Hitchcock Nature Area (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)
GPS Coordinates: 41.413235,-95.858
Has Site Guide
Ownership: County
Description: Home to the Pottawattamie County Conservation Board nature center and the Hitchcock Hawkwatch, this popular park in the Loess Hills can be busy at times.
Habitat: Impressive ridges and valleys in the sandy Loess Hills of western Iowa, the habitat varies from forest to grassland/scrub.
Directions: In western Pottawattamie Co. Drive five miles north on Old Lincoln Highway (formerly Hwy. 183) out of Crescent and turn left at the Hitchcock N.C. sign, then turn right at the top of the hill. Raptor viewing is at the lodge. There is a $2.00 daily charge to enter (or get a year’s pass for $10 from the rangers).
Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping |

Lake Manawa (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)
GPS Coordinates: 41.2074598,-95.8600044
Ownership: None listed
Description:
Habitat:
Directions: - just south of Council Bluffs in Pottawattamie Co. Follow U.S. 275 west 1.5 miles off I-29 to the park’s entrance.
Amenities:

MidAmerican Energy Ponds (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)
GPS Coordinates: 41.1870329,-95.82655
Ownership: Private (see directions for access)
Description:
Habitat:
Directions: South of Council Bluffs. Access is now unavailable and only the NORTH pond can be viewed from outside the complex. SOUTH POND, viewable only from on site: Access unavailable. NORTH POND, viewing from public road, permission not needed: Take Hwy. 370 east off I-29 (Bellevue exit), crossing over the interstate. Take the first left (L-31/195th), a gravel road going north along the interstate. Follow this 2.75 miles to your first left, Basswood Ave., a dead-end road. Follow Basswood west just back over the interstate, and park along the shoulder.
Amenities:

Vincent Bluff State Preserve (eBird Hotspot)
GPS Coordinates: 41.2413369,-95.8346115
Wilson Island SP (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.4848,-96.0065

Ownership: None listed
Description: None listed
Habitat: None listed
Directions: None listed
Amenities: None listed