



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Linn County

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Bever Park (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.9851219,-91.6269125

Ownership: City

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities: Restrooms | Parking | Trails | ADA Accessible Trails

Boyson Trail (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.0416758258605,-91.6214060783386

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities:

Cedar Lake (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.992,-91.669

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In Cedar Rapids, Linn Co. Take the H Ave. exit off I-380 in town, and the lake appears quickly to the west. H Ave. ends at Shaver Rd., and parking is found directly across the road, and by following Shaver south (left) and then turning right, before the tracks. From this second lot, waterfowl also populate the channel found by walking past the lake toward Quaker Oats.

Amenities: Parking | Trails | ADA Accessible Trails

Cedar Memorial Cemetery

GPS Coordinates: 42.022332495641,-91.6296458244324

Ownership: Private (see directions for access)

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In Cedar Rapids: Take I-380 to eastbound Highway 100. Go east on Highway 100 about 3 miles until you reach the intersection with Highway Bus. 151. Turn south on 151 for about a mile, and the cemetery is on the west side of the road.

Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking |

Ellis Park

GPS Coordinates: 41.9975823640456,-91.6877102851868

Ownership: City

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities:

Faulkes Heritage Woods (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.0100196,-91.6183913

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat: Mixed deciduous forest

Directions: On the border of Marion and Cedar Rapids. Take the 29th street exit off Interstate 380 and continue along 29th Street past 1st Avenue. 29th Street will become 29th Street Drive and then 30th Street Drive. Turn left at Tama Street. The entrance to Faulkes Woods will be on your right at the dead end.

Amenities: Parking | Trails |

Indian Creek Nature Center (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.9680386,-91.5832447

Ownership: Private (see directions for access)

Description:

Habitat: Riparian and floodplain forests along Cedar River and Indian Creek; areas of restored prairie and oak savannah; some oak-hickory and white pine forests in the hills.

Directions: Go to Cedar Rapids on highway 380 and take the Diagonal Drive exit. Continue on Diagonal Drive, which turns into 8th avenue, which turns into Mount Vernon Road. Continue going east on Mount Vernon Road until you get to Bertram Road with "A Touch of Class" convention center and an Indian Creek Nature Center sign on the right. Turn right onto Bertram road and then drive across a large blue bridge. Continue along Bertram Road until you reach the Nature Center parking lot at the intersection of Bertram and Otis Roads.

Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | ADA Accessible Trails

Manhattan Robbins Lake Park (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.0070859,-91.700263

Ownership: City

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities: Parking |

Matsell Bridge W.A. (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 42.1314896583655,-91.3780975341797

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: From the town of Anamosa: Take Cherry St NW out of town. This road turns into Ridge Rd (E28). Take Ridge Rd about 4 miles northwest, and then it turns into Buffalo Ridge Rd. Go a little more than a mile northwest, and this road will intersect with Hart Rd. Take a left for about 1/2 mile on Hart Rd, and there will be Matsell Park Rd, where you will turn left and enter the park.

Amenities:

Morgan Creek Park (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.9871842,-91.7619324

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: - on the west edge of Cedar Rapids in Linn Co. About 4.5 miles west on U.S. 30 from I-380, take Stony Point Rd. less than three miles north to Worcester Rd. Turn left (west) on Worcester to the park.

Amenities:

Mt Calvary Cemetery

GPS Coordinates: 42.0105617059254,-91.6288304328918

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In Cedar Rapids: At the foot of 32nd St. Dr. in SE Cedar Rapids.

Amenities:

Palisades-Kepler SP (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.9103956,-91.5034418

Ownership: State

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities: Restrooms | Parking | Trails | Camping | Cabins |

Palo Marsh County Park (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.0755461,-91.786952

Ownership: County

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities:

Pinicon Ridge Co. Park (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 42.214343,-91.5422916

Ownership: County

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities:

Pleasant Creek RA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 42.1216546,-91.8127441

Has Site Guide

Ownership: State

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In western Linn Co, ten miles northwest of Cedar Rapids. For all points except the south section of the lake: From Blair's Ferry Rd. at the north edge of Palo, take Palo Marsh Rd./W-36 three miles north to the park entrance road on the left (west). The drive you come to skirting the lake does not completely circle the lake. Turning left it will end at some jetties and boat launches, on the south shore (the lakeside pines with owl sightings are reached from the parking area here), and to the right it will end in the campground, which is actually away from the north shore, and without scoping possibilities. However, look for a lefthand turnoff just before the campground, at the top of a rise, which leads to good viewing of the lake and of an inlet. Probably the most consistently fruitful waterfowl viewing is from the shelter area near the dam, just after you turn right onto the road skirting the lakeshore.

Public Hunting Area

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

Prairie Park Fishery (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.9518944,-91.6364264

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities: Parking | Trails | ADA Accessible Trails

Rock Island Botanical State Preserve (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.0265032,-91.7265594

Ownership: State

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities:

Roller Dam (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.9435478,-91.629045

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: The Roller Dam is on the Cedar R, downriver from downtown Cedar Rapids. 41.9435478, -91.629045 From C Street, turn onto Ely Rd across from the Alliant plant. Go through the single lane underpass (after stopping), turn left onto Old River. Go past the Shack Tavern and pull off just past the dam. There is a lane between Old River Road and the Cedar.

Amenities:

Squaw Creek Park (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 42.0122748,-91.5616781

Has Site Guide

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: About three miles east of Cedar Rapids. The park's north entrance is one half mile west on Hwy. 100 from Hwy. 13, and shown on the Cedar Rapids inset on the state highway map. Enter and soon take the first right turn, and then very quickly another right turn, and follow this road to various birding spots throughout the park. After paralleling Hwy. 100 for a stretch, in winding fashion past grasslands, the road turns sharply left away from the highway, and soon you come to the parking lot in front of the lodge. Here the road becomes a loop, and can be taken in either direction to various parking areas and trails.

Amenities:

Van Vechten Park (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.9697811,-91.6329932

Ownership: City

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: in southeast Cedar Rapids. The park is just east of 12th Ave. SE and 19th St. SE.

Amenities:

Wickiup Hill Learning Center (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 42.08256,-91.76429

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat: Large area of tallgrass prairie, including small sand prairie; several marshes; bur oak savannah, oak-hickory forest.

Directions: in Linn Co., northwest of Cedar Rapids. On the north side of Cedar Rapids, take Blair's Ferry Rd. west off I-380 five miles, including several curves, to Feather Ridge Rd. Take Feather Ridge one mile north (right) to Morris Hills Rd. Take Morris Hills west one mile to the park.

Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | ADA Accessible Trails