



LYON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD



WILDLIFE AREAS

History and Purpose

The Lyon County Conservation Board (LCCB) was formed in 1963, for the purpose of acquiring, conserving, and developing natural resource projects in the county.

According to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 350, the CCB is empowered to study and acquire land for museums, parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, forests, wildlife, and other conservation purposes and for the participation in watershed, drainage, and flood control programs for the purpose of increasing the recreational resources in the county.

With leisure time becoming more of a treasured aspect to all segments of our society, the result has been a growing demand for public outdoor recreation opportunities. In the coming years, the Conservation Board program seeks to insure ample opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty and recreational potential within the county.

Board Office:

Lyon County Conservation Board

311 1st Ave. E.

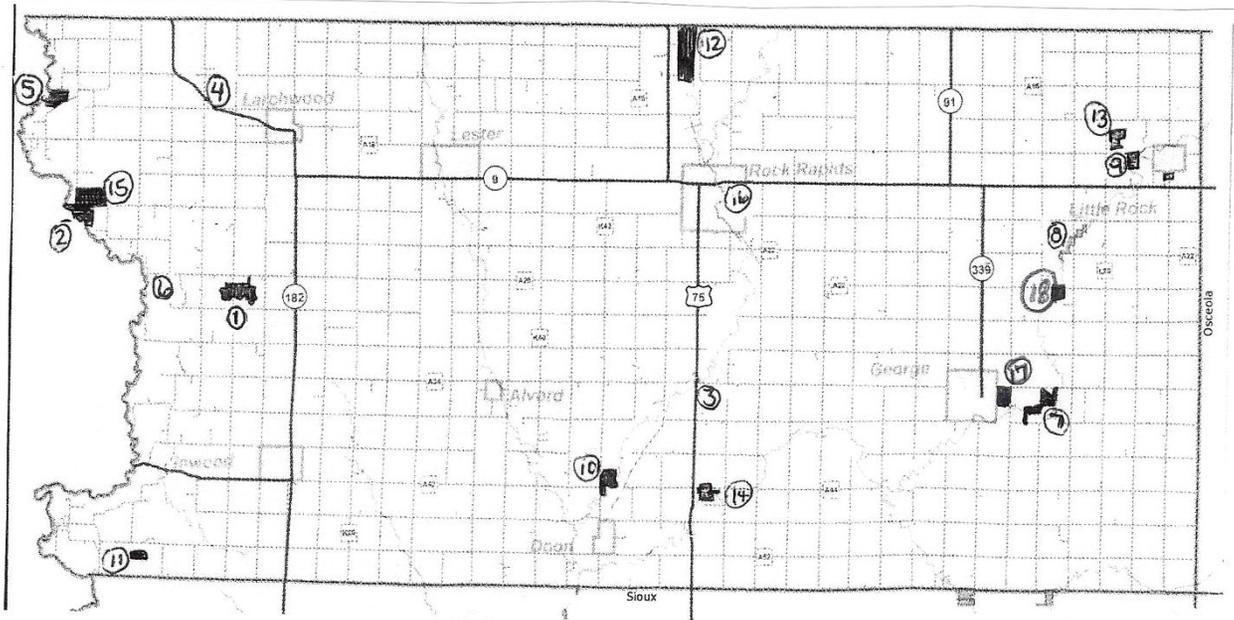
Rock Rapids, IA 51246

(712)472-2217

Rules to Remember

1. Park Hours: 6:00am– 10:30 pm
2. Camping and swimming are permitted in designated areas only
3. No camping party shall be permitted to camp for a period greater than 14 consecutive days
4. Camps must have a camping unit on them for all reserved days
5. Fire building is permitted **ONLY** in approved receptacles
6. Kegs are prohibited in all areas unless a permit is obtained
7. Do not damage, disturb, or remove any park vegetation or wildlife
8. All vehicles including motor bikes are restricted to roads and designated parking area
9. Pets must be on a leash at all times. Tying them to a tree is prohibited, owners are responsible for maintaining areas occupied by pets
10. Please, **DO NOT LITTER**. Trash and recycling cans are provided
11. Observe and obey all signs
12. Paintball guns are prohibited in all LCCB areas.

LYON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD WELCOMES YOU!



1. Lake Pahoja Recreational Area
2. Hidden Bridge Wildlife Area
3. Lakewood Corner Wildlife Area
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Lake Pahoja Cabin and Shelter House Rentals

Six efficiency cabins were built by employees and volunteers of the Lyon County Conservation Board for your use and enjoyment. These rustic getaways were designed to provide the camping experience without the need to pull a camper or set up a tent. The cabins are one room, 3 are 14'x14' and 3 are 14'x16', all have 8'x14' decks and are handicap accessible.

Each cabin has 2 sets of bunk beds, the bottom is a double which can sleep two. Each cabin includes electricity, a sink with hot and cold running water, microwave, hot plate, refrigerator, table, heat, air conditioning, broom, and mop. Linens, blankets, cooking and eating utensils must be brought by the camper. Outdoors, a picnic table, fire ring, and grill are provided. In the winter months, the water is shut off but is available right outside the door via freeze-less faucets.

Two night reservations are required and three nights for holiday weekends. For rental fees and more information please contact our office at (712)472-2217 .



There are 2 shelter houses at Lake Pahoja - the east and the west. Both shelters have heat, refrigerator, and seating. The east shelter house also has a fire place and is located above the beach. The west shelter house is the larger of the two, can be divided into two rooms, has more counter space, sink with running water, and is located near the cabins.

Rental of these shelter houses is divided into morning and night time slots running from 8:00am-4:30 pm and 5:00 pm-10:30pm. Each time slot is \$25.00.

Both cabin and shelter houses can be reserved by calling the Lyon CCB office in Rock Rapids at 712-472-2217.



“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail” --Ralph Waldo Emerson



Lyon County Public Areas

Facilities Key

 Information	 Trailer Camping
 Shower House	 Tent Camping
 Restrooms	 Interpretive Trail
 Drinking Water	 Hiking Trail
 Electricity	 Fishing
 Boat Ramp	 Hunting
 Picnic Shelter	 Picnicking
 Handicapped	 Swimming



“ In the end our society will be defined not only by what we create, but what we refuse to destroy.” - John Sawhill

1. Lake Pahoja Recreational Area

Located 4 miles south and 2 miles west of Larchwood, this 282 acre area provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities for the public's enjoyment. The 72 acre lake, which is surrounded by restored habitats, has excellent angling opportunities for large-mouth bass, crappie, blue-gill, channel catfish, and perch fishermen. A concrete boat ramp provides an easy and quick access. Only electric trolling motors, oars, and paddles are permitted on this beautiful lake due to its size. There are paddle boats, kayaks and canoes available to rent if needed. Along with fishing, there is a designated swimming area that can be utilized during park hours, although lifeguards are not provided. The beach area has both basketball and volleyball courts near by. The area offers a total of 71 camp sites including 8 modern electrical/water and 63 modern electrical sites. For group gatherings, the park has 2 enclosed shelter houses along with 6 open shelters. As well as a scout area for any scout groups use. Throughout the park you will find 3 playgrounds, numerous picnic tables, pedestal grills, picnic shelters, 3 sand volleyball courts, a basketball court, 2 horseshoe courts, 4 modern restrooms, and 3 vault toilets. There are 6 modern rental cabins available year round overlooking the lake along a 3.5 mile long concrete bike trail that encircles the lake and a variety of natural habitats including shoreline, prairie, native trees and shrubs, and a food plot. Public Hunting is allowed in season on a portion of the area. Loaded weapons are only allowed on these designated areas. N43° 23.18' W096° 28.03'

Facilities:



2. Hidden Bridge Wildlife Area

Located 6 miles west and 2 miles south of Larchwood along the Big Sioux River. This 155 acre area is an excellent place to get away for any nature lover. This diverse area as it all, beautiful rolling hills of native tall grass prairie grasses and flowers, fishing along the banks of the river, and areas of timber are all perfect for discovering a wide range of birds and other wildlife, This area also provides in season public hunting opportunities of pheasants, turkey, and whitetail. Hidden Bridge is also one of the two wildlife areas where horses are permitted mid-May to Mid-September. Please check with our office for exact dates. N43° 25.57' W096° 33.96'

Facilities:



3. Lakewood Corner Wildlife Area

Lakewood Corner is located 6 miles south of Rock Rapids along highway 75. This 5 acre area is a good spot for bird watching, fishing, and enjoying some of the natural beauty Iowa has to offer as well as access to the Big Rock River and upland hunting. N43° 20.76' W096° 10.47'

Facilities:



4. Roemen-Stettinichs Nature Area

Located 2 miles west of Larchwood, this 5 acre area is managed as a wildlife habitat providing limited opportunities for hunting due to its size although hunting is allowed in season, It offers a nice area to get away and enjoy some natural species and bird watching. N43° 27.88' W096° 28.99'

Facilities:



5. Blood Run National Landmark

Located 8 miles west of Larchwood, this 178 acre area is one of Iowa's overlooked wonders. Owned by the State Historical Society of Iowa, the Lyon CCB has been managing the area since 1988. This area has significant historical value as it is the largest known site of the Oneota Native American Tribe. Located on this area are 72 burial mounds, a pitted boulder, and an original homestead. This area offers an amazing birding opportunity on restored prairie as well as upland hunting. Hunters must call the Conservation Board office to obtain permission before the hunting season. Guided tours can be set up by calling the Lyon CCB office.

Facilities:



6. Klondike Area

This 1 acre area along the Big Sioux River is located 4 miles south and 5 miles west of Larchwood. This area is great for fishing and has a canoe access point and boat ramp on the South Dakota side. N43° 23.16' W096° 31.24'

Facilities:



7. Little Rock River Wildlife Area

Found 1 mile west of Little Rock, this 72 acre area offers many outdoor recreational opportunities. There is both wetland and prairie areas that are excellent for hunting and bird watching along with a canoe access point to the Little Rock River. N43° 26.81' W096° 54.16'

Facilities:



8. Little Rock River Wildlife Area: Central

This 232 acre area is located 2.5 miles east of George. This area is comprised of wetland and prairie habitats along the Little Rock River producing good fishing and hunting opportunities for the outdoorsman. This area also has a canoe access point for the Little Rock River. N43° 20.74' W096° 56.98'

Facilities:



9. Little Rock River Wildlife Area: North

Located 3 miles west and 2 miles south of Little Rock, this 155 acre area provides a array of opportunities. This area includes a food plot, hillside prairie, and a shelterbelt that creates diverse hunting and fishing experience. As always, hunting is permitted within season. N43° 24.65' W096° 56.39'

Facilities:



10. Doon Wildlife Area

This 145 acre area is located 2 miles north of Doon on K42. This area provides a nice fishing stream as well as hiking trails throughout the different habitats. Hunting in this area has increased due to food plots, restored prairie grasses and timber areas creating opportunities for deer, turkey, and pheasants. N43° 18.16' W096° 14.16'

Facilities:



11. Blankespoor Wildlife Area

Located 2 miles south and 5 miles west of Inwood, this is paradise in agricultural dominated area. This 160 acres of timber, prairie, and farm ponds allow people to immerse themselves in nature and the activities that it offers. This area offers upland and forest hunting opportunities as well as fishing and hiking trails. N43° 16.46' W096° 31.32'

Facilities:



12. Boon Ranch Wildlife Area

Located 4.5 miles north of Rock Rapids, this 215 acre area is comprised of many different habitats and ecosystems which allows for new discoveries with every visit. The Rock River flows through this area providing a good fishing area as well as attracting various other wildlife species. Hiking trails and a canoe access point on this area. Whether it's watch birds, or study one of the little ponds, there is something for everyone on this site. N43° 30.01' W096° 10.90'

Facilities:



13. Venenga Wildlife Area

Located 2 miles west of Little Rock, this 18 acre area was just added in 2008 after it was donated by the Venenga family. This is a upland, prairie hunting area. N43° 26.82' W096° 54.85'

Facilities:



14. Boersma Wildlife Area

Found 1 mile north and 3 miles east of Doon right off of highway 75, the Boersma area is made up of 62 acres of varying habitats. This area offers a great place for both hunting and fishing featuring both natural prairie and woodland areas. N43° 18.06' W096° 09.81'

Facilities:



15. Peterson Prairie Wildlife Area

This 315 acre area is found 7 miles west and 2 miles south of Larchwood on Apple Avenue. The Peterson Prairie offers a great get away for people of all outdoor interests. Whether is hiking down the trails, riding horse, or hunting this area has so much wildlife waiting to be discovered. N43° 25.57' W096° 33.96'

Facilities:



16. Lyon County Conservation Administration Center

Located in Rock Rapids on 1st Ave. E. This is a one acre area that has a butterfly garden, benches, and a few mowed trails. Reservations for shelter houses and the cabins out at Lake Pahoja can be made here.

Facilities:



17. George Rural Water Area

This 160 acre area is located 1/2 mile east of George on A-34 (210th St.) This area consists of upland habitat, producing hunting opportunities for pheasant, deer, and doves.

Facilities:



18. Kanengieter Wildlife Area

This 30 acre area is located on 180th St. in Grant township section 20. This area lies on both sides of the Little Rock River. It has upland habitat with the Little Rock River providing fishing habitat and waterfowl opportunities.

Facilities:

