

What is the Winnebago County Conservation Board?



The Winnebago County Conservation Board is one of 99 county conservation boards in Iowa. The purpose of these boards is to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for everyone and to protect and conserve our natural resources.

Here in Winnebago County, the County Conservation Board maintains 28 public hunting areas, parks, trails, and other natural areas, encompassing over 3,000 acres. These areas not only provide places where people can enjoy the outdoors, but they also protect valuable wildlife habitats. The conservation board also provides technical assistance to private landowners who wish to improve wildlife habitat on their property. In addition, the board maintains active nesting box programs for birds such as bluebirds, kestrels, and wood ducks.



To further enhance the county's wildlife, the Winnebago County Conservation Board conducts a Roadside Management Program. Through this program, native prairie grasses and flowers are being reintroduced into roadside right-of-ways. Prescribed burning and spot-spraying are used as tools to manage these plants. Finally, the conservation board also manages an active Environmental Education Program. This program works to educate the county's citizens about their environment, as well as ways to better appreciate and protect it. This is done by conducting school and public programs, providing programming to civic and youth groups, producing publications, and working with the media.

All of Winnebago County's conservation programs are designed to protect and enhance the county's environment, as well as allow people the opportunity to enjoy it. We invite everyone to participate in these programs and hope you enjoy the fun and beauty of Winnebago County's natural resources!



What will you find in Winnebago County?

- 28 County-Managed Outdoor Recreation Areas
- Fishing and Canoeing in the Winnebago River
- Thorpe Park – A Trumpeter Swan Restoration Site
- Beautiful, Restored Roadsides
- Environmental Education Programs for Everyone
- 3 Ducks Unlimited Chapters, a Pheasants Forever Chapter, and an Izaak Walton League Chapter



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Winnebago County Conservation Board Areas

1) Ambrosen Recreation Area (116 acres)	W T S Pc F B* Pl Hu
2) Bolstad Wildlife Area (20 acres)	Hu
3) C.A. Block Wildlife Area (253 acres)	F Hu
4) Dahle Park (7 acres)	C W T S Pc F B Pl
5) Florence Recreation Area (35 acres)	Pc F B* Hu
6) Forest City-Pilot Knob Trail (4 miles)	Hi
7) Grant Township Wildlife Area (33 acres)	Hu
8) Gruis Recreation Area (180 acres)	W F Pl G H
9) Hadacek Recreation Area (10 acres)	Pc F B*
10) Hogsback Wildlife Area (120 acres)	Hu
11) Hogsback Wildlife Area Annex (55 acres)	F Hu
12) Jensen Tract (97 acres)	F Hu
13) Kvale Tract (45 acres)	F Hu
14) Lande River Conservation Area (421 acres)	F B Hu
15) Larson/Tweed Wildlife Area (74 acres)	Hu
16) Linden Township Cemetery Prairie (2 acres)	Historical Site
17) Luke Rossiter Wildlife Area (51 acres)	Hu
18) Nieman Wildlife Area (80 acres)	F Hu
19) Quam Wildlife Area (200 acres)	Hu
20) Rauk/Rasmussen Tract (188 acres)	F Hu
21) Russ Wildlife Area (100 acres)	Hi Hu
22) Thompson Roadside Prairie (8 acres)	
23) Thorpe Park (160 acres)	C W T S Pc Hi F B* Pl Hu
24) Thorpe Recreation Area (82 acres)	Hu
25) Winnebago County Home Farm (188 acres)	Hu
26) Winnebago River Recreation Area (47 acres)	F Hu
27) Winnebago River Trail (2 miles)	Hi F Hu
28) Hagen Prairie (8 acres)	

Map of WCCB Areas

Key to Listed Activities

C—Camping
 W—Drinking Water
 T—Pit Toilets
 S—Shelterhouse
 Pc—Picnicking
 Hi—Hiking Trails
 F—Fishing
 B—Boating (*electric motors only)
 Pl—Playground
 G—Golf Course
 Hu—Hunting

If You Plan to Visit...

- Dahle Park has electric camping sites; Thorpe Park has water/electric sites. Camping is \$12.00 & \$8 a night at Thorpe Park and \$5 per night at Dahle Park.
- **Water is coming in 2008 at Dahle Park.**
- Shelterhouses are open and can be reserved by calling the WCCB office.
- Hunting restrictions apply at some areas. Call ahead for more information.