

# You can help..

There are many ways in which you, as an individual, group, business or organization can help further goals of the Carroll County Conservation Board. Donations (tax deductible) are being sought in gifts of land, money, materials, and equipment. Volunteers are also needed for our environmental education programs throughout the year. For more information, please contact our office.

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## History

In 1955 the Iowa State Legislature passed a law allowing counties to establish county conservation boards. The Carroll County Conservation Board was established in the 1958 election. The five members of the board are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The purpose of the Board is to acquire, develop, maintain and make available to inhabitants of the county, parks, preserves, county forests, wildlife, and other conservation areas; to promote and preserve the health and general welfare of the people; to encourage the orderly development and conservation of our natural resources; and cultivate good citizenship to providing adequate programs of public recreation.



## Parks, Preserves, Recreational Areas

The Board manages approximately 3,000 acres of land which has been purchased, donated and leased for public use and wildlife habitat. There is an ongoing land acquisition program acquiring new areas to preserve the natural areas of Carroll County. There are also several ongoing programs to improve and conserve the natural heritage of Carroll County.

**The Deer Ridge Cabin at Swan Lake State Park**, located on the north side of the lake, where the North Shelter once was located. This cabin will sleep 10 comfortably with two bedrooms with queen size beds on the main level and two sets of bunk beds and full size bed located in the basement bedroom. There are two full bathrooms in this cabin, one on the main level and another located in the basement. The kitchen comes equipped with a refrigerator, stove, microwave, coffee maker, and toaster along with silverware, dinnerware, pots and pans, and cooking utensils. There is a gathering room located off of the kitchen and living room with additional room for space and another refrigerator. For full details on the Deer Ridge Cabin at Swan Lake please see our brochure.



**The Bison View Cabin at Swan Lake State Park** is located near the campground, Sauk Rail Trail, Disc Golf Course, and the lake. The cabin sleeps 8 comfortably, with three bedrooms, two with queen size beds and one with two twin size beds along with a full sleeper couch. The kitchen is supplied with the basic cooking utensils, pots, pans, silverware, and dinnerware. There is a stove, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, and toaster in the kitchen as well. There are two full bathrooms. You are required to bring your own complete bedding, bath linens, kitchen linens, and toiletries. This cabin will also be ADA accessible, with one bedroom and bathroom. Please see our Bison View Cabin brochure for full details.

## Cabins at Swan Lake State Park

# Rules & Regulations

**PARK HOURS**—All County Parks are closed from 10:30 PM – 5:00 AM except for overnight camping and river access areas, where quite time is then in affect. All non-register park visitors must leave before 10:30 PM.

**PETS**—All pets must be kept on a leash of no more than 6ft. or kenneled, except during hunting season in hunting areas. Park users must **immediately** clean up after their pets. Violators will be issued a \$75 ticket for non-compliance. Pets are not allowed inside of Carroll County Conservation facilities.

**TREES & SHRUBS**—Trees and shrubbery must not be cut or damaged in any way. Berries, fruits, and mushrooms may be harvested in the park.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**—No kegs are allowed. All laws of the State of Iowa regarding consumption of alcohol will be strictly observed. Violations of state code will result in expulsion from the building, revocation of rental privileges and forfeiture of deposit. Ensure compliance with Sec. 123.47 respecting possession of alcohol by minors and agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Conservation Board and the State of Iowa.

**SMOKING**—All Shelters are non-smoking facilities.

**FIREARMS AND WEAPONS**—All Firearms, weapons, and explosives are prohibited in all county parks except during hunting seasons in designated county hunting areas. Fireworks are prohibited at all times.

**VEHICLES**—Motorized vehicles are restricted to provided roadways and designated parking areas. Park roads are public roads and operators of motor vehicles must have valid drivers license.

**RESERVATIONS**—You must be 21 years of age to rent a facility. Reservations can be made by calling our office at (712) 792-4614 or emailing office@carrollcountyiowa.org. Reservations for the Education Center (Wapiti and Bison rooms), shelters and cabins are available to rent on a rolling calendar basis and on a first-come, first-served basis.

**PAYMENT** – we accept check or cash—Both the rental fee and refundable damage deposit (on separate checks) are due within **10 days** of making the reservation. If fees are not received during that time your reservation will become void. Please call the office for any questions.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**—All reservation are non-refundable. If you need to cancel your reservation you will receive **credit** to use towards another available date within a one year time frame. All cancellations must be called into our office (712) 792-4614 during our office hours. We do not do any kind of refunds on facility rentals or camping fees.

**CHECK IN & OUT TIMES**—The Education Center can be rented between 8 a.m.-10 p.m. The shelters can be rented early in the morning until 10 p.m., unless there is an overnight group renting the shelter the night before, at which time the shelters are available after 9 a.m. Overnight youth groups renting the shelter must be out **by** 9 a.m. on the following day or pay for an additional day. This must be arranged at the time the reservation is made.

Swan Lake State Park Campground offers over 120 camp sites! 15 long term camping sites, 44 full hook up camping sites (water, electric, & sewer), 65 electric sites, plus tent camping is available in our Rolling Hills area of the Riverside Park Campground. Located right outside of Coon Rapids, Riverside Park Campground has a total of 20 electric and water camping sites along with tent camping. Great Western Park Campground, GWP Campground has a total of 8 electric and water camping sites along with tent camping. Beginning in 2018 CCCB will be building a shower house at the park! Dickinson Timber Campground Looking to horse back ride? Dickinson Timber Campground has a total 12 electric and water sites, 8 electric sites for horse trailers, along with tent camping. This campground is connected to CCCB equestrian trails. Richey Campground 8 electrical sites are located at Richey Campground.

## Campgrounds



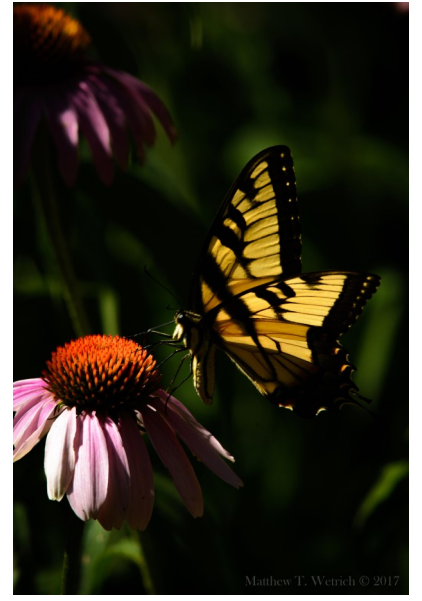
To promote a better understanding and awareness of our natural resources, the Board has established an environmental education program that cooperates with area schools, groups, and organizations in providing conservation and recreational programs and field trips. A variety of topics are available. Contact our Naturalist, Matt Wetrich, for any environmental education questions. To be the first to know of programs being held, upcoming events, or news sign up for our newsletter by calling or emailing our office.

## Environmental Education



# Carroll County

## Conservation & Recreation Areas



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The Board works with organizations, public and private, on many conservation related activities and projects.

## Working with Other Organizations

The establishment of native prairie in regarded road is a new program to the board. The purpose of this program is to reduce weeds and chemical spraying while improving wildlife habitat.

## Roadside Management



Hiking, biking, walking, and equestrian trails can be found in many of our wooded recreational areas. These trails provide the public access to many scenic sights. The Sauk Rail Trail and Riverside Park Trail are multi-use backloop trails that are excellent for bicycling. The SRT from Swan Lake State Park to Blackhawk Lake is a 33 mile trail that takes you through the county side of Carroll and Sac Counties. Along the Sauk Rail Trail there are several fix it stations. Dickinson Equestrian Trail is also available for hiking and horseback riding. The Sauk Rail Trail and Dickinson Timber trails have daily or annual permit fees, which have self registration on site.

## Trails

# Carroll County

ID	Name	ACRE-AGE	CAMP/SITES:	WA-TER:	TOI-LET:	CABIN RENTAL:	SHED/ENCLOSURE:	TRAILS:	SWIMMING:	FISHING:	BOATING:	SPORTS:	SITES:	HUNTING:
1	Bennett Access Area 4 mi. E, 2 mi. N of Glidden	108	Electric/Full Hookup/Non Electric/Equestrian/YouthDump Station/Wifi	Drinking/Snow-removal	Flush Valves	Seasonal/Year Round	Enclosed/Open/Free/Rental	Hard Surface/Limestone/Water Eques-trian/Hiking/ Snowmobile/ XC Ski-Groomed	SWIMMING: MIM/NGLake/Beach/Pool	FISHING: Jetty/Pier/Lake/Stream or River/Trout	Canoe/Electric/Motor Boat Rental/Ramp	Disc Golf/Ice skating Play-ground/Shooting Ranges/Sliding/Winter Sports	Amphitheater/ Arboretum Bird-watching/Wildlife Exhibit/Historic Site/Nature Center/Prairie/Wetland/Woodland	Upland/Wet-land
2	Buck Run Creek Area 6.5 mi. N of Glidden Hwy 286	85												F, U
3	Butrick Bluff Wildlife Area 2 mi. E, 3 mi. N, .5 mi E of Glidden	170								S	C, BR		P20	F, U
4	Carroll County Access 2 mi. S, .5 mi. W of Lanesboro	70	NS							S	C			F
5	Christy Pond 1.5 mi. E of Coon Rapids	30												W, U
6	Daniel Davis Timber 1 mi. S, 1 mi. E of Dedham	72								L3	E	P, H		F
7	Dickson Timber 2 mi. E, 3.5 mi. N of Glidden	155	E18, N5, Eq		V		ER1, EF1	H, E						F
8	Great Western Park 0.5 mi. S of Manning	312	E8, N8	D	F		ER1	H	L12, S	E, R	P, S		P272	U
9	Halbur Ridge Wildlife Area W edge of Halbur	11						H						U
10	Hazel Brush Wildlife Area 3 mi. S of Breda	117						H						F, U
11	Hazelton Wildlife Area 3 mi. E of Carroll	2												
12	Hobbs Access 1 mi. S, 1 mi. W of Lanesboro	11	NS						S		C			
13	Merritt Access 2 mi. E, 4 mi. N of Glidden	68	NS						S	M, C, R				F
14	Middle Raccoon River Access 4 mi. E, 2 mi. N of Dedham	174						H	S					F
15	Mid-Prairie Park 0.5 mi. W of Carroll	17						H	S		A, S			U
16	North Raccoon Access 2 mi. S of Lanesboro	45							S	C, R				F
17	North Raccoon-Andrews Access 2 mi. S of Lanesboro	24							S		C			F
18	Rehart Bend along N Raccoon River between Hobbs and Carroll Co. Access	154							S					U
19	Richey Access 3 mi. N of Ralston	3	E8, N5	D	V				S		C			
20	Riverside Park NE edge of Coon Rapids	144	E12, N4	D	F		OF1	H	S		P			
21	Russell White Nature Trail Lanesboro to Hwy 286	41						H, S	S					U
22	Sauk Rail Trail Swan Lake to Lake View	250		D	F			H, B, S			W		P6	U
23	Sporrer Wildlife Area Hwy 141, 1 mi. W of Dedham	5												
24	Swan Lake State Park 2 mi. S, 1 mi. E of Carroll	510	E56, F46, NSO, D, W	D, S	F, V	SJ, YR 1	ERJEF1, OR1, OF1	H, E, B, S	B	P, J, L110	M, C, BR, R	D, H, J, P, W	A, B, E, H, N, P, W	
25	Tigges North Wildlife Area 2 mi. W of Willey	91								L4	E			U
26	Tigges South Wildlife Area 2 mi. SE of Dedham	80							L3	E				U
27	West Botna Wildlife Area 3 mi. S, 2 mi. W of Halbur	6						H						U

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**Legend**

- State Highways
- U S Highways
- County Paved
- County Gravel
- Grade B
- Corporate Limits
- Trails
- Parks
- Rivers & Lakes
- Major Streams

