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

GPS Coordinates: 42.4958017,-96.3367081
Ownership: City
Description: Large city park on NE edge of Sioux City. Lake, woods, paved trails which circumnavigate the lake, and shelters.
Habitat: Woodland, pasture, lake, and some fragmented prairie.
Directions: Start Point: Intersection of Hwy 20 and Hwy 75 bypass (east of Sioux City) Proceed EAST ~ 1m. on Hwy 20 to Buchanan Ave. Turn NORTH on Buchanan Ave 1.4 miles to Correctionville RD. Bear left and proceed in a westerly direction for 1.8 miles. Park entrance is on the north side of the road.
Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | ADA Accessible Trails

Brower Lake/Slough

GPS Coordinates: 42.3990270852625,-96.2356853485107
Ownership: Private (see directions for access)
Description: Remnant of an old oxbow complex. Recent years have had lots of water.
Habitat: Wetlands surround by trees. Good spot to bird especially during spring migration. Great-tailed Grackle, Cinnamon Teal, Yellow-headed Blackbird, ducks/geese, and shorebirds along with some woodland species.
Directions: Start point: I-29 Exit 141 at Sergeant Bluff IA. Proceed EAST through Sergeant Bluff ~ .6mi to Port Neal Road. Turn right (SOUTH) and proceed 1.2 miles to Banner Ave. Turn left (SE) and proceed in a southerly direction. Area will be on the right (WEST) side of the road. Parking is along the road.
Amenities: Parking |

Browns Lake/IPS WMA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 42.3170158,-96.3342151
Ownership: Multiple
Description: Lake community with some access for view lake. Great place to bird. Boat accessible. Mosquitoes can be ferocious at times so insect repellant spring/summer might be good idea. There is considerable public access but also some private.
Habitat: Lake, some marsh, woods. Ducks, Grebes, Loons, terns, and flycatchers and other woodland species.
Directions: On I-29, take Exit 135 and head west on 275th St. You will find several places to view the lake. Good locations if you take Bigelow Park Rd west off of 275th (Look for Brown's Lake State Park sign). Follow this west making stops to bird and eventually north to dead end parking. Trails are accessed from here which run north and somewhat east.
Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping |
Dairy Ponds 280th at Eastland Av (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.2980083,-96.1907959

Ownership: Private (see directions for access)

Description: Water filled (usually) "borrow pit" for dairy farm operation. "Parking" is along the edge of the road which has plenty of room to "pull off" and view. Though this is a private area the owners have been more than accommodating to bird watchers.

Habitat: Ponds surrounded by agricultural land and a large dairy barn. Shorebirds and waders are found here. A Snowy Plover, a Whimbrel, along with a good varied of plovers have been seen here.

Directions: From I-29 take Salix exit (#134) and head EAST ~ .9 miles on K25 through Salix to Hwy K45/475/Old Hwy 75. Turn right and proceed .6 miles and turn left (EAST) onto 280th/D63. Travel ~ 3 miles to a curve *** where you will make a little jog to the right onto GRAVEL (still 280th). Proceed 1.5 miles to Eastland and 280th.

Amenities:

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 42.5431471,-96.4714289

Ownership: Multiple

Description: Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center in the 1,089 acre Stone State Park in the northwest corner of Sioux City. Primarily woodlands along with some grasslands set in the beautiful Loess Hills. 14000 sq ft nature center

Habitat: Woodlands, Oak Savannah, some grasslands. Excellent birding year-round. Migration can be exceptional.

Directions: Start Point: I-29 Exit 151. From Exit 151 proceed NORTH on IA12-S (a.k.a. Riverside Blvd). Proceed 3.5 mi on IA 12-S. Nature Center entry will be on your right (EAST)

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

Fowler Forest Preserve

GPS Coordinates: 42.232577,-95.945096

Ownership: None listed

Description: 160 county area. Wooded area in the Loess Hills with trails.

Habitat: Woodlands and hills. Can be particularly good during migration.

Directions: Start Point: Smithland IA. Located 1/4 miles WEST of Smithland on Hwy 141.

Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails |

Gelita Gelatin

GPS Coordinates: 42.349893,-96.350687

Ownership: Private (see directions for access)

Description: Gelatin manufacturing facility with stilling and cooling basins. Has produced decent species and numbers during Christmas Bird Counts as well as on other occasions. Permission must be secured--contact Paul Roisen or the Environmental officer at Gelita 712-943-5516
**Habitat:** Ponds and overflow, some grasslands, and fragmented woodlands. Ducks/Geese, sparrows, warblers and occasional shorebirds and waders.

**Directions:** From I-29 take Exit 135 (between Sergeant Bluff and Salix). Proceed WEST 1.6 miles to K25 (a.k.a. Port Neal Rd). Turn right (NORTH) proceed 1.4 miles to entrance of Gelitia. Wind your way NW through the parking lots and cross several train tracks. Continue NW and cross raised track. Immediately turn left and proceed to ponds.

**Amenities:**

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**Graceland Park Cemetery (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.4584278,-96.348799

**Ownership:** City

**Description:** Large cemetery cemetery with various trees species and some brush.

**Habitat:** Trees, brush, grass. Various species year round with migration being good. White-winged Crossbills, Merlins, and woodpeckers

**Directions:** Start Point: Intersection of US20/75 (Exit 1) and Lakeport Street on southern side of Sioux City. Proceed NORTH for 1 mile. The cemetery will be on your left (WEST) side.

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Inkapaduta Access**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.2547799933729,-95.9043145179749

**Ownership:** Multiple

**Description:** Wetlands areas on the flats east of the Loess Hills and north of Smithland Public areas but much is also private. Can be view from the road.

**Habitat:** Wetland with grasslands. UNFORTUNATELY the framers are working hard and quickly to drain the area for more farmland. Shorebirds--Ruff on year.

**Directions:** Start Point: Intersection of IA 141 and IA 31 in Smithland, IA. Proceed NORTH on IA 31 for ~1 mi. to 310th St. Turn right (EAST) and bird area on the NORTH. Can be excellent for shorebirds when water is right.

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Little Sioux Park**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.4562042694048,-95.8057165145874

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** Nice County Park south of Correctionville with good amenities. Used heavily on weekends in the summer.

**Habitat:** 1/2 Timber, 1/4 Upland, 1/8 Marsh, 1/8 Water. Good diversity of species and decent number depending on the season. Wood and Swainson's Thrush, Bobolinks, Snow bunting, are some nice birds that have been encountered here.

**Directions:** From Correctionville (30 miles east of Sioux City on Hwy 20) turn south on County 31 through town. Turn right (West) staying on 31. Proceed 1.8 miles as the road turns south. Signs to Little
Sioux County Park will direct you from there.

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

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**Luton WMA (North)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.3583932853415, -96.2311792373657

**Ownership:** State

**Description:** Luton Wildlife Management Area is 1094 acres of wetland split into TWO areas (thus our designation of Luton WMA (north) and Luton WMA (south)).

**Habitat:** Wetlands--Has been excellent for waterfowl and shorebirds. Smith’s Longspurs in migrations. Rough-legged Hawks, Harriers, and Short-eared Owls winter.

**Directions:** Start Point: LUTON IA-Intersection of K42(aka Dallas Ave) and D51(aka 250th) proceed NORTH ~ 1mi. From there work north along Dallas (1mile) and west along 240th and then south along Delaware) There are 4-5 parking areas.

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Luton WMA (south)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.3381180742754, -96.2151718139648

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:** Luton Wildlife Management Area is 1094 acres of wetland split into TWO areas (thus our designation of Luton WMA (north) and Luton WMA (south)).

**Habitat:** Wetlands--Has been excellent for waterfowl and shorebirds. Sparrows, Smith’s Longspurs in migrations. Rough-legged Hawks, Harriers, and Short-eared Owls winter. Little Blue and Cinnamon Teal have been seen here.

**Directions:** Start Point: LUTON IA-Intersection of K42(aka Dallas Ave) and D51(aka 250th) proceed SOUTH ~ 1mi to 260th. Turn left (East) about .3 miles to parking. Area is east, west, and north of the parking areas.

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**New Lake**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.329395, -96.354677

**Ownership:** Multiple

**Description:** Shallow ponds on both sides of the road. This a little exploration you will find several spots to view both lakes.

**Habitat:** Ponds with some scattered grassland and trees. Ducks, shorebirds, terns, and some flycatchers and blackbirds…. Public hunting on north side.

**Directions:** Near Salix in Woodbury Co. New Lake is straight west of I-29 exit 135, approximately 1.5 miles away. At the stop sign about 2 miles west of I-29, turn north (right) for about 0.5 miles then turn left at the sign for Port Neal, Terra Chem and others. It crosses the tracks, turns south and rejoins the original road. There is a wide spot on the south side of the road (next to the train tracks) as you come out of the curve to head west. This is an excellent place to start your view of the eastern part of the north
pond. North pond--the west end of the north pond can be accessed by taking a small dirt road/track heading north immediately after you pass the pond. South pond--several places to cross the railroad tracks and then work your way around the east and south sides of this pond.

Amenities: Parking |

Oak Ridge Conservation Area
GPS Coordinates: 42.2630183227058,-95.9403419494629
Ownership: County
Description: 2,082 acres of public land in the hills adjacent to the Little Sioux River Valley, Oak Ridge is divided into four units with six public parking accesses between Oto and Smithland. This natural, undeveloped area is available for hiking and public hunting.
Habitat: Woodlands with some grasslands and occasional wetlands. Quite wonderful places to bird as you walk and drive. Wide variety of bird but best during migration.
Directions: Start Point: Intersection of IA 141 and IA 31 in Smithland, IA. Proceed NORTH on IA 31 for ~1 mi. to 310th St. Turn left (WEST) and cross over to Lee Ave. Turn right (NORTH) and proceed ~.7 mi to Snake Path Trail. Road birding and also at the parking lot. Return to Lee Ave and proceed left (NORTH) to Oto. From there proceed left (WEST) and bird along 290th Street.
Amenities: Parking |

Owego Wetland Complex (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)
GPS Coordinates: 42.2820071,-96.1346525
Has Site Guide
Ownership: County
Description: Incredible Woodbury county wetlands complex SE of Luton, Iowa! Approximately 2 1/2 square miles of recovered agricultural land which continues to be restored and improved.
Habitat: Wetlands, prairie, some woodlands. Over 220 species of birds have been recorded here
Directions: In southwest Woodbury County-- From I-29 take the Sloan/Hwy. 141 (exit 127) and proceed EAST east ~ 4.5 miles to Franklin Ave. Turn NORTH (left) on Franklin and proceed 3.6 miles to the wetlands. Just over the bridge you will find one of the 6-7 parking lots. Please refer to the IOU Owego Wetlands Complex Site Guide (#17) for detailed instructions.
Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Parking |

Port Neal North (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)
GPS Coordinates: 42.32625,-96.379442
Ownership: Private (see directions for access)
Description: PRIVATE: MidAmerican Energy coal plant. REQUIRES applying and being cleared to enter--MidAmerican covers the cost--Contact: Benton, Kristin S KBenton@midamerican.com Port Neal requires that you check in at the "guard shack" and be given a visitors pass and instructions. Permission are easily given but require prior clearance--you will NOT get one on the day you wish to go. Once you
are cleared you stay on the list for both Port Neal and Council Bluff plants until further notice.

**Habitat:** Flyash ponds--accessible after check-in. Also some woods and prairie which may or may not be accessible on a given day.

**Directions:** Near Salix in Woodbury Co. Port Neal North is straight west of I-29 exit 135, approximately 1.5 miles away. At the stop sign about 2 miles west of I-29, turn north (right) for about 0.5 miles then turn left at the sign for Port Neal, Terra Chem and others. It crosses the tracks, turns south and rejoins the original road. Continue .8 miles to Guard Shack.

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Ravine Park**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.4582751292643,-96.3724565505981

**Ownership:** City

**Description:** South Ravine Park on SW side of Sioux City along Lincoln Way which is a little north and east of the water treatment plant.

**Habitat:** Steam with woodland on both sides. North side is more approachable. One trail going up to "First Bride's" grave with additional trail heading east at the top of the hill. Warblers, thrushes, woodpeckers can be found here in season. Walking along the edge of Ravine Creek during winter as produced Winter Wren and Carolina Wren regularly during the winter

**Directions:** Start Point: I-29 Exit 141. Proceed EAST to Lewis Blvd(aka Bus 75) and turn left (NORTH). Go 1.7 miles to Lincoln Way. Turn right (EAST). Parking will be on your right in about .2 miles. Walking along the edge of Ravine Creek

**Amenities:** Parking | Trails |

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**Sandhill Lake**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.265294,-96.289992

**Ownership:** Private (see directions for access)

**Description:** Private Lake and wetlands. Parking is along the road so pull off as far as you can. Additional birding

**Habitat:** Lake and wetland. Agricultural land is encroaching each year. Shorebirds, ducks, peiclans, grebes, rails, waders, wrens. The lands are private but good viewing is had from the roads. Landowner(s) have been cooperative and helpful

**Directions:** Southwest corner of Woodbury Co. From I-29 take Sloan exit #135 and go west 2.5 miles. At Calhoun Ave. turn right (north) and proceed 2.5 miles. The lake straddles Calhoun. Also at the intersection of Calhoun Ave and 310th there are wetlands to the SW and NE. Proceed east on 310th and the lake will be visible to the north.

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Sioux City Prairie State Preserve (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5224075,-96.4346409

**Ownership:** Multiple
**Description:** Sioux City Prairie is a 150 acre tall grass prairie preserve owned by "The Nature Conservancy". The prairie and wooded valleys of this well-drained, high-relief landscape support a variety of plants and animals typically found further west in the Great Plains. The preserve also supports a diverse population of birds and it provides critical habitat for many species of prairie butterflies. Spectacular view from trailhead on Briar Cliff University campus.

**Habitat:** Grassland and wooded valleys in a Loess Hills setting. Bell's Vireo and American Woodcock (in season). Also lots of grassland species with a mix of woodlands. Drinking water and restrooms are available in the very nearby student center.

**Directions:** Start point: I-29 Exit 149. Proceed NORTH on Hamilton Blvd for ~ 1.9 miles to 28th Street. Turn left (WEST) and proceed .4 miles on 28th St to Rebecca Street. Take a right (NORTH) on Rebecca and go .4 miles to 32nd Street. Turn left (WEST) and proceed to the top of the hill (parking lot and McCoy Arnold Center). The access to the prairie is at the north end of the McCoy Arnold Center (west side of the parking lot).

**Amenities:** Parking | Trails |

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**Sioux Jersey Cattle Farm**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.321969350165,-96.2196564674377

**Ownership:** Private (see directions for access)

**Description:** Pond SE of Sioux Jersey Dairy facility. Private land but good viewing from 270th. Waterfowl and some shorebirds.

**Habitat:** Borrow Pit. Many waterfowl species and shorebirds in season. Barrow's Goldeneye once.

**Directions:** Start Point: LUTON IA-Intersection of K42(aka Dallas Ave) and D51(aka 250th) proceed SOUTH ~ 2mi to 270th. Turn left (East) about .3 miles viewing area. Parking is along the road.

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Snyder Bend Park (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.2824843,-96.3355064

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** Small county park at Snyder's Bend lake.

**Habitat:** Water and wetlands and woods. Sometimes difficult to access but producing great numbers and species at times. Goose and Duck species have shown large numbers in the fall. Some grassland with wood edges have been good for blackbird species.

**Directions:** From I-29 take exit #134 then proceed west on K25 for 1.5 miles (road will head west then SW. Arrive at entrance to Snyder's Bend Co. Park. Proceed SW to actual park proper.

**Public Hunting Area**

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

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**Southwood Conservation Area**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.2284855786681,-95.94810962677

**Ownership:** County
Description: 623 Acer county park nestled in the Loess Hills of SE Woodbury County. Nice amenities including hunting and fishing. Interpretive trails also.

Habitat: 1/2 woodland and 1/2 Upland with small lake and ponds. Good diversity and numbers seasonally. Nesting Louisiana Waterthrush, Whip-O-Will, and declining E Screech Owl along with numerous warblers and sparrow. Purple Finch and Pine Siskin also present seasonally.

Directions: On Hwy 141 from the west. ~ 2 mi west of Smithland at Knox Ave head south east about .7 miles. Arrive at entry to park. Approaching from the east on Hwy 141 Enter Smithland and turn left (SOUTH) on Hickory/L12 proceed .8 miles then turn right (West) on 330th. Continue 1.1 miles to entrance of park.

Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping |

Stone SP (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)
GPS Coordinates: 42.5547242,-96.4706039
Ownership: State
Description: Stone State Park is located in the bluffs and ravines adjacent to the Big Sioux River. The park consists of 1,069 acres in Woodbury and Plymouth Counties near Sioux City, and overlooks the South Dakota-Iowa border.

Habitat: Woodlands, some grasslands and small amounts of wetlands. Excellent birding year round.

Directions: Main Entrance: Start Point: I-29 Exit 149. Proceed NORTH on Hamilton Blvd for ~ 2.3 miles to Stone Park Blvd. Take slight left (NORTHWEST) and proceed .4 miles and take a slight left onto Memorial Dr. Proceed 1 mile and then proceed west into the park. West Entrance: Start Point: I-29 Exit 151. From Exit 151 proceed NORTH on IA12-S (a.k.a. Riverside Blvd). Proceed 4.4 mi on IA 12-S. Park entry will be on your right (East)

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

Table Marsh WMA
GPS Coordinates: 42.233632438902,-96.0581874847412
Ownership: State
Description: Wetlands--723 acres of bottom land NE of Hornick IA

Habitat: Excellent waterfowl, shorebirds, waders, rails, herons depending on water levels.

Directions: Start Point: Intersection of IA 141 and K67 (east of Hornick) Proceed NORTH on K67 (aka Hancock Ave) for 1 mile to 320th. Turn left (West) proceed .5 miles. Marsh will be on both sides.

Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Parking |

Tannery Ponds
GPS Coordinates: 42.3373408731014,-96.3558161258698
Ownership: Private (see directions for access)
Description: Old Tannery site in an industrial zone south of Sergeant Bluff The site has fallen into
disrepair since the Federal Government required Gelita Gelitin to change the water scrubbing process and direction of the drainage.

**Habitat:** Taggle of wetland without much water. Internal roads have been abandoned by the owners since lack of water makes the place workless of hunting of waterfowl. Produced 170+ species in three years back in the last 2000's Flycatchers, sparrows, rails, waders, blackbirds. Permission is almost always granted.

**Directions:** Access status is unknown at this point due to Terra Chemical construction and some land sales. Contact Paul Roisen 712-301-2817 if you wish more information.

**Amenities:** Parking |