



Recreational Experiences Close to Home!

Blazingstar Prairie-16747 180th St.

Purchased in 1991 using REAP dollars. Used as a pasture this area has never had the soil surface broken up. Managed with fire and mowing to promote prairie plants and discourage woody and weed growth. Common plants include Rough and Prairie Blazingstar, Compass Plant, Gray-headed Coneflower, Wild Bergamot, Big Bluestem and Indiangrass.

Haugen Wildlife Area-22151 Apple Ave.

Purchased in 1979. The majority of the native prairie vegetation is located on the north side of the area. Due to the high moisture content of this area, the prairie at Haugen is considered a mesic plant community. Common plants include Prairie Cordgrass, Big Bluestem, Indiangrass, Compass Plant, asters, sunflowers, lobelias, and gentians.

Limestone Prairie Preserve-24928 225th St.

Acquired from the Cerro Gordo and Floyd County Engineers in 1997. Even with prior use as a quarry many native prairie plants were able to survive and this site contains remnants of both dry and wet plant communities. Common plants include Pale Purple Coneflower, Little Bluestem, Gray-headed Coneflower, and Sideoats Grama.

Walch Wildlife Area-10811 190th St.

Purchased in 1990 using funds from Iowa Habitat stamps, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and REAP. Since this prairie pothole landform was never tilled, fire has been the main tool used to restore the prairie vegetation. Common plants include Wild Bergamot, Goldenrod, Ground Cherry, False Gromwell, Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Indiangrass, Sideoats Grama, Canada Anemone and Swamp Milkweed.

Wilkinson Pioneer Park-21425 Vine Ave.

Donated in 1960. The south end contains one of the most diverse native prairies in the county. Common plants include Butterfly Milkweed, Sideoats Grama, Rough and Prairie Blazingstar, Little Bluestem, asters, Big Bluestem, Pale Purple Coneflower.

Prairie Land Trail-13773 240th St
(Trailhead)

Scattered segments along the Prairie Land Trail contain remnant native prairie vegetation. Species may include Purple Coneflower, Grey-headed Coneflower, Prairie Bush Clover, Big Bluestem, Asters, Evening Primrose, Compass Plant, Native Sunflowers.



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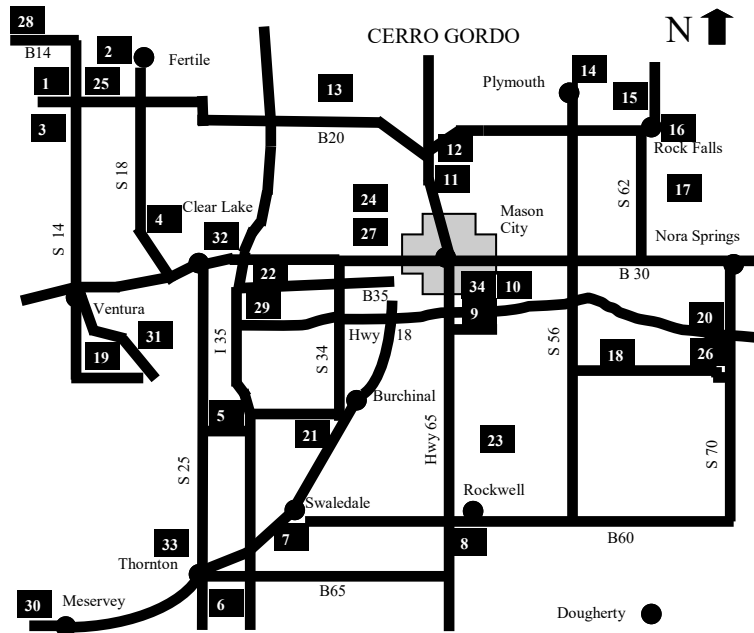
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Haugen Wildlife Area-22151 Apple Ave 2. Mallard Marsh-2500 - 325th St 3. Kuhn Wildlife Area-1873 - 310th St 4. Winter Garden Park-1220 N 16th St NW 5. Zirbel Slough-8447 - 200th St 6. Ingebretson Park-203 Ash St E 7. Stille Wildlife Area-4821 Jonquil Ave 8. Linn Grove Park-518 Madison St W 9. Mike Zack Wildlife Area-16638 - 230th St 10. Averdyle Access-South of US Hwy 18 on Birch Drive 11. Lime Creek Conservation Area and Nature Center-3501 Lime Creek Rd 12. Spring Creek Preserve-15829 - 300th St 13. King Fisher Hollow-10250 Wheelerwood Dr 14. Strand Park-20057 - 340th St 15. White Wildlife Area-22038 Vine Ave 16. Wilkinson Pioneer Park-21425 Vine Ave 17. Shellrock River Greenbelt & Preserve 18. Claybanks Forest-22924 - 225th St 19. Blue Wing Marsh-3748 - 220th St 20. Grover's Meadow-15580 Zinnia Ave 21. Walch Wildlife Area-10811 - 190th St 22. Trolley Trail-B-35 from Mason City to Clear Lake 23. Blazing Star Prairie-16747 - 180th St | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24. Blair Meadows Preserve-1/4 mile west of intersection of Eisenhower Ave & 12th St NW (north side of road) 25. Winnebago Oxbow-3100 - 320th St 26. Limestone Prairie Preserve-24928 - 225th St 27. Willow Creek Preserve-1/4 mile west of intersection of Eisenhower Ave & 12th St NW (south side of road) 28. Prairie Pothole Wildlife Area-24493 Apple Ave 29. Bluebill Wildlife Area-14369 Indigo Ave 30. Prairie Land Trail-13773 240th St (trailhead) 31. Sister's Prairie Trail-2854 235th St (trailhead) 32. Donna Walker Nature Area-8103 - 315th St 33. Ring-Neck Wildlife Area-5891 - 125th St 34. Goranson Access-3139 Birch Dr |
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Prairie remnants can also be found at: Mallard Marsh, Wintergarden Recreation Area, Mike Zack Wildlife Area, Kingfisher Hollow and Grover's Meadow.

NOTE: It is illegal to harvest, remove or destroy any plant or parts thereof on public property!