



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Buchanan County

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Ham Marsh (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.535106,-91.933293

Ownership: County

Description: Ham Marsh offers 54 acres that include a glacial marsh, sedge meadow, and a reconstructed prairie; an observation blind for wildlife watching is also available. Ham Marsh is north of the town of Independence and west of Hwy 150.

Habitat: Glacial marsh; sedge meadow; reconstructed prairie.

Directions: From Independence in Buchanan County, head north on 5th Ave SE toward 1st St E for 1.0 mile; continue onto IA-150 N/Jamestown Ave and travel 1.1 mi; turn left onto Otterville Blvd and drive 3.2 mi; turn right onto Oak St N and go 0.2 mi; continue onto Henley Ave for 1.7 mi; Turn right and you have arrived.

Public Hunting Area

Amenities: Trails |

Jakway Forest County Park (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 42.5925216,-91.7397881

Ownership: County

Description: Jakway Park, south of Aurora, is a picturesque, shaded campground featuring stately oak trees. Buffalo Creek winds through the forest. A wildlife observation blind is located in the woodland. This park is a designated Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area and is open year round.

Habitat: Woodland

Directions: From Aurora in Buchanan County, head south toward Warren St; turn left at the 1st cross street onto Warren St; turn right onto Slater Ave/Union St and continue to follow Slater Ave for 2.1 miles; turn right onto 136th St for 0.4 mile; continue onto Roberts Ave to the park.

Amenities: Restrooms | Parking | Trails | Camping |