

Nature Areas in Cerro Gordo County

- **McIntosh Woods State Park**
Lakeshore & woods with hiking trails and picnic areas. Just east of Ventura on Clear Lake's North Shore Drive.
- **Ventura Marsh**
Wetland & grassland, on the west end of Clear Lake at Ventura. Go west of Ventura on North Shore Drive, or south of Ventura on County Road S14.
- **Zirbel Slough**
Prairie marsh. 5 miles south of Clear Lake on Highway 107, then 1 mile east on 200th Street.
- **Shellrock River Greenbelt**
Woods, meadows, ponds, river bluffs and picnic areas to drive or hike through. Follow signs from US Highway 18 West of Nora Springs. Connects to **Wilkinson Pioneer Park** on the north, at the south edge of Rock Falls on County Road B-20, or from 295th Street.
- **Lime Creek Nature Center**
Forest, prairie and river bluff hiking trails and a nature center with bird feeders, displays and library. The center is wheelchair accessible. Just north of Mason City on US Highway 65, the first right turn after the railroad overpass. (641) 423-5309

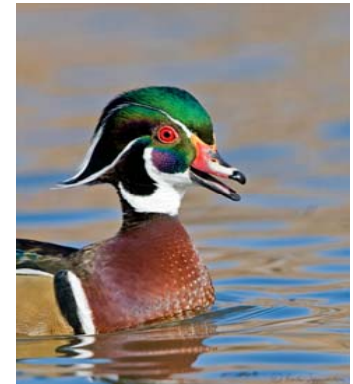


North Iowa Nature Club

Organized in 1977, the object of North Iowa Nature Club continues to be wildlife conservation and natural areas preservation in general with a special interest in birds and prairies.

For more information, contact the Lime Creek Nature Center at (641) 423-5309 or the Basic Birder at (641) 424-3758

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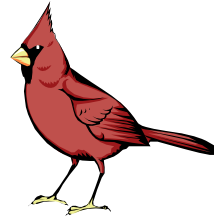
The summer meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month with field trips to local prairies and other places of special interest. Times to be announced.



Nature Club members enjoyed a beautiful day at the Paul Willis prairie.

Membership dues are \$10 per person. Our year begins in September.

Bird sightings are an important part of Nature Club. We can help you keep abreast of sightings in the area and put you in touch with our hotline.



The club took a day field trip to Decorah where we first stopped at Hayden Prairie, then went to the Schwarz home for lunch, and on to the Decorah City Prairie along the Upper Iowa River. We visited an original log house that was moved from a rural prairie to the Norwegian-American Museum grounds. The last stop was Dunnings Spring Park - a cool spot on a warm day!



Many of our programs help us get to know nature "up close and personal".



Meetings and programs are held at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. They are held at the Lime Creek Nature Center during the school year.