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Prairies on Display - Prairies to Visit!

Sondra Cabell, BCCB Naturalist

Smithsonian Prairie Exhibit

Have you ever listened to the prairie? What stories might it tell? The answers, may be discovered by "listening to the prairie" at the Fontana Interpretive Nature Center through August 7.

"Listen to the Prairie – Farming in Nature's Image", was created by the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History and has been on tour since 2001. The Friends of Hartman Reserve Nature Center (Black Hawk County Conservation) received a grant to bring the exhibit to Iowa and to assist in its travel across the state.

This exhibit focuses on the tallgrass prairie ecosystem, and how it has changed into one of the most productive agricultural lands on earth. More than 90 percent of Iowa was once covered in tallgrass prairie; now, only .01 percent of it remains. This exhibit leads people through diverse prairie ecosystem and why it's important, the conversion from prairie to farmland, and how modern agriculture can maintain its viability while still protecting and preserving prairie lands for future generations. Touch screens, audio clips, and engaging artwork help tell the story. Stop in the nature center during regular hours this summer, and "Listen to the Prairie."



Prairie Earth Caching Series

After enjoying the traveling exhibit at Fontana Interpretive Nature Center, journey out to "listen" to Buchanan County prairies. GPS Coordinates will be available at www.buchanancountyparks.com/prairietreasures.php and in the nature center that will take you to the locations of these natural wonders in our own backyard. Look for the following throughout spring and summer: Migrating Waterfowl (March – May); Marsh Marigolds (early May); Shooting star (mid-May); Bluebirds (May-August); Dicksissels (May-August); Bobolinks (June); Wild Strawberry (June); Leadplant (late June); Compass plant (July); Purple Prairie Clover (July); Butterfly Milkweed (July); Michigan lily (mid-July); Blazing Stars (mid-July – August).

Of course, you are encouraged to visit prairies, with or without a GPS device. Get a copy of the Buchanan County Parks and Natural Areas brochure and plan your own route. The brochure is available at the nature center or from the Conservation Board web site (www.buchanancountyparks.com). You may also call the nature center for suggestions about places to visit.



Prairie flowers blooming in July at the Anderson Addition to Cutshall Area.

Changing Lives One Arrow at a Time

by Angie Auel, BCCB Naturalist

Do you remember the first time you picked up a bow? Was it at a camp or offered in a P.E. class? Have you ever used a bow? The first time I picked up a bow was at Springbrook Conservation Education Center (CEC) near Guthrie Center, Iowa.

I was a sixth grader

attending the Outdoor Journey for Girls camp. I did not think of archery changing my life. However, as luck would have it, my first naturalist job took me back to Springbrook CEC when I was 20, and I began to teach archery.



Archers shooting at the National Archery in the Schools Tournament in Louisville, KY.

Some of you may remember that first time hitting the target, but my memories are of the smiles the kids wore after hitting that target for their very first time. At that moment, I knew I was hooked! I have taught archery to young and old for 12 years now, and the smiles never get old.

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) began in 2002 as a combined project of the Kentucky Departments of Fish & Wildlife Resources and Department of Education. NASP has since spread to 47 states and 14 countries. Today, more than 2 million students participate annually. NASP is taught in physical education classes for two weeks. The students are expected to follow strict guidelines when shooting, and learn their *11 Steps to Archery Success*.

NASP relies on volunteers to teach the program. Some of these individuals take it the next step and create a league at their school. The equipment fees are about \$3,000 to start, and there are grants available for funding through the Iowa DNR. The 2013/2014 season in Iowa had 24 different schools with 1,657 archers competing in invitationals from December to the end of the season March 1. Many of these archers competed at the Iowa State Championships.

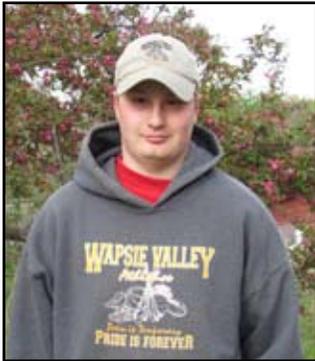
I have been proud to serve as head coach for the Wapsie Valley Archery team for the last two years. This year I had many proud moments at the State Shoot with Elementary (4-5th grade) taking first place and Middle School (6-8th grade) taking third place. The excitement did not end with the team scoring! Grace Imbrogno of Readlyn was the top shooter in the Elementary Female Division. Lydia Martins of Fairbank placed second in the Middle School Female Division. Even though they only placed among the top five, three elementary females ended the season in the top ten; Camryn Wolfe 7th place, Kiana Lortz 9th place, and Annabelle Knapp 10th place.

The NASP motto is “Changing lives one arrow at a time”, and Iowa coaches are doing just that! Iowa teams include archers fighting diseases such as cerebellum ataxia, cystic fibrosis, complex regional pain syndrome, hemophilia, and Crohn’s disease, or other conditions such as blindness, autism, childhood diabetes, confinement to a wheelchair, and brain damage. Archery is a sport that lets every child feel like they are a part of a team and gives them chance to forget about life’s obstacles. Wapsie Valley coaches give confidence, encouragement, and support with every arrow. Be happy, be positive, and shoot your best!

The Wapsie Valley Elementary, Middle School, and High School teams (72 archers) traveled to the National Archery in the Schools Tournament in Louisville, KY May 8-10. The tournament hosted 10,800 archers from throughout the United States, setting a world record for largest archery tournament. Wapsie Valley had 28 of their archers shoot their personal best, and the middle school team's score was in the top 50 percent in the nation. Caitlin McElhose of Readlyn and Lydia Martins finished in the top seven and nine percent, respectfully.

If you would like to learn more about NASP and how to get a program started at your school, please contact Angie Auel at naturalist@iowatelecom.net

New Faces in the Conservation Department



Seasonal Park Technician
Mack Kleitsch

Meet the Conservation Board seasonal staff! Two seasonal park technicians are working with field staff on management techniques and park maintenance.

Mack Kleitsch of Fairbank is attending Upper Iowa University, majoring in Environmental Science. Mack grew up on a small farm, and has always enjoyed outdoor pursuits, including hunting, fishing, and camping. He hopes to make conservation his career.

Max Lopez of Independence has returned for his second year as a seasonal worker for the Conservation Board. Max plans a conservation career as a park ranger or conservation officer. Max also grew up loving the outdoors, and after taking the hunter safety course, says he knew he "wanted to get involved with natural resources and practice conservation to make resources last for many years". Max completed his first year at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Ecology.

Amanda Scheer grew up on a farm north of Lowden, Iowa, and now lives in Hazleton. She is serving as a naturalist intern. Currently a student at Hawkeye Community College studying Natural Resource Management, she would like to pursue a career as a naturalist or working in soil conservation. Amanda says her "interest in the outdoors really took flight while previously attending Kirkwood Community College".

The hard work and commitment of all Conservation Board staff is apparent when people visit conservation areas and attend education programs. The staff hopes to see you in the parks this summer!



Seasonal Park Technician
Max Lopez



Naturalist Intern
Amanda Scheer

Conservation Tidbits

• **A coyote hunter in February shot a wolf near Littleton.** This is the first documented wolf in Iowa since at least 1925, according to the Department of Natural Resources. The



confirmation of the animal as a wolf, by DNA testing, closes the circle on big predators that, though once exterminated, have re-entered Iowa, at least in small numbers — black bear, mountain lion and now the wolf.

– KCRG web site

• Iowa Audubon and the Iowa DNR will join on May 31, to **officially dedicate DNR's Effigy Mounds-Yellow River Forest Bird Conservation**



The new BCA recognizes the important habitat for birds such as this Cerulean warbler.

Area (BCA) as the state's first Globally Important Bird Area. The dedication event begins at 11 a.m., at the Yellow River State Forest headquarters southwest of Harper's Ferry. A birding field trip will leave from the state forest headquarters at 9 a.m., returning in time for the dedication ceremony.

– Iowa DNR

Unless otherwise indicated, call 319-636-2617 or email fontanapark@iowatelecom.net to preregister for all programs!

Monarch Larvae Monitoring

Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fontana Nature Center, \$5 per person



Monarchs have again made the news this winter, with the lowest population numbers ever in the overwintering colonies in central Mexico (see page 2). Scientists are working to understand the dynamics of survival of monarch reproduction in the summer range. The Monarch Larva Monitoring Project (MLMP) involves citizens in collecting data on monarch eggs, larvae, and adults during summer reproduction. Information gathered will help to explain the distribution and abundance patterns of monarch butterflies in North America at times other than migration. This workshop will train participants in the methods used by the MLMP program so that we can monitor populations at the Nature Center and other local sites. Come get involved in monitoring a once common, but rapidly diminishing, species.

Annual RASH Ride will be held June 14.

Bicyclists ride at their own pace around Buchanan County. There are 25 or 50 mile ride options, and stops every 10 miles or so with plenty of food and beverages. To register, visit www.rashride.org!

Fen Walk

Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.
Rowley Fen, northwest of Rowley

The public is invited to join the Cedar Prairie Group of Iowa Sierra Club and Buchanan County Conservation Director for a study tour of the Rowley Fen at the northwest edge of Rowley, IA. Learn what makes a fen a fen and about some of the various flowers, grasses, frogs, birds, and other life that call the fen home. The tour will last approximately 1 hour. Part of the area will be wet so come prepared to tromp around on some soggy ground. Bug spray, binoculars, hiking stick, and camera are recommended. The event is free of charge so bring your questions and a friend!

After the tour, those who want to enjoy some good food (on your own) and good conversation will regroup at Bill's Restaurant in Independence. For more information, contact Dan Cohen at bcbdan@iowatelecom.net, or Susan West at normwest@jtt.net.

Hungry, Hungry Animals

Saturday, June 7, 8:30 a.m.
Fontana Park Wildlife Display

Come watch and learn about the animals in the Fontana Park live wildlife display as they are being fed. The display contains black bear, red fox, raccoons, rabbits, bison, eagles, vultures, hawk, owl, and a variety of ducks – all of which are/were native to Iowa.



Goose Banding

Late June - Date and Location TBD



Have you ever wanted to get up close to a giant Canada goose, or learn why they are banded? Here's your chance! Work with the DNR Cedar-Wapsie Iowa Wildlife Unit to catch, determine sex, and band geese. You will be contacted within a day's notice with date, time, and location of where banding geese will occur. Short notice is due to variables necessary for banding.



Although a rare species in Iowa, Grass of Parnassus (above) grows in the unique fen soil at Rowley Fen.

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Yard Art Plate Flowers

Saturday, June 14 10 a.m.;
Fontana Nature Center
Cost: \$12 per flower

Surely you have seen them decorating yards in the area – plates, bowls and even candle holders combined to create a unique “flower”. This is your chance to make one of your own. Materials were gathered from garage sales and Goodwill. Ryan and Joleen from Iowa Creations in Independence drilled the holes and will provide the hardware and expertise in assembly. You get to come and make your own flower. If you have plates you would like to use to make a flower (family items, sentimental pieces, etc.), you can take your pieces to Iowa Creations, 407 10th St NE by June 1 and they will drill holes in your pieces and bring them on June 14. Additional reclaimed yard art pieces will be for sale through the afternoon.



Big and Bright, Green and Pristine

Saturday, July 12, 10:00 a.m.
Fontana Nature Center

Do you want your flowers to be big and bright? Or your vegetables to be green and pristine? This session will be about ways to improve your gardens and flower beds. We will



talk about and display different, natural techniques to improve the quality of the soil, the root of all things beautiful!

Monarch Tagging

Saturday, Aug. 30 1 p.m.; Location TBD
Cost: \$3 per person or \$7 per family

Monarch numbers hit a record low in Mexico during the winter of 2013/2014. Despite



this, monarch numbers could rebound with warm sunny days for egg-laying and adequate moisture for milkweed. Join the naturalists as we catch, tag

and release the monarchs at the start of their fall migration to Mexico. Nets and tags will be provided. We will contact those registered with the tagging location to be determined by nectaring flowers by Aug 28.

Old Time Meal

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 5:00 p.m.
Richardson-Jakway House, Jakway Forest
\$20 per person - registration is limited to 26 people!

Enjoy a meal of prime rib, stewed tomatoes, fingerling potatoes, peppers, Amish bread with honey and strawberry-rhubarb jam, topped off with a Dutch Oven apple cobbler and ice cream. Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area will present a program. 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 the preservation of the Historic Site.



Extreme Outdoors!

Register online for these adventures at <http://www.buchanancountyparks.com/extreme.php>

Extreme Outdoors is a series of adventuresome, fun, challenging, exhilarating and safe outdoor recreational activities sponsored by naturalists with Buchanan, Bremer, Benton, and Chickasaw Counties. Limited transportation will be available from Fontana Park and may be available from the other local County Conservation Board (CCB) offices. Please call your CCB office to inquire. Each activity will be led by experienced professionals.

Scott Gramh, author of Extreme Kids, describes Extreme this way: "It is about excitement, but in a fully safe manner. It is about personal growth through new accomplishments. It is not about defying death. Just the opposite, in fact. Extreme is about reveling in life."

We invite you and your family to get off the couch, put away the electronic games, and get out and experience these adrenaline-filled opportunities to experience the Iowa Outdoors in ways you may not have tried or even known existed. There are exciting opportunities for all ages and skill levels.



Whitewater Kayaking

Tuesday, June 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 \$40 per person - minimum age 10
 Location - Riverfront Park, Charles City, Iowa

Take advantage of this opportunity to brave the rapids of Iowa's only whitewater park. The course is built on the river as a means to mitigate the danger of the old low flow dam at the site and now provides a safe - but challenging - whitewater experience. There are three main features to the course: Dam Drop, Doc's Drop

and Exit Exam. All three have pools below for recovery and have alternate "safer chutes" on the left to bypass the bigger wave action. The event will be led by a certified instructor from Crawdaddy Outdoors. Participants will be taught the basics of kayaking and whitewater kayaking. Kayaks, life preservers and all other equipment will be provided. All participants will need to bring their own sack lunch and of course plenty of water to drink throughout the day.

Bowfishing in Mahaska County

Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Location - Russell Wildlife Area, 2254 - 200th Street, New Sharon, IA 50207
 \$15 per person - minimum age 10

Participants will learn about which fish to shoot, equipment, safety, laws and ethics and much more. Of course, everyone will be able to shoot (at targets on water).



Primitive Tools (atlatl & flintknapping)

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Vinton, Iowa
 Cost \$8/person- minimum age none (children under 5 free)



Join State Archeologist Mark Anderson and Benton County Naturalist Aaron Askelson as we take a trip back into the Ice Age. Participants will learn about flint knapping (making stone tools) and then get to try their hand at throwing the Atlatl (ancient spear thrower). There will also be opportunities to view and learn about other tools used during the ice age.

October Extreme Outdoors...

Hot Air Ballooning

October (date & fee TBD)
 Very limited registrations will be taken

Visit www.buchanancountyparks.com/extreme.php for details about this and other upcoming Extreme Outdoors programs!

[Call 319-636-2617 or email fontanapark@iowatelecom.net to preregister for programs!](mailto:fontanapark@iowatelecom.net)

Summer Programs for Kids Ages 6 to 14

Now is the time to register for the Conservation Board's popular series of summer programs. Registration for each program is limited, so call or email soon to get your child registered.

Nature Explorers

Ages: 6-8 yrs, Fontana Park Nature Center Classroom
Mondays, June 9 – July 28 1 – 2:30 pm
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.

Young Naturalists

Ages: 9-12 yrs, Fontana Park Nature Center Classroom
Tuesdays, June 10 – July 29, 1 – 3 p.m. OR
Wednesday, June 11 – July 30, 9 – 11 a.m.
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.

\$5 per child discount on youth summer programs for current members of Friends of Fontana Park (P. 8)!



Outdoor Adventures Program for Youth

The Outdoor Adventures Program, (OAP) sponsored by the Buchanan County Conservation Board and Buchanan Co. Extension, gives youth the opportunity to learn valuable outdoor skills and experience the outdoors in a new exciting way. Participants will enjoy the outdoors by being in contact with nature for an extended period of time. They will learn the techniques necessary to make such an experience enjoyable without harming the land. There are three steps in the OAP.

• Step One: Fontana Campout (July 28-29)

Campers learn the basics of making camp, cooking in the outdoors, campground safety, knowing their surroundings, and wilderness etiquette while camping at Fontana Park. Step One is open to youth entering grades 7-12. Registration fee is \$40.

• Step Two: Canoeing Adventure (Aug. 7-8)

Participants exert themselves and use the techniques they have learned during the Fontana Campout as they canoe and camp the Upper Iowa River in Northeast Iowa. Step Two is open to youth who have completed the Fontana Campout. Registration fee is \$50.

• Step Three: Wilderness Adventure

These unique summer opportunities are in the process of restructuring. There will not be youth trips in 2014, but they will be back – hopefully new and improved – in 2015.



Hamilton and Shonka Help at Ranger Residence

This spring, the Jakway Forest Ranger Residence received a face lift as new siding was placed on the structure. The old plywood siding had been ravaged by both time and persistent hammering by woodpeckers. Two Conservation Volunteers directed and helped place the siding. Loren Hamilton and Don Shonka, both of whom have their own private construction businesses, put in many hours at Jakway. Hamilton and Shonka also serve on the Conservation Board, and have a good understanding of the importance of active volunteers to a myriad of projects.



Photo: Loren Hamilton and Don Shonka (right) assist Conservation Board staff Chris Hansen and Mike Van Raden (left).

Volunteer Award Recognition: July, 2012 through June, 2013

Verla Sperry	70-Hour Receptionist	John Vogel	20-Hour Receptionist
Andrea Dettweiler	70-Hour Receptionist	Jennifer & Scott	
Lanette Burroughs	70-Hour Receptionist	Schuldt	New Campground Host
Helen Hoefler	40-Hour Receptionist	Indep. Senior Center	Newsletter Folding
Judith Porter	40-Hour Receptionist	Fontana Herb Soc.	Gardens and Programs
David Voigts	40-Hour Receptionist	Buchanan Co.	
Faith Rulapaugh	40-Hour Receptionist	Wildlife Assoc.	Education Programs
Marybeth Jaggard	40-Hour Receptionist	Alan Bower, Ray Hack,	
Joye Bower	30-Hour Receptionist	Dennis Sanborn	Compost/Rain Barrels
Steve Schuelke	30-Hour Receptionist	Faith Rulapaugh	
Jane West	30-Hour Receptionist	and Grandkids	Wildlife Monitoring
Ruby Campbell	20-Hour Receptionist	Rick Whittle	Park Maintenance
Frankie King	20-Hour Receptionist	Roger Johnson	Friends of Fontana Park
JoAnne Rowe	20-Hour Receptionist	Mary and Harvey Davis	Historic Site
Joy Hintz	20-Hour Receptionist	Littleton and Chatham	
Patti Olmstead	20-Hour Receptionist	Hist. Soc.	Park and river cleanups
Robert Mieke	20-Hour Receptionist	Dan Brinkmann	New Volunteer
Shirley Rozendaal	20-Hour Receptionist		

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (\$100-249) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$500-999) | <input type="checkbox"/> Founder (\$5,000 or more) |

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please contact me regarding making a donation as a memorial to a friend or relative.

Please contact me regarding making a donation as a gift in the name of a friend or relative.

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

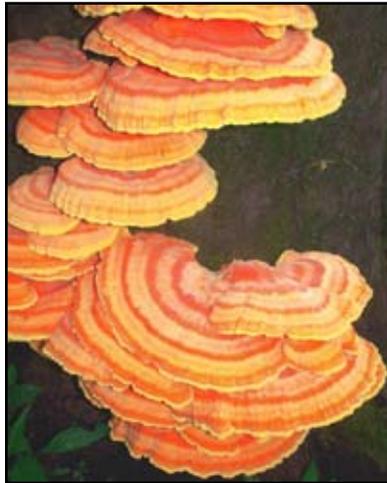
Make checks payable to:

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

Buchanan County Natural Areas Photo Contest

Entries must be postmarked by September 10
Complete rules at www.buchanancountyparks.com

Don't Forget!
Keep your camera handy as you visit Buchanan County's natural areas this spring and summer and keep in mind the four categories: Landscapes, Wildlife, Plants & Wildflowers, and People Enjoying Nature. We always get many wildlife and plant entries, but would like to see more Landscapes and People Enjoying Nature. Capture the blossoms, family gathering, or share with us your photos from this past winter's snow, ice, and frost! After more than 25 years, we have increased our award amounts! Starting with the 2014 contest, overall winners will receive \$100 and category winners will receive \$50. For more information on the contest, or for a copy of the official rules, visit our website at www.buchanancountyparks.com or call 319-636-2617.



2013 Plants and Flowers by Wade Clark

Volunteers Wanted

The Conservation Volunteer Program engages people wishing to volunteer on park and natural resources projects and activities. Anyone interested should call 319-636-2617 or email bccbdan@iowatelecom.net.



Conservation Calendar!

- March-Aug *Prairie Earth Caching Series*
Buchanan County Prairies, (P. 1)
- May 31 *Monarch Larvae Monitoring Project Workshop*
Fontana Nature Center, 10 a.m. (P. 4)
- June 3 *Fen Walk*
Rowley Fen, 10:00 a.m. (P. 4).
- June 6-8 *Free Fishing Weekend*
- June 7 *Hungry, Hungry Animals*
Fontana Park, 8:30 a.m. (P. 4).
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- June 11 *Conservation Board Meeting*
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- June 14 *Yard Art Plate Flowers*
Fontana Nature Center, 10 a.m. (P.5).
- June 14 *RASH Ride*
Bicycle ride in Buchanan County (P. 4).
- June 15 *Father's Day*
- June 17 *Whitewater Kayaking*
Charles City, 9 a.m. (P. 6).
- June 23 *Goose Banding*
Date, Time, Location TBD (P.4).
- July 4 *Independence Day!*
- July 12 *Big and Bright, Green and Pristine*
Fontana Park, 10:00 a.m. (P. 5).
- July 22 *Conservation Board Meeting*
Fontana Nature Center, 7 p.m.
- July 28-29 *Fontana Campout - Step 1*
Fontana Park, (P. 7).
- Aug. 7-8 *Canoeing Adventure - Step 2*
Upper Iowa River (P. 7).
- Aug. 9 *Bowfishing*
New Sharon, 10 a.m. (P. 6).
- Aug. 19 *Conservation Board Meeting*
Fontana Nature Center, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 30 *Monarch Tagging*
Location TBD, 1 p.m. (P. 5).
- Sept. 1 *Labor Day*
- Sept. 3 *Old Time Meal*
Jakway Park, 5:00 p.m. (P. 5).
- Sept. 10 *Photo Contest Deadline* (P. 9).
- Sept. 13 *Primitive Tools*
Vinton, 10 a.m. (P. 6).

Buchanan County Parks (acres)

1. Fontana Park and Jarrett Slater Addition (134)..... Hazleton
2. Jakway Forest (315)..... Aurora
3. Lime Creek Area (45)..... Brandon
4. Boies Bend Area (26)..... Quasqueton
5. Buffalo Creek Area (81.5)..... 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 (100)..... Hazleton
10. Hoover Area (20)..... Troy Mills
11. Sand Creek Area (80)..... Quasqueton
12. Niebeck Nature Preserve (25)..... Hazleton
13. Pine Creek Area (40)..... Quasqueton
14. Buffalo Creek Wildlife Area (60)..... 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 (186)..... Quasqueton

Buchanan County River Accesses (acres)

33. Iron Bridge Woodland (34)..... Quasqueton
34. Troy Mills Wapsi Access (63)..... Troy Mills
35. Wapsi River Access (51)..... Independence
36. Three Elms Area (75)..... Independence
37. Cutshall Area (85)..... Jesup
38. Cortright Wildlife Area (190)..... Littleton
39. Robert "Chic" McGlaughlin Access (6)..... Littleton

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www.buchanancountyparks.com



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