



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Floyd County

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Cedar River in Charles City

GPS Coordinates: ,

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities:

Floyd Co. Fossil & Prairie Center (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 43.0480671,-92.9772091

Ownership: State

Description: 300 acre state preserve with Visitor Center.

Habitat: Hilly prairie with three or four natural ponds adjacent to Winnebago River, plus abandoned gravel pits with exposed fossils.

Directions: 1 mile west of Rockford on B47 (215th Street).

Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails |

Idlewild County Park (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 43.1664852847271,-92.7599144016858

Ownership: State

Description: County park on west side of river, unimproved state park on east side of river.

Habitat: West side (county park) is open picnic area with trails running along narrow wooded habitat following river north. East side (state park) is deep woodlands and riparian habitat.

Directions: West side (county): From Floyd, take Quarry Road north 2 miles. East side (state): From Floyd, take U.S. 218 north 3 miles to 130th Street, then west 1 mile to Idlewild.

Amenities: Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping |

Mather's Woods

GPS Coordinates: 43.1320918548101,-92.993416787067

Ownership: County

Description: Woodland reserve.

Habitat: 50 acres of woodland adjacent to Shell Rock River.

Directions: Southeast side of Nora Springs. Access is off Cameo.

Amenities: Parking | Trails |

Restoration Marsh

GPS Coordinates: 43.1903169610686,-92.716569900731

Ownership: State

Description: 117 acres of marsh.

Habitat: Shallow Lake with cattail marsh edge and some grassland on SW side.

Directions: On the west side of Quail, at 115th Street.

Public Hunting Area

Amenities: Parking |

Tosanak Recreation Area (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.9859436485145,-92.8947687149048

Ownership: County

Description: Former Boy Scout Camp now owned by Floyd County Recreation bordering the Shell Rock River.

Habitat: Woods and riparian area along the Shellrock river

Directions: Go 1.5 miles NW of Marble Rock on T26/ Glass Rd. Take a left to stay on Glass Rd and go about .1 mile to 2543 Glass Rd./ Glass Place

Public Hunting Area

Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping | Cabins |

Wentlands Woods

GPS Coordinates: 43.1413546661593,-92.7112746661377

Ownership: County

Description:

Habitat: Upland, oak, maple, basswood forest. A blue bird trail with mixed grasses is along one edge.

Directions: Go North of the town of Floyd on Hwy. 218 for about a half mile. Turn right, east, on County Road T64 and go 1.1 miles. Turn left, north, on Quail Ave. The park will be on your right in less than a half mile.

Public Hunting Area

Amenities: Parking | Trails |