

The Board's goal is to identify unique areas within Marshall County and protect them by offering technical assistance to landowners or by acquisition. Some areas are developed for picnicking and play, but others are merely preserved for you and other generations to enjoy forever.

Conservation

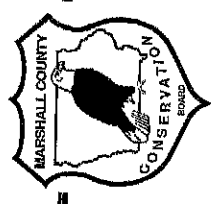
In the 1840s, 90% of Marshall County was tallgrass prairie. Today less than 1/10 of 1% of native prairie exists and of the original 9% forest only 3.6% remains. Wetlands have also drastically declined.

Iowa's County Conservation Board system was established in 1955. In 1958 the people of Marshall County voted to authorize a conservation board to acquire and develop parks, preserves, forests, wildlife and conservation areas, and encourage good citizenship by providing programs of public recreation.

The Marshall County Conservation Board's land inventory as of June 30, 2008 includes 2,052 acres at 28 areas. This map depicts the distribution of sites and highlights the Iowa River greenbelt, a 29-mile corridor of river, bluffs, farmland, open space, forests, wetlands, and scenic areas.

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*Summary Of Rules and Regulations Marshall County Conservation Board



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Traffic:

Motorized vehicles are restricted to roadways and designated parking areas. Park roads are public roads and operators of motor vehicles must have a valid license.

Speed Limit:

15 miles per hour

Camping:

Allowed in designated areas: fees required in some areas if so posted.

Picnics and Fires:

Please use facilities provided and fire rings or grills.

Litter:

Carry/In/Carry Out policy applies at most areas. Use containers provided at some park areas.

Pets:

Keep on leash at all times except for areas open for public hunting.

Plants:

Removal or injury of plants is prohibited.

Closing Time:

Most areas close at 10:30 P.M.

Firearms:

Permitted only in areas open for public hunting. *Refer to posted rules and regulations for detailed information.

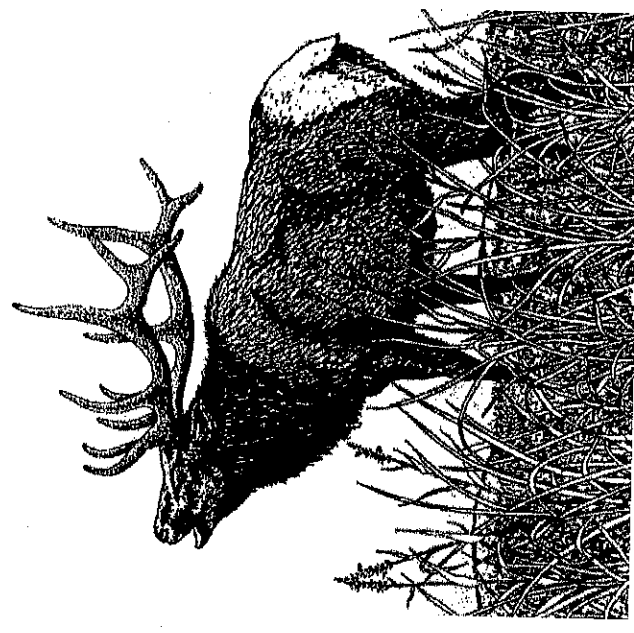
*Code of Iowa, Sections 461A.35 through 461A.57 apply to all county conservation areas.

*Violation of these rules or applicable state laws is a simple misdemeanor.

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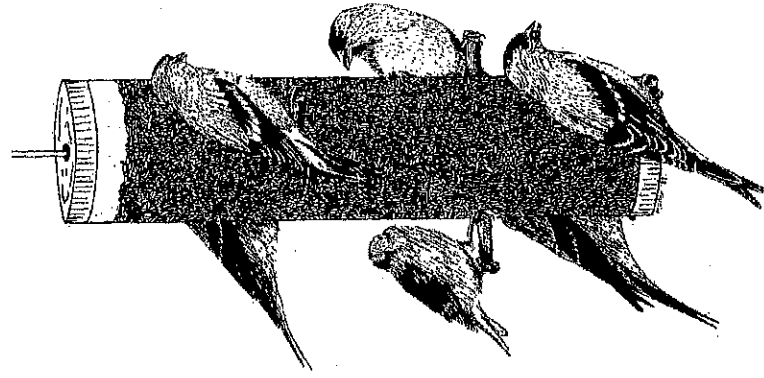
**A Guide To
Recreation And
Conservation Areas
In Marshall County, Iowa**



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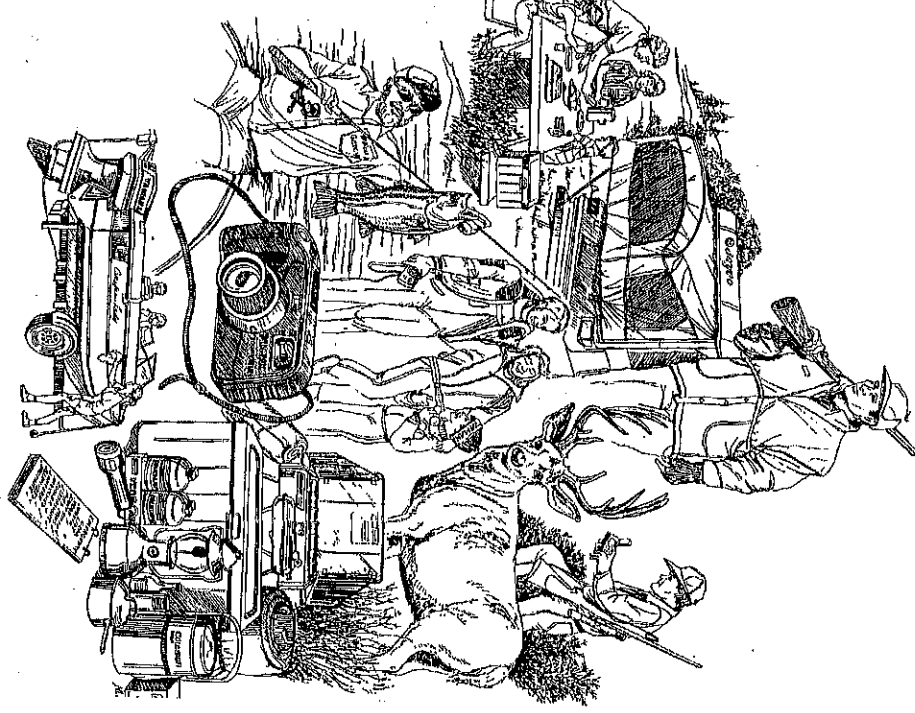
The projects of and services provided by the Marshall County Conservation Board are funded solely through local tax dollars and the generosity of friends. By volunteering your time and skills or by a gift of land or money, you can help the Marshall County Conservation Board carry on their mission of conserving the land for future generations.

For information on how you can help, contact the Director of the Conservation Board at (641) 752-5490



Recreation

The MCCB maintains a wide variety of recreation areas that visitors can enjoy. From native and restored prairies to forested river bottoms and upland timber, there are places for you to hunt, fish, hike, birdwatch, camp, cross country ski, and much more. Our goal is to provide quality outdoor experiences which have minimal disturbance to the surrounding ecosystem.



Education

An important goal of the MCCB is to make the citizens of the county more aware of their natural resources. With an increased awareness and knowledge comes an appreciation for the environment. These in turn, are stepping stones to the ultimate goal of environmental education—wise use and human actions in harmony with nature.

A naturalist is employed by the Conservation Board and carries out a variety of public, school and civic group programs. "Seasons" is a free quarterly newsletter published by the Environmental Education program and contains timely articles and a calendar of scheduled events.

The Grimes Farm & Conservation Center opened in October 2003. Housed at the center are Natural History interpretive and conservation displays, a meeting/classroom, library, and MCCB administrative offices.

