



# The Otter Creek Quarterly

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## *Iron Bridge Access – Gateway to River Use on The Wapsi!*

Dan Cohen, BCCB Executive Director

During the coming year, some major changes will take place at the Iron Bridge Access between Independence and Quasqueton. By next summer, the access will be recognized statewide as a gateway to the Wapsipinicon River.

During the past 20 years, use of the Iron Bridge Access has greatly increased, largely due to the explosion in popularity of kayaking and other types of paddling. The diversity of users also has increased to include more families and people of all ages, physical needs, and boating abilities. Although it is great that so many people are enjoying the extraordinary recreation resources of the river corridor, it has become obvious the current ramp and parking facilities are not adequate to meet demand for safe and enjoyable water access. The small parking area leads people to park along the busy gravel road (Nolen Ave.). Lack of parking guidance results in a free-for-all for parking and traffic flow. The ramp is narrow and there is little room for people to carry boats and gear to the water. And there are no restroom facilities.

To help remedy issues at the access, the Conservation Board has embarked on a

substantial project that will result in the following:

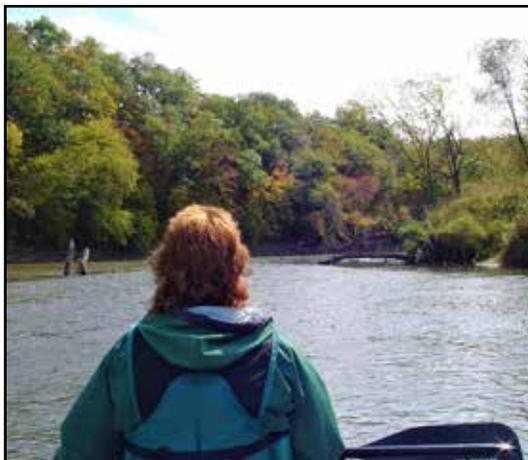
- An improved concrete boat ramp and “universal launch” to better allow for loading and unloading motorboats and paddle craft. This includes a second ramp and a pedestrian sidewalk. A transfer area allows gear and people to easily transport between the ramp and sidewalk.
- A reconfigured and enlarged parking area. The new paved parking will include painted parking lanes to alleviate the current parking “free-for-all” and two parking spots for handicap parking.
- Restrooms to better handle human waste.
- Overhead lighting (solar) at the ramp, restroom and parking area.

The project will result in the State’s first fully functional gateway access with universal launch on a state-designated water trail. Iowa DNR Rivers Coordinator Nate Hoogeveen stated the need for such accesses: “It is important that at least some sites around the state are designed and advertised as places for people with varied physical abilities and boating skills to safely access Iowa’s rivers.”

The Wapsipinicon River Corridor at the Iron Bridge Access is the perfect place for this gateway to the river. It features some of the river’s most scenic forested bluffs, abundant wildlife, and quality fishing. The old Iron Bridge structure is on the National Register of Historic Places. Downstream, boaters float past the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Walter House at Cedar Rock State Park. The Wapsi is easy to enjoy while paddling or boating on a section of river with few water hazards – appropriate for people with a wide range of skills and experience.

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*Improvements to the Iron Bridge Access are planned to provide a gateway to the river for users to enjoy one of the most scenic stretches of river in Iowa.*



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The value of this project has been clear to several grant funding programs. The Conservation Board's application to Iowa's Water Recreation Access Cost-share Program received the top score in the state. The Wellmark Foundation and Black Hawk County Gaming Association also have awarded grant funding. Indeed, grants and donations are expected to cover most the project's costs. Any groups or individuals wishing to contribute should contact Dan Cohen at 319-636-2617/dcohen@co.buchanan.ia.us.



## New Pavilion at Buffalo Creek

Buffalo Creek Area east of Winthrop has seen many changes over the years. Attempts to provide various amenities, ranging from camping to disc golf, have been thwarted by ever increasing, devastating floods. Today, the area provides nature and wildlife-related activities, a nice trail system, and a picnic area.

This spring, the old shelter in disrepair was removed and replaced with a pavilion designed for better maintenance after flooding. The structure has lights and electricity. The roof is set on concrete piers to sustain impacts from high water, and sides are open to allow for easier cleanup of sand and other debris. The cost of this project was partially covered through a Buchanan County Community Foundation grant.



*Gissel Construction completes work on a new pavilion at Buffalo Creek Area. Other work was done by Small Time Construction (concrete) and Keith Curry (electrician)*



*Seasonal Conservation Technicians Andrew Anderson (top left) and Jacob Schwarting are shown wearing safety gear during spring prairie burns. Seasonal Naturalist Samantha Hanson (left) holds a live owl during a presentation.*

## Conservation Department Seasonal Workers

Meet the Conservation Board seasonal workers! Two seasonal conservation technicians are assisting field staff, and one is assisting naturalists with educational programs and projects.

**Jacob Schwarting** of Independence and **Andrew Anderson** of Oelwein are working with field staff on management techniques and park maintenance as seasonal conservation technicians. Jacob is a student at Kirkwood Community College majoring in natural resources conservation, and Andrew is attending Upper Iowa University majoring in Biological Science. **Samantha Hanson** of Waterloo is working with the conservation education program as a seasonal naturalist intern. She attends Upper Iowa University, majoring in Conservation Management.

These seasonal conservation staff join the rest of the Conservation Board staff in everyday efforts to provide people with great experiences in local parks and during various conservation programs.

# Come Join the Fun of OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Souls)!

Michael Maas, Naturalist



*Listening for Barred Owls at Fontana Park*



*Finding Cacti at Bearbower Sand Prairie*



*Touring the Richardson-Jakway House*



*Hiking at Ham Marsh*



*Touring UNI Botanical Center Tour*

Many times I have been asked, "Why can't there be more programming for adults?" People bring kids outside to play in the parks. That is exactly what I am trying to do for adults through the OWLS Program!

OWLS (Older Wiser Livelier Souls) started a year ago in June, with a hike at Guy Grover Timber. A year later I thought that it would be fitting to feature some great photos from some of the events. The goal of the group is to get out into some areas that are not as well known and have a better understanding of the beauty of Iowa.

Be sure to check out the offering of great OWLS events coming up this summer (pages 5-7). If you would like to get on the e-mail list, please send me an e-mail at [mmaas@co.buchanan.ia.us](mailto:mmaas@co.buchanan.ia.us)

with your name, phone number, and address. You don't want to miss out!

***Come join us!***



*Hiking at Putty Root Preserve in search of flowers*



*Geocaching at Cortright Wildlife Area*

## Support Education and Win a Cedar Bench!

You will need to act quickly to get your **Raffle tickets for the June 4 drawing**. Tickets may be purchased at the Fontana Park Nature Center – one ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$20.

All proceeds go to the Friends of Fontana Park - a nonprofit organization which helps fund Conservation Board education efforts, such as the wildlife display, nature center exhibits, naturalist programs, and this newsletter.

*This bench will be raffled on June 4. The bench was built by Loren Hamilton (left), with materials donated by Spahn & Rose in Independence.*



To register for programs, visit [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com). Click on **Public Events**.

## Summer Programs for Kids Ages 3 to 12

Now is the time to register for the Conservation Board's popular series of summer programs. Registration for each program is limited, so be sure to go to [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com) to register your child.

### Wee Nature Tales

Ages: 3-5 yrs

Mondays, June 10 - July 29, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tuesdays, June 11 - July 30, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (FULL)

Thursdays, June 13 - Aug. 1, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. (FULL)

Fontana Nature Center Classroom

Cost: \$30; Registration limited to 15/class



This hour-long session combines all new age-appropriate nature stories with simple nature projects and explorations.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Young Naturalists

Ages: 9-12 yrs

Tuesdays, June 11 - July 23 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (FULL)

Wednesday July 31, 12 p.m. Picnic and Awards

Fontana Nature Center Classroom

Cost: \$30; Registration limited to 20/class

Children will discover the world in which they live, and their relationships with plants and other animals. All new activities will bring participants face to face with environmental issues, problems, and solutions.



### Nature Explorers



Ages: 6-8 yrs,

Wednesdays, June 12 - July 24 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. (FULL); 1-2:30 p.m.

Thursdays June 13 - July 25 1 p.m. -2:30 p.m.

Wednesday July 31, 12 p.m. Picnic and Awards

Cost: \$30; Registration limited to 20/class

This all-new program encourages an early interest in science and nature through hands-on exploration of the Fontana Park environment. Adults are welcome to attend.

### Animal Encounters

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., through Aug. 27

Fontana Park Wildlife Display

All ages welcome

Join a conservation staff member at Fontana Park Animal Display and learn about residents of the display. Discover how an animal



came to be in the display, and also about how the species lives in the wild. Anyone is welcome to come and can just show up.

### Nature Kids

Monday, June 10 - 2:00 p.m. Forests

Monday, July 8 - 2:00 p.m. Raccoons

Monday, August 13 - 2:00 p.m. Crawdads

Fontana Nature Center

Ages 3-5; Preregistration is required

Bring a child to the park to learn and experience different Iowa animals each month. The program will start with a story, include an up-close encounter with a live animal, and

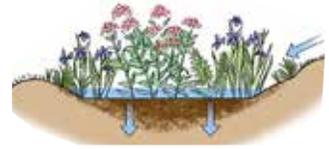


end with time spent outside exploring (dress for the weather). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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### Rain Garden Design & Construction

June 13, 6-7:30 p.m. & June 22, 9 am – 2 p.m.; Independence  
 Cost; \$15 fee includes several perennial plants; Preregistration is required



Participants will visit several rain gardens and discuss design, function, site selection, size, plant selection, and logistics of functional rain gardens. Registrants will have the opportunity to have their site selected for construction on June 22. Participants will then construct the rain garden on the selected site to have the opportunity to experience all aspects of what it takes to complete a project on their own site.



### Jakway Adventure Camp

June 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Jakway Forest, 2791 136th St., Aurora  
 Age: 9-12; Cost; \$15 per child; Registration limited to 15; Preregistration is required

Enjoy a day filled with fun activities. Kids will learn about the history and importance of the Jakway Forest, while exploring the historic site, woodland, and creek. They also will enjoy a delicious dessert. Campers are asked to pack a lunch and try to have it be as zero waste as possible (prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, place). This program is in partnership with Buchanan County Iowa State Extension.

### Attention Civic Clubs!

Are you a member of a civic organization charged with planning a speaker for your group's meeting? Buchanan County Conservation staff are pleased to work with you to set up a conservation program. Programs are available on a variety of topics. To schedule a program, contact the Conservation Department well in advance, as schedules do fill up.



### O.W.L.S. - Birding with an Expert (Older Wiser Livelier Souls)

Monday, June 17, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Fontana Park Nature Center  
 Preregistration is required; Adults only program

Are you an adult and have you been looking for an excuse to get out of the house, make new friends, and/or explore the outdoors? Come and join O.W.L.S. for a great evening hiking and looking for some birds! Join Dr. Paul Skrade from Upper Iowa University and a naturalist to enjoy birding for neotropical migrants - birds



that have traveled great distances just to nest at Fontana Park. Be sure to bring binoculars if you have them, otherwise there will be some provided.

### Sneaky Snakes and Things That Crawl

Wednesday, June 19, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
 Jakway Park, 2791 136th St., Aurora  
 Ages: 5-10 (parents are welcome)  
 Preregistration is required

Finding "creepy crawlies" isn't hard when looking in the right places! Participants will dive into the woodlands at Jakway Park to seek out signs of snakes and other often hidden critters that crawl on their bellies! There will be an awesome hike with a bunch of games that lead to a big adventure!



To register for programs, visit [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com). Click on **Public Events**.

### Eco STEM

Wednesday, June 21, 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Koutny Pond Ages: 12-18  
Preregistration is required

Grab a couple friends and head out to Koutny Pond for an action packed afternoon. What's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math got to do with the great outdoors? Just about everything you do! Of course, there will be s'mores!



### O.W.L.S. - Stroll Through Our Ecosystem

(Older Wiser Livelier Souls)

Monday, July 15, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Crumbacher Wildlife Area,  
1523 250th St. Independence

Relax under the swaying canopy of Crumbacher's robust woodland, drift within a sea of prairie wildflowers, or sink your toes into an underwater world thriving with life. While on a guided scenic hike, enjoy some invigorating activities and demonstrations of Conservation Ecology. Grab those water shoes & preregister to join our welcoming group.



### Nature STEM

Friday, July 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Jakway Forest  
Ages: 5-11  
Preregistration is required

Let's get those kiddos outside exploring Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through nature! Join an awesome group in the woods looking at the diversity of animals. Dip nets into a pond to find life below the water's surface! And what's a day at camp without S'mores! Preregister today!



### The Golden Cooler Cook Off

Sunday, July 21, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Fontana Park Campground  
Cost: \$25 per team  
Preregistration is required

Assemble your greatest team of chefs and get ready for the most exciting outdoor cooking competition of your life! Teams will race to grab a mystery cooler filled with items to create a one-of-a-kind over the fire meal. All meals will be judged by a panel, the winning team of chefs will receive the Golden Cooler! Taste testing a plate full of delicious meals and deserts is guaranteed! Dairy, gluten and peanut free options are available on request!



### Young Families Canoe Float

Saturday, July 13 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Knott's Landing Access to Three Elms Park  
Cost \$12 per family

Are you looking for a way to get your young family more active in the outdoors? This is the trip for you. We will be traveling a lazy 1 ½ miles with scavenger hunts, wading and sandbar exploration. This trip is designed for families with children ages 1-8 eager to explore with their kids!



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### Whitewater Kayaking

Wednesday, August 14, 10:30 a.m.  
 Manchester Whitewater Course  
 Minimum age 10  
 Limit to 14 people  
 Fee \$40 per person

The water can be a calm and reflective place, but it can also be a place for extreme sports. Conservation staff and Crowdaddy Outdoors will be hosting an excursion on the Manchester whitewater course. Carpooling is available from Fontana Park. Preregistration is required.



*Unless otherwise indicated, programs are free, but preregistration is required. To preregister, visit [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com) and click events.*

### O.W.L.S. - Cactus in Iowa! (Older Wiser Livelier Souls)

Monday, August 19, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Bearbower Sand Prairie

Who knew that Iowa has cacti? One rare cactus species even resides in Buchanan County at Bearbower Sand Prairie. The prairie also is home to state-threatened ornate box turtles. The OWLS group will explore the sand prairie for



*Fragile prickly pear*



*Last year's OWLS trip to Bearbower Sand Prairie*

live turtles, cacti, and more! A portion of the area has a mowed path. Be sure to dress for the weather and walking into the prairie.

### Monarch Tagging

Saturday, Aug. 31 & Sept. 21, 1 p.m.  
 Location TBD by blooming flowers  
 Cost: \$4 per person or \$10 per family

Although the 2019 overwintering monarch population met research goals, tagging results continue to be an important tool in measuring migration numbers.



Join either or both of the fall migration events (at locations to be determined by nectaring flowers attractive to monarchs) to catch, tag and release these tiny travelers. Tagging is part of ongoing research through the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch program. Nets and tags will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Those registered with be notified of the tagging location.

### Old Time Meal

Wednesday, Sept.. 4, 5:00 p.m.  
 Richardson-Jakway House, Jakway Forest  
 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 being planned.



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.



### 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.

### FY18 Annual Volunteer Award Recognition

In March, Conservation Volunteers were recognized during a special luncheon. Although all were recognized, the following were given special volunteer awards (NC = Nature Center).

- Clark Willoughby.....70 Hours NC Receptionist
- Jane Watson..... 60 Hours NC Receptionist
- Elaine Hughes..... 60 Hours NC Receptionist
- Faith Rulapaugh..... 40 Hours NC Receptionist
- Shirley Rozendaal..... 40 Hours NC Receptionist
- Marybeth Jaggard..... 30 Hours NC Receptionist
- David Voigts.....30 Hours NC Receptionist
- Helen Hoefler..... 30 Hours NC Receptionist
- Ellen Gaffney..... 30 Hours NC Receptionist
- Edith Biddinger..... 30 Hours NC Receptionist
- Lorene Shonka.....20 Hours NC Receptionist
- Frankie King.....20 Hours NC Receptionist
- James Bond..... 20 Hours NC Receptionist
- Sally Bond..... 20 Hours NC Receptionist
- Duane Olsen..... 20 Hours NC Receptionist
- Coralee Bodecker..... Overall Volunteer
- Helen Hoefler..... 25 years of Volunteering
- Marybeth Jaggard..... 25 years of Volunteering
- Fontana Herb Society..... Gardens and Programs
- Independence Senior Center... Folding Newsletters
- Tim Anderson..... Monitoring Nest Boxes
- Rosalie Nielsen.....Most days as Campground Host
- Linda Ridihalgh..... Friends of Fontana Park

**Yes, I want to donate to the Friends of Fontana Park!**  
*Enclosed is my donation. I am glad to be able to contribute at the level shown below.*

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

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Please contact me regarding making a donation as a memorial to a friend or relative.
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
**Friends of Fontana Park** and Mail to: Fontana Interpretive Nature Center, 1883 125th St., Hazleton, IA 50641



2018 Overall Winner by Danyce Zegarac-Jasper

## Buchanan County Natural Areas Photo Contest

Entries can be e-mailed to [bcbscheduling@gmail.com](mailto:bcbscheduling@gmail.com) or mail to 1883 125th St., Hazleton, IA 50641

Keep your camera handy as you visit Buchanan County's natural areas this spring and summer and keep in mind the 4 categories for our 29th Annual Photography Contest: Landscapes, Wildlife, Plants & Wildflowers, & People Enjoying Nature. Entries are limited to 8 per photographer, and are free. Amateurs of all ages are welcome to enter and cash prizes are awarded. This year, preliminary judging will be done by Buchanan County Conservation staff, and final selection of winners will be done online. Mark the deadline date on your calendar and start (or continue) snapping pictures for the October contest. For more information on the contest or for a copy of the official rules, visit our website at [www.buchanancountyparks.com](http://www.buchanancountyparks.com) and click on photo contest or call 319-636-2617.



The Buchanan County Conservation Board and Staff thanks all volunteers who help put together this newsletter. Special thanks to those people at the Independence Senior Center who help fold and tape the newsletter on a regular basis. Thanks also to those volunteers who come when needed to help place labels on more than 2,000 newsletters sent out each quarter. Thanks to those who receive the newsletter via e-mail – less to fold and staple.

## Conservation Calendar!

June 1-2	<i>Free Fishing Weekend</i>
June 4	<i>Animal Encounters begins every Tuesday through the end of August</i> Fontana Park, 9:30 a.m. (P. 4).
June 10	<i>Nature Kids - Forests</i> Fontana Park Hiking Trails, 2:00 p.m. (P. 4).
June 10-13	<i>Summer Camp Classes</i> begin (call for details) Fontana Nature Center (P.4).
June 13	<i>Rain Garden Design &amp; Construction</i> Independence, 6 p.m. (P. 5).
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June 18	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 6:00 p.m.
June 19	<i>Sneaky Snakes and Things That Crawl</i> Jakway Park, 6:00 p.m. (P. 5).
June 21	<i>ecoSTEM</i> Koutny Pond, 12:00 p.m. (P. 6)
June 22	<i>Rain Garden Design &amp; Construction</i> Independence, 9:00 a.m. (P. 5).
July 8	<i>Nature Kids - Raccoons</i> Fontana Nature Center, 2:00 p.m. (P. 4).
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July 15	<i>OWLS - Stroll Through Our Ecosystem</i> Crumbacher Wildlife Area, 10:00 a.m. (P. 5).
July 15	<i>River Raiders Training Day (FULL)</i> Fontana Nature Center, 5:00 p.m.
July 16	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 6:00 p.m.
July 21	<i>The Golden Cooler Cook Off</i> Fontana Park Campground, 4:30 p.m. (P. 6).
July 22-24	<i>River Raiders Program for Youth (FULL)</i> Upper Iowa River, 9:00 a.m.
Aug. 13	<i>Nature Kids - Crawdads</i> Fontana Nature Center, 2:00 p.m. (P. 4).
Aug. 14	<i>Whitewater Kayaking</i> Manchester, 10:30 a.m. (P. 6).
Aug. 19	<i>OWLS - Cactus in Iowa!</i> Bearbower Sand Prairie, 5:00 p.m. (P. 7).
Aug. 20	<i>Conservation Board Meeting</i> Fontana Nature Center, 6:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	<i>Monarch Tagging</i> Location TBD, 1:00 p.m. (P. 7)
Sept. 4	<i>Old Time Meal</i> Jakway Park, 5:00 p.m. (P. 7).
Sept. 13	<i>Photo Contest Deadline (P. 9).</i>
Sept. 21	<i>Monarch Tagging</i> Location TBD, 1:00 p.m. (P. 7).
Oct. 1	<i>Photo Contest Deadline (P. 9).</i>

**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-Slattery 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.

For more information regarding Conservation Board activities, call 319-636-2617.




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*A palm warbler perches on a stick among the spring grasses and wildflowers at Fontana Park. Buchanan County parks and natural areas are great places to view wildlife year-round. These areas provide important nesting, migration, and wintering habitat for native wildlife species.*

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