



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Appanoose County

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Buck Creek Campground, Lake Rathbun

GPS Coordinates: 40.8435866534006,-92.8723239898682

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In northwest Appanoose Co. One half mile north of the dam, or 0.2 miles south of the marina, on the west side of J5T, turn onto Crappie Circle, which leads to three campgrounds.

Amenities:

Dean Wetlands (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 40.6240670164056,-92.720650434494

Has Site Guide

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: A quarter mile West of 300th Ave on 590th St about 50 yards North of the road into the marsh. A map can be found on lowabirds.org.

Amenities:

Dedication Point

GPS Coordinates: 40.8258257213893,-92.8969144821167

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: At the dam at Lake Rathbun in northwest Appanoose Co. At the south end of the dam (J5T), at the lake's east end, take Island View Pl., where the Corps of Engineers Information Center is. The first road to the right is Indigo Circle, at the end of which is Dedication Point.

Amenities:

Island View Campground, Lake Rathbun (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 40.8283586497305,-92.9109263420105

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: At Lake Rathbun in northwest Appanoose Co. At the south end of the dam (J5T), at the lake's east end, take Island View Place where the Corps of Engineers Information Center is. Follow this winding road about two miles to the campground entrance. The best lake viewing is at the farthest reach of Ivory Circle, near campsites D-27, D-28.

Amenities:

Pool 8 (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: ,

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In the southeast part of the county. On the west side of 300 Ave. between 590th and 600th St.

Amenities:

Rathbun Lake (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 40.8610714,-92.9853481

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In northwest Appanoose Co. For viewing above the dam, follow Island View Pl. off J5T, at the south end of the dam, where the Corps of Engineers Information Center is. Take the first road to the right, Indigo Circle, to its end at Dedication Point. Also, continue on Island View Place as it curves west, north, and west again, and look for Intaglio Place on your right. Follow Intaglio to the boat ramp at its end. At the north end of the dam, viewing is from the beach area.

Amenities:

Rathbun Lake--South Fork area (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 40.849138,-93.0219269

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In northwest Appanoose Co., on the southwest side of the lake. About one mile from the south end of the dam, J5T straightens out going west. Proceed west 4.5 miles from here to 150th Ave., and follow 150th north a little more than three miles to its end at a field. Walk the path going left (west) to the water. Or, to the right, follow the road through the field and then walk to the water.

Amenities:

Sedan Bottoms WMA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 40.6666659,-92.7613551

Has Site Guide

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: DEAN POOL (#7): Take Hwy. 202 south out of Moulton two miles to 570th on your right, as 202 curves left. Take 570th two miles west to 300th, and go south on 300th two miles to 590th. Follow 590th west a half mile to the pool. TO BUCKSHOT LAKE (#4): Return east to 300th, and north two miles to 570th. Turn west and Buckshot Lake is soon along here, on the south side. TO SEDAN POOL (#2): Continue on 570th, which now turns north and becomes 290th, about 1.5 miles to 555th. This includes two jogs left along the way, the first one fairly quickly, the second one a mile after this, at 296th--which you do NOT take. Soon after this second jog left, again going north, get onto 555th going west (left). Short of a mile west on 555th, take the diagonal southwest road on your left, 285th. Follow this 1.5 miles to the unmarked, cement parking area on your left, at a bend. The pool is seen out at the treeline; it can be approached on foot.

Amenities:

Sedan Bottoms--Pool 8

GPS Coordinates: 40.6638752167563,-92.7619457244873

Has Site Guide

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Amenities:

Sharon Bluffs SP (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 40.7242341,-92.7998829

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities: