



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Buena Vista County

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Buena Vista Co. Park (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 42.8866560342045,-95.3231334686279

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: Just south of the town of Peterson: Take US 71 south out of Spencer for about 15 miles until you reach the intersection with State Highway 10. Turn west on 10 and go about 10 miles into Peterson. Continue west through Peterson about a mile to 110th Ave. Turn south on 110th and go another mile to South River Road. This road will travel east and then south for about 4 miles to the park.

Amenities:

Pickerel Lake (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.9048064544355,-94.9161565303802

Ownership: State

Description: Pickerel Lake is a 427 acre state Wildlife Management Area. Roughly 2/3 is Pickerel Lake, and 1/3 prairie. A boat ramp is located on the southeast side of the lake, but it is very shallow and best suited to canoes, kayaks and small jon boats.

Habitat: Pickerel Lake is a mix of reeds, cattails, drowned willow trees and open water, making ideal habitat for breeding Coots, Pied-billed grebes, Ruddy ducks, Mallards and Wood ducks. The northern edge of the lake is bordered by a thin strip of mature hardwoods, hosting songbirds. East of 240th Avenue lies approximately 100 acres of prairie.

Directions: Pickerel Lake lies in the extreme northeast corner of Buena Vista county, actually touching Clay county to the North and Pocahontas county to the east. From US 71 (which bisects Buena Vista county North-to-South) in Sioux Rapids, take County Road C13 east about 11 ½ miles.

Public Hunting Area

Amenities:

Storm Lake Cemetery

GPS Coordinates: 42.6352216153641,-95.1737880706787

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: on the north side of Hwy 7 a short mile west from the intersection with Hwy 7. It is on the east side of town and northeast from the lake

Amenities: