



WILDLIFE VIEWING-
MAMMALS

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Prime CGCCB Areas for Mammal Watching

Lime Creek Conservation Area-A nine-mile network of trails dissects this scenic 440-acre area of upland timber, open fields, restored prairie, flood-plain forest, and wetlands. Highlights: Lime Creek Nature Center bird feeding station attracts squirrels, deer, raccoons, opossums and other mammals. Red and gray fox and coyotes are also found here.

White Wildlife Area-A 3/4 mile trail loops through 34 acres of open marsh, wooded swamp, restored prairie and streamside timber. Highlights: boardwalk trail over marsh provides optimal viewing of muskrat, mink and other wetland mammals.

Shellrock River Greenbelt and Preserve-A 6.5 mile roadway trail traverses through 590 acres of woods, meadows, and ponds along the limestone bluffs of the Shellrock River. Highlights: diversity of habitat attracts a wide variety of mammal species including otters, deer, beaver and mink.

Mallard Marsh-This 227-acre area consists of wetlands, wooded hills, and upland habitat. Highlights: river otters are often seen in this marsh.

Zirbel Slough-A 330-acre prairie marsh/upland complex. Highlights: marsh habitat may provide a view of a muskrat, beaver or mink.

Claybanks Forest-This area is a unique 56-acre maple/basswood forest along the Winnebago River. Highlights: Winnebago river provides opportunity to see otters, mink and beaver; deer common on the area.

Walch Wildlife Area-This large 303-acre tract features numerous prairie pothole marshes, grasslands, and a scenic stream. Highlights: prairie pothole habitat attracts a variety of native mammals.

Winnebago Oxbow-This 80-acre area along the Winnebago River includes an oxbow lake, riparian woodland, a restored prairie, and a unique hillside fen wetland. Highlights: good viewing for otter, mink, beaver, and muskrat.

Kuhn Wildlife Area-This 80-acre site along the Winnebago River includes riparian forest and two ponds. Highlights: good viewing for otter, mink, beaver, and muskrat.

Mammal Watching Tips:

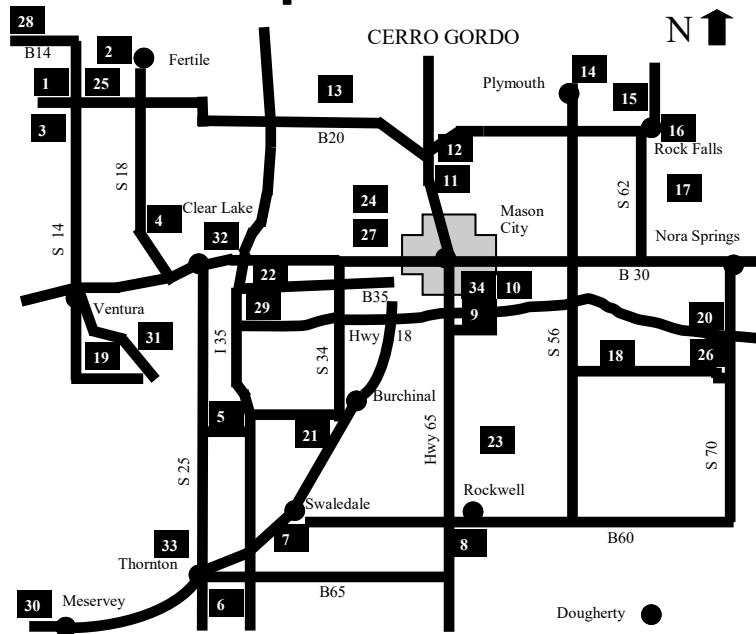
- Most mammals, unlike birds, are nocturnal and secretive in their habits, which makes viewing quite challenging. Learning to identify the signs mammals leave behind, such as tracks and scat, will enhance mammal watching outings.
- A high quality pair of binoculars and field guide increase mammal watching enjoyment.
- Most mammals are very wary and have amazing sensory abilities. To successfully view mammals, remember the following tips:
 - Wear camouflage or earth tone clothing, and keep movement to a minimum. A hunting blind is very effective for mammal watching.
 - Be very quiet.
 - Mammals have an incredible sense of smell, so try to position yourself downwind of the area you are viewing.
 - Early morning and late evening viewing increases the opportunity to observe nocturnal mammals.



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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. Averydale 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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