Hickory Hills Park (eBird Hotspot)
**GPS Coordinates:** 42.2672105,-92.3134804  
**Ownership:** County  
**Description:** 723 acre county park wooded park and trails. Also a 55 acre lake. Located in TAMA county but managed by Black Hawk County.  
**Habitat:** Lake, woods, evergreens make this a nice area for birding year round. Can be good for owls in the winter  
**Directions:** From intersection of Hwy 8 and Hwy 21 at Dysart. Go approximately 6 miles NORTH on Hwy 21 to park entrance.

Otter Creek Lake (eBird Hotspot)
**GPS Coordinates:** 42.0464882,-92.5201607  
**Ownership:** None listed  
**Description:** Very pretty 522 acre county park with woods and 65 acre lake. NATURE CENTER.  
**Habitat:** Lake and woods--Can be very good for ducks, loons, grebes, and woodland birds.  
**Directions:** Intersection Hwy 30 and Hwy 63 in Toledo--go NORTH on Hwy 63 approx. 2 miles to Co. Rd. E43 and turn RIGHT (EAST). Go 3.5 miles on E43 to N. Ave. Turn LEFT (NORTH) and proceed approx 2 miles. Turn LEFT (WEST) into the park

Otter Creek Marsh WMA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)
**GPS Coordinates:** 41.9403397,-92.4461746  
**Ownership:** State  
**Description:** Large 3600 acre area with several viewing access points. 1/2 marsh, 1/4 bottom woods along the Iowa River, and 1/4 timber around the marsh. Can be an excellent birding area. It is an Important Birding Area. There is a great observation platform  
**Habitat:** Marsh with some woods. Great for ducks, geese, swans, hawks and Bald Eagles, shorebirds, and marsh birds. Birds of note in the past have been: Swallow-tailed Kite, Barn Owl, and Sharp-tailed Sandpiper  
**Directions:** Observation Point #1 Go 6 miles EAST of Tama on U.S. 30 to E66. Turn right on to E66. Continue approx. 1/3 mile and turn in the parking lot on the SOUTH side of the road. Observation Platform and great dikes down below that can be walked easily. Observation Point #2 Exit the parking lot, turn right (SE) on E66 to S Avenue. Turn right (SOUTH) onto S Ave and look for a parking lot on your right. Start a long westward walk along a dike. Observation Point #3 Exit parking lot #2 and turn right (SOUTH) back on to S Ave. Follow this as it curves right to another Parking Area next to a pond on your right past the creek. Westward walk along a dike. Observation Point #4 Exit parking lot #3 and continue
on S Ave until it ends. There is a old dilapidated barn there. Good viewing as you walk around the marsh area.

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking | Trails |

**Union Grove SP (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.1302484,-92.7124214

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:** 172 acre state park adjacent to Union Grove Wildlife Area WA). 110 Acre lake surrounded by woods with evergreen plants on the north end.

**Habitat:** Woods (NW corner), spillway (SE part of park), and lake. Can be good for ducks, geese, swans, grebes, and woodland birds. Sandhill Cranes have been seen here.

**Directions:** From the down of Gladbrook go 4 miles SOUTH on T47 and turn right (WEST) 1/2 mile to the park. Nice road around the lake. A small lake which is part of Union Grove WA is SW of the State Park area

**Public Hunting Area**

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