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A Newsletter of the Buchanan County Conservation Board

Compete in the Pumpkin, Plunge, and Paddle (page 6)!

Public Lands - A Shared Legacy of, by, and for the People

Dan Cohen, Executive Director

Flipping a lure to coax a walleye from wilderness waters in the Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota; staring at purple, yellow and bronze rock walls and ledges of vast gorges in Canyonlands National Park; sitting in a deer stand in hopes of ambushing a deer at Cortright Wildlife Area northwest of Independence, Iowa; dipping a canoe into the calm water of the Wapsipinicon River – I contemplate that these are birthrights in a great country that has provided a legacy of public lands – my land, your land, our land.

That natural places and wildlife are “public resources” was quite novel before the precedent was established in nineteenth century America. In most “developed” societies in Europe and elsewhere, the land, wildlife, and associated resources belonged to relatively few wealthy landowners, noblemen, or kings. “The people” were not permitted to hike, hunt, fish, and enjoy or use the land’s resources.

As the last vestiges of wild America were being gobbled up, the American idea of public lands took form. In 1864, President Lincoln declared Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias in California the first area publicly protected so as not to be exploited by commercial interests. Yellowstone became the first national park in 1872.

Through the decades, a long story of battles, with numerous champions, unfolded, culminating in a system of national parks and forests, wildlife refuges, and national monuments. The field of wildlife ecology was born, establishing systems of wildlife and public use management. State and local parks emerged. “America’s Greatest Idea” – a term used in the 2009 Ken Burns documentary about national parks – spread. Today, more than 6,000 “national parks” exist worldwide.



Within each generation and locale, public lands champions led the way, often making the case as stated by Teddy Roosevelt:

“Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance.”

Unfortunately, selfish men and greedy interests also have been a mainstay in the American experience.

Iowa ranks near-bottom compared to other states in the amount of public land available to its citizens. One wouldn’t think there would be efforts to further restrict or diminish public land. However, during the past legislative session, bills were introduced to do just this. Thanks to a large public upwelling of people, from varied walks of life, writing letters and swarming subcommittee meetings at the Capitol, many of these efforts were defeated. At the federal level, private interests (mining, oil and gas development, etc.) have increasingly been given deference above our public land, water, and air.

The American idea of public lands continues to be among our greatest legacies. Preservation of public lands is an enduring, patriotic battle that requires champions and every day citizens to secure its viability for today and for future generations.

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Recap

Sondra Cabell, Naturalist



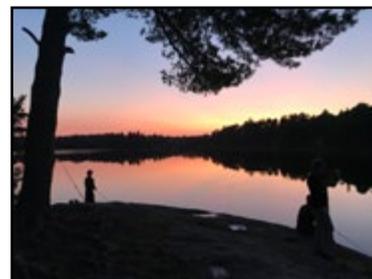
Buchanan and Benton County Conservation Board naturalists offered youth an amazing opportunity to spend six days in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) along Minnesota's border with Canada in early August. Five youth from Independence, Oelwein, Winthrop and Waterloo applied for and participated in this opportunity.

With a 26-rod portage, and technological gadgets left in the van, they set out to experience this unique natural area via canoe. Navigating with a map and compass rather than a GPS, they paddled across lakes and portaged

overland between lakes. They cooked outdoors, started fires with sparks, fished for fun and food, filtered drinking water, and slept for seven nights in a tent. The youth became outdoors men.

What wilderness they experienced during this trip is not available in Iowa - certainly not as untouched. The BWCAW is more vast and wild than most remaining areas on Earth: Night skies without light pollution served as a backdrop to meteors and the Milky Way. Thunderstorms were experienced without a human-built structure for shelter. Wildlife, while aware of humans, were not startled immediately away. The quiet was disturbed only by our paddles and voices, wind, and waves - and the buzz of mosquitoes & eerie sound of loons. For nearly a week, these five youth called the BWCAW home; learned to treat it with respect; appreciated what it had to offer; challenged themselves with a different way of being; and, I think, learned something about themselves in the process.

Wilderness is for many only a "possibility." We hope that by offering the opportunity for these youth to experience it as a "reality", they will be voices raised in support of maintaining such refuges - for nature and for humanity - in our counties, in Iowa, in the US, and in the world.



Changes at Iron Bridge Access Underway!

Major changes are taking place at the Iron Bridge Access on the Wapsipinicon River between Independence and Quasqueton, making this key recreation area a state-recognized gateway to the Wapsipinicon River. During construction at the site, access will be kept open to the ramp, but parking may be limited. Updates about the project, including the status of public access and parking, will be posted on the [Buchanan County Conservation Board website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



Above right: *The Iron Bridge Access currently does not handle the huge demand from paddlers and boaters. A larger, improved access is being developed. The large project is being funded through several grants, including: Iowa Water Recreation Access Cost-Share; Wellmark Foundation; Black Hawk County Gaming Association; and Buchanan County Community Foundation. The Independence Lions Club also donated to the project.*

Make cabin reservations now for Autumn and Winter!

What better time to get outside and enjoy a cabin than the colorful fall season or the quiet beauty of winter? To get your choice of reservation dates, don't delay. The cabins provide comfort and convenience, with a full bathroom, kitchenette, separate bedrooms, and other features. They are termed "sustainable living" because they designed with a variety of energy efficient and sustainable considerations and powered with a solar energy system. [To make a reservation, click here](#) On this site, you may also make reservations for Fontana Park campsites and shelters, and register for events.



Misconceptions – Bats are flying mice that get into my hair!

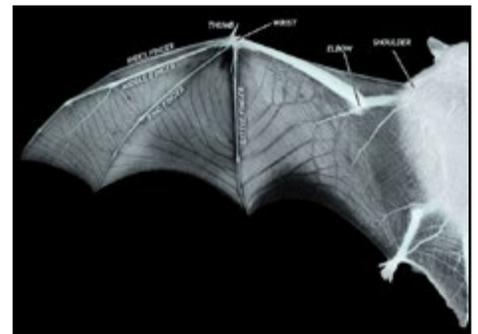
Michael Maas, Naturalist



Little Brown Bat

As a naturalist there are things I hear that are not right at all! If you spend time outside during dusk, you probably have seen bats swooping around. Have you wondered if they were going to get in your hair? Many people think bats are the worst animal out there. Bats tend to get a bad reputation because people do not understand their habits.

Many people think bats are just flying mice, when in fact they are not even closely related to mice. Scientists put them in their own group, called Chiroptera, which means winged hands. The image



to the right shows how the fingers are actually the support for the wings. Bats are the only mammals that can truly fly. However, they cannot take off in flight from the ground like a bird. Bats need to be about 10-15 feet off the ground in order to take flight.

Have you ever heard this statement before about bats: "A bat was trying to get in my hair while I was outside"? Bats do not want anything to do with human hair. They want something to do with all the bugs that follow people around. Stop and think about it for a minute. While people are outside in the summer, they are usually hot and sweaty. Sweat attracts all kinds of bugs, and those bugs will attract bats. Bats have a similar quality of eyesight as a human. They are not blind, however they rely heavily on echolocation to navigate through the darkness. Echolocation is a process of sending out a sound and waiting for it to bounce off of something to come back to the ear. When the process is complete, the bat can sense the location of insects and objects, allowing them to be great hunters in total darkness. The next time you have a bat by your head you should be thanking it because it is eating up to 1,000 insects an hour!

Another misconception is that bats have a high chance of having rabies. Actually, the chance of a bat having rabies is less than 0.5%. Let me put that number in perspective. More people have died from contact with household pets than have died from contact with bats in all of recorded history. Although the chance of them having rabies is low, this does not mean you should handle bats. Like nearly all wild animals with teeth, bats likely will bite if they feel threatened. Be sure to treat these animals with respect

Pre-register for programs at www.buchanancountyparks.com. Click on **Public Events**.



Monarch Tagging

Saturday, Aug. 31, 1 p.m. - Bryantsburg Prairie - [Click to Register](#)

Saturday, Sept. 21 1 p.m. - TBD - will be contacted by September 19 with details - [Click to Register](#)

Cost: \$4 per person or \$10 per family

Overwintering monarch population numbers were at a 11-year high of 6.05 hectares in 2018-19, and overwintering conditions were good and reproduction was successful as those migratory butterflies started back north to breed. There has been a strong population in NE Iowa throughout this summer and weather conditions were also good further north for breeding monarchs this summer. Another year of around 6 hectares is predicted for this winter in Mexico.

Monarch tagging is one way of monitoring butterfly numbers and tracking any shifts in the origins of monarchs that reach Mexico. Regional tagging success also helps demonstrate how monarchs respond to the physical conditions and quality of habitats in these areas. Thus, tagging is an important tool to understand the overall dynamics of the monarch population.

Join a naturalist during fall migration (at a location to be determined by blooming nectar flowers attractive to monarchs), to catch, tag and release these tiny travelers as research continues through the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch program. Nets and tags will be provided. Those who pre-register will receive an email with the tagging location for September 21 by September 19.

Hunter Safety Class

Sept. 4, 7-9 p.m.; Sept. 5, 7-9 p.m.;

Sept. 7, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Buchanan County Wildlife

Association Grounds, Quasqueton

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1972 must be certified in Hunter Education before they are eligible to purchase an Iowa hunting license. A person 11 years old or older may enroll in a course, but those who are 11 and successfully complete the course shall be issued a certificate which becomes valid on their 12th birthday. Please register online at www.iowadnr.gov/training. If there are any questions about the class please call Ken Aarhus (319-327-0141).



Old Time Meal

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5:00 p.m.; Richardson-Jakway House, Jakway Forest - [Click to Register](#)

Limited to 26 people; \$20 per person

This Old Time Meal will feature garden greens, fingerling potatoes, peppers, and Amish bread with honey and jam, topped off with a homemade seasonal pie. The meat will be put to a vote of either smoked pork shoulder or sirloin steak. Please call the nature center with your vote. A special after-supper program is going to be all about Iowa's Prairie.

Old Time Meals are sponsored by the Richardson-Jakway Foundation and Buchanan County Conservation Board. Checks should be made payable to the Richardson-Jakway Foundation, which is a nonprofit group organized to raise funds for restoration of the Historic Site.



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Talons of the Night

Saturday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. - [Click to Register](#)
Fontana Nature Center



Owls have incredible night vision, so amazing they hunt silently at night! Lets take a hike with our own night vision to see if we can find a sneaky owl hanging out in the woods! We will learn how to make owl calls, find owl pellets and learn all about how they hunt in the dark. Program is open to children and their families! Bring your enthusiasm, close toed shoes and absolutely no flash lights!

Prairie Playground Club

Tuesdays: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan 7, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, May 12; 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. - [Click to Register](#)

East Elementary School Lunchroom, Independence
Cost: \$20 per person/\$30 per family

Prairie Playground Club (PPC) is a fun youth program designed for children in Kindergarten through third grade. The focus is hands-on cooperative learning in small groups. PPC kids participate in activities, games, and other positive experiences in a supportive, creative, challenging, and fun environment. The Prairie Playground Club children are especially involved in learning about the natural world. Participants must sign up in September and will continue through the school year.



Nature Kids

Monday, September 9 - 10 a.m. Turtles - [Click to Register](#)
Monday, October 14 - 10 a.m. Bats - [Click to Register](#)
Tuesday, November 12 - 10 a.m. Bald Eagle - [Click to Register](#)
Fontana Nature Center Preschool Room
Ages 3-5;



Bring a child to the park to learn about and experience different Iowa animals each month. The program will start with a story, include an up-close encounter with a live animal, and end with time spent outside exploring (dress for the weather). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Attention Civic Groups

Conservation Board staff are prepared to present to civic groups about county parks, monarchs, birds, and many other topics. To schedule a presentation, call 319-636-2617.

Moonlight Paddle

Thursday, September 12, 7:30 - 9 p.m. - [Click to Register](#)
Fontana Park
Cost: \$5 per person ages 10 and up

The water is calm and reflective at night – a perfect time for a moonlit excursion into the wetlands above the Independence dam. Paddlers likely will see some animals settling in for the night, and others just becoming active. Participants should dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required and limited. There is a registration fee of \$5 per person.



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OWLS - Water Quality

Older Wiser Livelier Souls

Monday, September 16, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - [Click to Register](#)

Fontana Park Nature Center

Adults only



Have you been looking to experience nature, make new friends, and get outdoors? OWLS is a program specifically design for adults to learn and explore nature in and around Buchanan County. Join a Buchanan County Naturalist and Upper Wapsi Watershed

Coordinator Angie Auel in a fun morning exploring Otter Creek and its watershed. The morning will start with a short presentation in the nature center. The group will head to Otter Creek and explore some of the benthic macro invertebrates (small creatures) that live in the creek. The creatures found help indicate the health of the watershed. Dress for the weather and bring footwear that will be able to get wet.

Photo Contest

Contest submissions due by October 1

For more information, and to see past years winners, visit www.buchanancountyparks.com

Do you have a spectacular shot of nature or people enjoying nature taken in Buchanan County? Keep your camera handy as you visit Buchanan County's natural areas and keep in mind the four categories: Landscapes, Wildlife, Plants & Wildflowers, and People Enjoying Nature. For more information on the contest or for a copy of the official rules, visit www.buchanancountyparks.com or call 319-636-2617. There will again be a voter-based selection of winners, so like us on Facebook or watch for media information on how to be a part of selecting the 2019 winners.



2018 Overall Winner photo by Danyce Zegarac-Jasper

Fossil Fun Day

Wednesday, October 16, 5 p.m. - [Click to Register](#)

Boies Bend Area (2465 278th St., Rowley)

October 16 is National Fossil Day! Come see, touch, and learn about Iowa's fascinating paleontological past. Learn how fossils form and where to find them, and have the chance to make your very own fossil! There may even be time to collect some fossils to take home and start your own collection.



Brachiopod fossils can be found in Iowa

Pumpkin Plunge and Paddle

Saturday, October 19, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - [Click to Register](#)

Fontana Park

Cost: \$6/pumpkin

Looking for a change from the regular pumpkin patch visit? How about selecting a pumpkin, slingshotting it into Fontana Lake, paddling out to retrieve your pumpkin, and then painting a face? Participants will get a target score for the plunge, a time score for the paddle, and a creativity score for the painting. Best total score will receive a 1-night cabin stay, 2nd place a 1-night camping stay, and 3rd place a \$15 gift shop certificate. Painted pumpkins are yours to take home.



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OWLS - Flyways the Waterfowl Highways

Older Wiser Livelier Souls

Monday, October 21, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - [Click to Register](#)
 Fontana Nature Center Classroom
 Adults only;

OWLS is a program specifically design for adults to learn and explore nature in and around Buchanan County. Join a Buchanan County Naturalist and Jason Auel, Wildlife Biologist with the Iowa DNR to learn about migratory waterfowl and the routes they travel. There will be a discussion in the classroom, and afterwards the group will head out to a Buchanan County natural area to view any waterfowl in the area.



Trick or Cache

Saturday, October 26, 3 - 5 p.m. - [Click to Register](#)
 Fontana Nature Center
 Age 3-14; Cost \$5 per child (children age 3-14 years old)
 Preregistration is required by October 22

Your family will love this new way of trick or treating. Be sure to have the kids dress in costume! Learn how to use a GPS unit, then go search in Fontana Park for hidden treasures and treats. There are many opportunities to get tickets for special prizes.



Space is limited! Family size is unlimited, but there will be one GPS per family group. Families that are planning to bring eight or more individuals may wish to register as two groups. Afterwards there will be a fire with s'mores and hot chocolate.

Harvest O'Plenty

Monday, November 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - [Click to Register](#)
 Fontana Nature Center Classroom
 Cost: \$10 per centerpiece or wreath

Create a seasonal centerpiece for your holiday table or mantle using dried and silk flowers, leaves, berries and grasses in a cornucopia or gourd base. Or, create a fall wreath for the door or wall using these same materials. More than one person can work together on a creation. Ages ten or under welcome with adult supervision.



OWLS - Hike Cortright

Older Wiser Livelier Souls

Monday, November 18, 10-11 a.m. - [Click to Register](#)
 Cortright Wildlife Area (1380 River Road Blvd., Independence)
 Adults only;

Cortright is a park with many diverse habitats, making it great a great place for checking out Iowa wildlife. There are many trails to wander, hunt, or bird watch. The group will hike and explore around the prairie, with discussion about how the prairies are managed. Participants will trek into the woods and discover a lowland forest in all of its fall glory! Please be sure to dress for the weather. There are trails, but the group may go off of them, so bring sturdy shoes.



Wanted! – Nature Center Receptionists

The Buchanan County Conservation Board thrives on the support of conservation-minded groups and individuals. One way people show this support is by volunteering.

Conservation volunteers are engaged in many ways, including serving as campground hosts, monitoring nest boxes, helping with education programs, keeping parks clean, removing invasive species, and more.

There currently is an urgent need for volunteers to serve as **nature center receptionists on weekends**. Volunteers staff the nature center on weekends, Thursday mornings, and Friday afternoons.

In addition to keeping the nature center display floor open, these volunteers answer visitor questions and help citizens better understand nature and the environment. Over time, nature center volunteers become experts on the Conservation Board's education programs and recreation areas. Every day provides a learning experience while volunteering in the nature center!

To become a conservation volunteer, individuals need to complete an application form. Depending on the type of work, the Conservation Board will conduct a criminal background check. For more information, call 319-636-2617.



Volunteer Shirley Rozendaal assists a park user.

Nature Center Volunteer Receptionists Hours

(as of 8/15/19)

<i>Edith Biddinger</i>	245
<i>Ruby Bodeker</i>	174
<i>James Bond</i>	48
<i>Sally Bond</i>	44
<i>Joy Bowers</i>	172
<i>Margaret Damge</i>	68
<i>Jan Franks</i>	21
<i>Ellen Gaffney</i>	285
<i>Helen Hofer</i>	892
<i>Elaine Hughes</i>	458
<i>Marybeth Jaggard</i>	929
<i>Rita Knutson</i>	10
<i>Frankie King</i>	281
<i>Karla Kula</i>	10
<i>Bob Mieke</i>	230
<i>Duane Olsen</i>	91
<i>Patti Olmstead</i>	311
<i>Faith Rulapaugh</i>	550
<i>Lorene Shonka</i>	243
<i>David Voigts</i>	567
<i>Jane Watson</i>	425
<i>Clark Willoughby</i>	298

Show your support for the Conservation and Education Efforts of Buchanan County Conservation Board!

Enclosed is my donation. Donations of \$100 or more are recognized on Nature Center plaques. Donors should specify if they want funds to go toward to Friends of Fontana Park (FFP) for the Conservation Board's education programs or to the Conservation Board (BCCB) for land and infrastructure projects.

- Donor (\$1-99) Supporter (\$250-499) Sponsor (\$1,000-4,999)
- Contributor (\$100-249) Patron (\$500-999) Founder (\$5,000 or more)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please direct my donation to Friends of Fontana Park for education programs and projects (FFP).

Please use my donation for conservation lands, infrastructure, and equipment needs (BCCB).

Names as you wish them to read on recognition: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to: FFP (for education donations) or BCCB (for land and infrastructure projects) and mail to Fontana Interpretive Nature Center, 1883 125th St., Hazleton, IA 50641.

2020 Animal Sponsorships

Mark your calendar for September 1 – that is the first day to make your reservation to sponsor an animal in the Fontana Park wildlife displays for the 2020 calendar year. Animal sponsorships make the perfect holiday gift for the hard to buy for. Sponsorship packages include a letter, certificate, and photo of the sponsored animal, and will be sent in time for Holiday gift giving. Funds go to Friends of Fontana Park, a nonprofit group that supports the Conservation Board's education programs.

To sponsor an animal, an individual, group, or business needs to make a minimum donation to the Friends of Fontana Park. Donation amounts differ for each animal, ranging from \$40 to \$175. The sponsor's name(s) will be placed on a plaque on the animal's enclosure in early January for the 2020 calendar year. To reserve an animal, contact the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at 319-636-2617 or scabell@co.buchanan.ia.us on or after September 1.

Sponsor the Bird Feeders!

The bird feeders at the Nature Center provide excellent viewing of wild birds year-round. To help defray the costs of feeding the birds, the Conservation Department is looking for monthly bird feeder sponsors. Sponsors are asked to donate \$50 toward bird seed. All sponsors are recognized on a plaque in the Nature Center. To sponsor a month, contact the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center at 319-636-2617 or scabell@co.buchanan.ia.us.



Conservation Calendar!

- Aug. 31 *Monarch Tagging*
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- Sept. 1 *Animal Sponsorships*
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- Sept. 2 *Labor Day (Nature Center Closed).*
- Sept. 4-7 *Hunter Safety Class* (P. 4).
- Sept. 4 *An Old Time Meal*
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- Oct. 26 *Trick or Cache*
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- Nov. 11 *Veterans Day* (Nature Center Closed)
- Nov. 12 *Nature Kids - Bald Eagle*
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- Nov. 18 *Harvest O'Plenty*
Fontana Nature Center Classroom,
6:30 p.m. (P. 7).
- Nov. 18 *OWLS - Hike Cortright*
Cortright Wildlife Area, 10 a.m. (P. 7).
- Nov. 19 *Conservation Board Meeting*
Fontana Nature Center, 6 p.m.
(subject to change).
- Nov. 28-29 *Thanksgiving* (Nature Center Closed)

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Buchanan County Parks (acres)

1. Fontana Park and Jarrett Slater Addition (128)..... Hazleton
2. Jakway Forest (315)..... Aurora
3. Lime Creek Area (45)..... Brandon
4. Boies Bend Area (26)..... Quasqueton
5. Buffalo Creek Area (85)..... Winthrop
6. Otter Creek Roadside Park (13)..... Hazleton

Buchanan County Natural Areas (acres)

7. Mickey Fox Area and Anderson Addition (118)..... Jesup
8. VanLaningham Area (3)..... Independence
9. Otter Creek Wildlife Area (99)..... Hazleton
10. Hoover Area (20)..... Troy Mills
11. Sand Creek Area (80)..... Quasqueton
12. Nibeck Nature Preserve (33)..... Hazleton
13. Pine Creek Area (40)..... Quasqueton
14. Buffalo Creek Wildlife Area (54)..... Winthrop
15. Rowley Fen (43)..... Rowley
16. Koutny Pond/Hoffman Woods (106)..... Brandon
17. Putty Root Preserve (17)..... Quasqueton
18. Blazing-Star Prairie (7.5)..... Rowley
19. Crumbacher Wildlife Area (368)..... Independence
20. Bearbower Sand Prairie (40)..... Brandon
21. Swartz Preserve (4)..... Aurora
22. Bryantsburg Prairie Preserve (1.5)..... Hazleton
23. Frogville Access (135)..... Troy Mills
24. Schneider-Heinick-Rowe Area (20)..... Troy Mills
25. Newton Township Natural Area (158)..... Quasqueton
26. Patton Prairie (45)..... Aurora
27. Hodges and North Wildlife Area (67)..... Jesup
28. Fairbank Fen (40)..... Fairbank
29. Anderson Addition to Cutshall (24)..... Jesup
30. Ham Marsh (54)..... Independence
31. Wehner Woods (30)..... Lamont
32. Guy Grover Timber and Tree Plantings (204)..... Quasqueton
33. Quigley-Slaterry Heritage Prairie (33)..... Winthrop
34. Roberts Wildlife Area (109)..... Fairbank

Buchanan County River Accesses (acres)

35. Iron Bridge Woodland (34)..... Quasqueton
36. Troy Mills Wapsi Access (63)..... Troy Mills
37. Wapsi River Access (51)..... Independence
38. Three Elms Area (75)..... Independence
39. Cutshall Area (67)..... Jesup
40. Cortright Wildlife Area (190)..... Littleton
41. Robert "Chic" McGlaughlin Access (6)..... Littleton

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Nature Center Hours

Monday-Tuesday: 8 a.m. to noon

Wednesday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekends: 1-5 p.m. (Summer); 1-4 p.m. (beginning Nov. 1)

For more information regarding Conservation Board activities, call 319-636-2617/dcohen@co.buchanan.ia.us



Blazing Star - Photo Courtesy of Dan Cohen