



## IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Keokuk County

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### **Belva-Deer Recreation Area (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.3856757960988,-92.1482670307159

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** 1,669 acre County Park with woods, pasture and a large lake with some marsh habitat. There are shelters, grills, bathrooms, boat ramps, a swimming beach, hiking and equestrian trails.

**Habitat:** This is a lovely spot to explore. It has pasture/prairie, woods, a 264 acre fishing lake and 35 acres of marsh habitat. There are also 8 miles of hiking and equestrian trails.

**Directions:** This park is located 2 miles North and 2 miles East of Sigourney. The main entrance to the Park is on 242nd Ave and there are clear signs directing you on Hwy 149.

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping | Cabins |

### **Coffman Woods**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.4652576211244,-92.0747637748718

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** 15 acres of hardwood timber. There is no clear path, more of a deer trail in the woods. There is a shelter with picnic tables, a grill and a pit toilet.

**Habitat:** 15 acres of hardwood timber.

**Directions:** From North English, go South on Hwy 149 3.5 miles. Turn East on 135th St and then make an immediate left onto 268th Ave. Go 0.5 miles and watch for a partially hidden sign for Coffman Woods on your left. There is room for parking, and then walk in along the path to the shelter. From South English, go North on Hwy 149 and make an almost immediate right onto 135th St. Note that on Hwy 149 there is no sign directing you to Coffman Woods.

**Amenities:** Restrooms | Parking |

### **Fuller-Green Valley**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.5109011940128,-91.9506177306175

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** Marsh and bottom land with no paths. There is a clear parking lot with a sign marking the area.

**Habitat:** This is marsh and bottom land. There are no paths and nothing is mowed. When the grass is low you can scope some of the areas from the parking lot.

**Directions:** In the extreme northeast corner of Keokuk Co. Seven miles east from North English in Iowa Co., along F-67, take S Ave. south two miles, including turns, to the parking area on your left. From the Iowa City area, take Hwy. 1 west and southwest as if to Kalona. About eleven miles along from U.S. 218 take 540th/F-67 west twelve miles to S Ave. Take S Ave. south two miles, including turns, to the parking area on your left. As the summer wears on, the grass leading to the water gets extremely high.

## **Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking |

## **Haysville Bend Wildlife Area (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.2638722338955,-92.3080730438232

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** Other Public

**Description:** This is a Wildlife Management Area, with 2 parking lots. The one on 158th Ave is well marked. The one on G48 can be hard to spot. Drive slowly and look for a small drive with a parking lot. From this parking lot on G48 you can walk along a dike. There are no amenities here and nothing is mowed. Be sure to wear rubber boots and plan your first visit before the grass is tall so you can see where you might want to go.

**Habitat:** 537 acres, 1/5 marsh, 1/5 upland and 3/5 Skunk River Bottom

**Directions:** Hayesville Bend is 2 miles West of Haysville on G48. There is a small brown "Haysville Bend" sign and green "Public Hunting" signs. From Delta go South on HWY 21 3.5 miles and turn left onto G-48 and go 2.5 miles.

## **Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking |