



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Fremont County

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Chuck-will's-widows near Waubonsie S.P.

GPS Coordinates: 40.7033505999809,-95.6779682636261

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: A traditional spot for CWWi. At the northwest edge of Waubonsie S.P. in southwest Fremont Co. is the intersection of Hwy. 2 and L-44/Bluff Rd. Proceed north on L-44 slightly over one mile to 270th Ave. on your right. Take 270th, and after about 1/4 mile it bends strongly left. You will see a conspicuous, large new house up on a hillside overlooking a sloping field alongside the road. Park along here at dusk and listen.

Amenities:

Copeland Bend WMA

GPS Coordinates: 40.7436967484106,-95.8634161949158

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: take 200th Street west from I-29 to 175th Avenue. Turn south on 175th Ave. to 210th Street and turn west. Take 210th St. west until you reach the levee. Drive over the levee and there is a parking area (in poor condition).

Amenities:

Forney Lake WMA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 40.8525471,-95.7762533

Has Site Guide

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In the northwest corner of Fremont Co., take the Tabor exit (J-10) going east off of I-29. Almost immediately turn south on Western Ave., just under three miles to 135th St. going east. 135th runs close along the south shore of Forney Lake, and the water is easily scoped. If you continue east, the first crossroad at the end of the lake is L-44/Bluff Rd. Turning north, there are two parking areas along L-44 at the east end of the wetland.

Amenities:

Frazer's Bend

GPS Coordinates: ,

Ownership: Federal - COE

Description: 1,293 acres of river bottom, wetlands, marsh, and grasslands.

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Directions: From Highway I-29, exit at Highway 2 and go east 1 mile to 225th Avenue. Go south and southeast on 225th Avenue, crossing over I-29 about 4 miles to 290th Street. Go west on 290th Street 1/2 mile to Frazer's Bend.

Amenities:

Green Hollow WMA

GPS Coordinates: 40.8545914972152,-95.7413864135742

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: To get to Green Hollow WA go east out of Thurman, turn north at Plum Creek Road (J18) go maybe a mile and turn north on Cemetery Road. the road will turn west and then back to the north , this is where you should start to listen for the Chucks. Green hollow is on the west side of the road about one mile down the road.

Amenities:

Manti Park (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 40.7269335,-95.4013038

Has Site Guide

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities:

Riverton WMA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 40.7083606,-95.5815697

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: From Shennandoah, take westbound Highway 2 to county road L-68 and turn south. This will take you to the east end of the WMA. Stay on L-68, and drive through the town of Riverton. In Riverton, turn west on County Road J-46. Just west of town is the south end of the WMA.

Amenities:

Riverton WMA--North Unit (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 40.7095132,-95.5831269

Has Site Guide

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: From Shennandoah, take westbound Highway 2 to county road L-68 and turn south. This will take you to the east end of the WMA. Stay on L-68, and drive through the town of Riverton. In Riverton, turn west on County Road J-46. Just west of town is the south end of the WMA.

Amenities:

Riverton WMA--South Unit (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 40.6785551,-95.5836296

Has Site Guide

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: From Shennandoah, take westbound Highway 2 to county road L-68 and turn south. This will take you to the east end of the WMA. Stay on L-68, and drive through the town of Riverton. In Riverton, turn west on County Road J-46. Just west of town is the south end of the WMA.

Amenities:

Secret Lake

GPS Coordinates: 40.7179242190014,-95.732889175415

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In southwestern Fremont Co. Take Hwy. 2 east from I-29 for 2.5 miles to 240th Ave., a dirt road. Proceed north on 240th two miles to Secret Lake. There's no approach to the lake not involving dirt roads.

Amenities:

Sheldon Basin

GPS Coordinates: 40.7480697704167,-95.76584815979

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In western Fremont Co. Take the Percival/J-26 exit off I-29, and go east on J-26 (200th St.) for 2.5 miles to 220th Ave., a dirt road. The Sheldon Basin area is about one mile south on 220th, near 210th St. To avoid the dirt road, off I-29 instead go south through Percival two miles, along 195th Ave., to 220th St. Go east on 220th St. a little more than two miles to 220th Ave., and then north one mile.

Amenities:

Waubonsie Access WMA (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 40.6900017,-95.8119822

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: From the town of Riverton, take Highway 2 west about 10 miles.

Amenities:

Waubonsie SP (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 40.6785551,-95.6919479

Has Site Guide

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities: