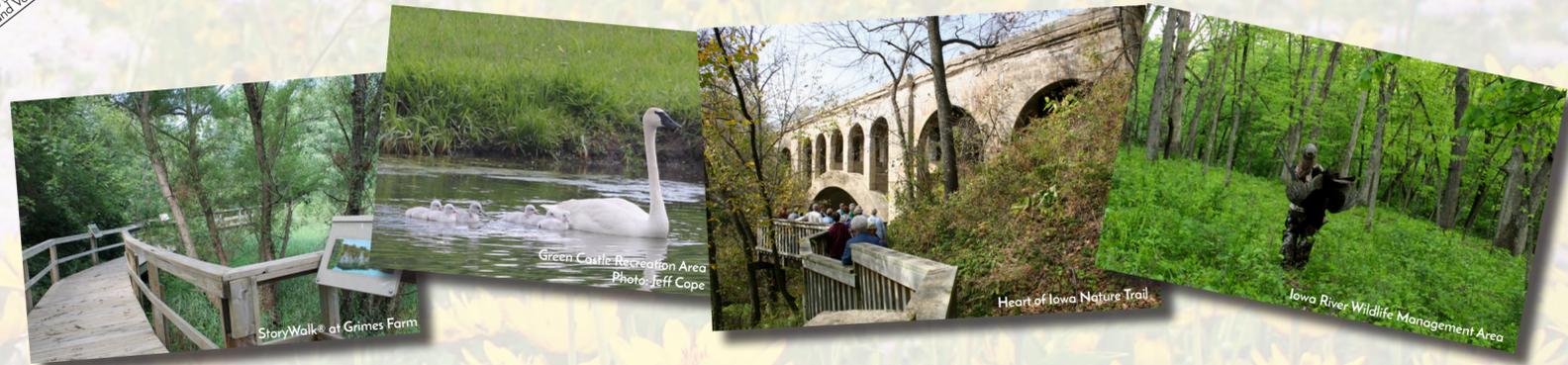
HUNTING  
Prairie/Wetland/Forest

BOATING  
Canoe/Kayak/Boat

RECREATION  
Observatory/Playground/Nature Play-space  
StoryWalk®/Sand Volleyball/Ampitheater

	ACRES	CAMPSITES	WATER	RESTROOMS	PICNICKING	TRAILS	FISHING	HUNTING	BOATING	RECREATION
<b>IOWA RIVER GREENBELT AREAS</b>										
Arney Bend Wildlife Area 1529 LaFayette Ave, Albion, IA 50005	P, W, F 203 acres									P, W, F
Bill Ernst Outdoor Training Facility 1962 Sanford Ave, Marshalltown, IA 50158	P, W, F 33 acres									P, W, F
Forest Reserve 1986 135 St, Liscomb, IA 50148	F 85 acres					R	F	R, C, K AB		
Furrow Access 2991 Main St Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 6 acres					R		R, C, K AB		
Grammer Grove 2030 127th St, Liscomb, IA 50148	F 121 acres	W N-E	D	P, S	H, E XC					P, W, F
Iowa River Wildlife Management Area 2503 Sand Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158	P, W, F 485 acres									P, W, F
Mag Holland Access 2283 Zeller Ave, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 80 acres					R		W, F		
Marietta Sand Prairie 1744 Knapp Ave, Marshalltown, IA 50158	P 229 acres							P		
Sand Lake 2901 Main St Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 95 acres		V	P	H	P, J L: 47 acres		C-K, B-E R		
Stanley Mill Mitigation Site 2025, 2074, 2075 Stanley Mill Road, Albion, IA 50005	P, W, F 315 acres							P, W, F		
Three Bridges Park 2272 Three Bridges Park, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 13 acres			P	H	R		C-K, R AB		
Timmons Grove North 1801 Marsh Ave, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 140 acres					Po	F			
Timmons Grove South 1777 Marsh Ave, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 76 acres	E, W	D	V	P, S	H, XC	R	C-K, R AB		P
<b>OTHER CONSERVATION/RECREATION AREAS</b>										
Bangor Square Park 201 Prairie St, Union, IA 50258	F 1 acre			V	P					
Bear Grove Forest Area 2204 Hart Ave, State Center, IA 50247	F 23 acres							F		
Coppock Park 2408 Coppock Park Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 10 acres									
Dillon Park 102 Center Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 1 acre			V	P					P
French Grove Wildlife Area 1243 190th St, State Center, IA 50247	F 28 acres			V	P	H				
Green Castle Recreation Area 2891 Green Castle Rd, Gilman, IA 50106	P 116 acres		D	V	P, S	H, XC	P, J L: 16 acres	C-K, R	O, P SV	
Green Century Farm Wildlife Area 1755 110th St, Union, IA 50258	F 35 acres									
Grimes Farm and Conservation Center 2349 233rd St, Marshalltown, IA 50158	P, W, F 160 acres		D	F, V	P, S	H, B XC			NP, S A	
Heart of Iowa Nature Trail 2836 Gearhart Ave, Melbourne, IA 50162-Melbourne Trail Head 209 S Main St, Rhodes, IA 50234-Rhodes Trail Head	F 4.3 miles			D	F	P, S	H, E, B S, XC			
Highway 330 Trail (American Discovery Trail)	F 9 miles						H, B, S XC			
Hollingsworth Timber 1763B 126th St, Union, IA 50258	F 6 acres							F		
Klaunberg Prairie Preserve 2046 330th St, Melbourne, IA 50162	P 240 acres							P		
Mormon Ridge Log Cabin 1482 Mormon Ridge Rd, Albion, IA 50005	F 0.5 acres									
Rhodes Timber Wildlife Area 708 N Main St, Rhodes, IA 50234	F 60 acres			V	P, S			F		
Stewart Bird Sanctuary 618 N 16th St, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 22 acres									P
Van Cleve Park 2098 290th St, Melbourne, IA 50162	F 4 acres			V	P, S					
Wehrmann Prairie 3296 LaFayette Ave, Melbourne, IA 50162	P 8 acres							P		
Wickersham Forest Areas 2563 Starry Grove Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158	F 17 acres									
<b>STATE OWNED</b>										
Hendrickson Marsh 1763 B 126th St, Union, IA 50258	P, W 821 acres							P, W		R

# Explore Marshall County!



## Linn Creek Recreation Trail

Riverview Park (1) to 12th Avenue (2)	2.8 Miles
12th Avenue (2) to Center Street (3)	1.28 Miles
Center Street (3) to 12th Street (4)	1.3 Miles
12th Street (4) to Grimes Farm (5)	2.6 Miles
Grimes Farm (5) to Melbourne (6)	9 Miles

## River Put-In/Take Out Points

Forest Reserve (A) to Timmons Grove (B)	5.9 River Miles
Timmons Grove (B) to Center Street Dam (C)	6.1 River Miles
Center Street Dam (C) to Riverview Park (D)	1.1 River Miles
Riverview Park (D) to Furrow Access (E)	4.2 River Miles
Furrow Access (E) to Three Bridges County Park (F)	4.0 River Miles