

Nature Center

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Rules to Remember

- Park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Parks close at 10:30 p.m. (statewide closing time) except for registered overnight campers.
- No camping party or camping unit of any kind shall occupy any campground more than 14 consecutive days.
- Observe speed limits and park in designated areas only. Keep all vehicles on the roads.
- Build fires in designated areas only.
- Keep pets on a leash and do not tie them as to cause injury to park property.
- Please do not remove or injure any park vegetation. The cutting of trees, whether they are dead or alive is expressly prohibited. Firewood can be obtained from the Resource Manager at a nominal fee.
- Please do not litter--put litter in its proper place.
- Please observe other rules and regulations posted at various locations within the park areas.

Your cooperation with these guidelines is appreciated.

**County parks are yours to enjoy.
Please leave them as you would
like to find them.**

The Woodbury County Conservation Board intends to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act and all other local, state and federal laws pertaining to equal treatment. If anyone believes he or she has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, disability or age, they may file a complaint alleging discrimination with either: the Woodbury County Conservation Board or the Office for Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240

Welcome

The Woodbury County Conservation Board invites you

to explore nearly 5,500 acres

of unique conservation lands.

You will find a tremendous

variety of outdoor recreational

opportunities ranging from

lake fishing to river canoeing,

from swimming to picnicking,

and from hiking to hunting.

The numerous resources make

outdoor enjoyment possible for

people of all ages and interests.

The Conservation Board wel-

comes your visits to our parks

and encourages your comments

and interest in the program.

Your input can be directed to

the Board's office located in the

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center,

4500 Sioux River Road, Sioux

City, Iowa 51109, or by calling

712/258-0838 or

www.woodburyparks.com.

Legislature enacted Chapter

111A (now Chapter 350),

History

In 1955, the Iowa

County Conservation Board

was formed in 1961.

The county conservation

program is financed by prop-

erty taxes, user fees, donations,

conservation grant programs,

such as wildlife habitat stamps,

federal and state grants, and

the Resource Enhancement and

Protection (REAP) Act.

Loess Hills

Woodbury County is located in the unique Loess Hills of western

Iowa. The Loess Hills were formed many thousands of years ago by

the deposition of windblown soil. Loess deposits of this magnitude are

found only in western Iowa and China.

One way to enjoy the hills is the Loess Hills National Scenic Byway,

a 220-mile stretch of scenic roadways that extends from Plymouth

County to the Missouri border along western Iowa. Special signs

indicate the route and a brochure is available to guide you through this

beautiful area.

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

The Woodbury County Conservation Board's education program

offers year round family programs, special events, adult education,

and summer youth camps. Visitors can tour the Dorothy Pecaut

Nature Center for a self-guided look at the Loess Hills landform and

interpretive exhibits, or they can call to schedule a naturalist-guided

program. Located in Stone State Park, the nature center provides

unique learning opportunities within a few minutes of downtown

Sioux City. The nature center is open Tuesday through Saturday from

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. It is closed

on Mondays and major holidays.

Camping

Camping is available at four county park areas: Browns Lake--

Bigelow Park, Snyder Bend Park, Little Sioux Park, and Southwood

Conservation Area. Each park includes both electric and tent camping

sites, depending on user preference. Picnic tables, a fire ring, and

modern shower buildings with flush toilets are available to campers.

Campgrounds are open May 1 through October 31. Campsites are

available on a first-come, first-served basis and feature self-registration.

Firewood is available from the Resource Manager for a nominal fee.

Cabins

Camping cabins are available for rent at Little

Sioux Park from May 1 through October 31.

The log cabins sleep up to six people and

feature several amenities. For information or to

reserve a cabin, call the office at 712/258-0838.

Trails

One of the best ways to discover our natural

areas is to hike one of our trails. They may

lead you to the top of a Loess Hill prairie,

along the Little Sioux River Valley, or over a

suspension bridge. Trails vary in length from

1/4 mile to four miles. Although primarily

hiking trails, cross-country skis, snowshoes,

and horses are allowed on some trails. A self-

Picnicking

Enclosed picnic shelters are available for rental in Browns Lake and

Little Sioux Park. Shelters have picnic tables and grills on site. Many of

the areas also offer horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, open spaces, and

a swimming beach. To reserve a shelter, contact the Resource Manager

in the respective park area. Open shelters are found

throughout the parks and are available on a first-

come, first-served basis.

Park area telephone numbers are as follows:

Brown's Lake-Bigelow Park: 712/372-4984

Little Sioux Park: 712/946-5622

Snyder Bend Park: 712/946-5622

Flower Forest-Southwood Conservation Area: 712/889-2215



Water Recreation

Visitors of all ages will enjoy our lake and

river recreation areas. Fishing, boating, water

skiing, canoeing, and swimming are a few

of the opportunities available at our county

parks. Concrete boat ramps are available at

Snyder Bend, Wedland Access, and Browns Lake

and Little Sioux Park.

Iowa state fishing licenses are required at all water recreation areas

and older.

Nearly 4,800 acres are managed for public hunting and recreation.

These wildlife areas are generally undeveloped, natural areas that are

fenced, signed, and include a parking lot access. Wild turkey, white-

tailed deer, ring-necked pheasant and fox squirrel are popularly sought-

after game species.

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