



OUR MISSION

TO CONNECT YOU TO THE OUTDOORS AND KEEP THE OUTDOORS WORTH CONNECTING TO

WHAT WE DO

- Provide outdoor recreation & environmental education opportunities
- Manage the natural resources in our county parks & lands
- Empower you to care for our land, water, & wildlife



ADVENTURES IN WINNESHIEK COUNTY

PARKS

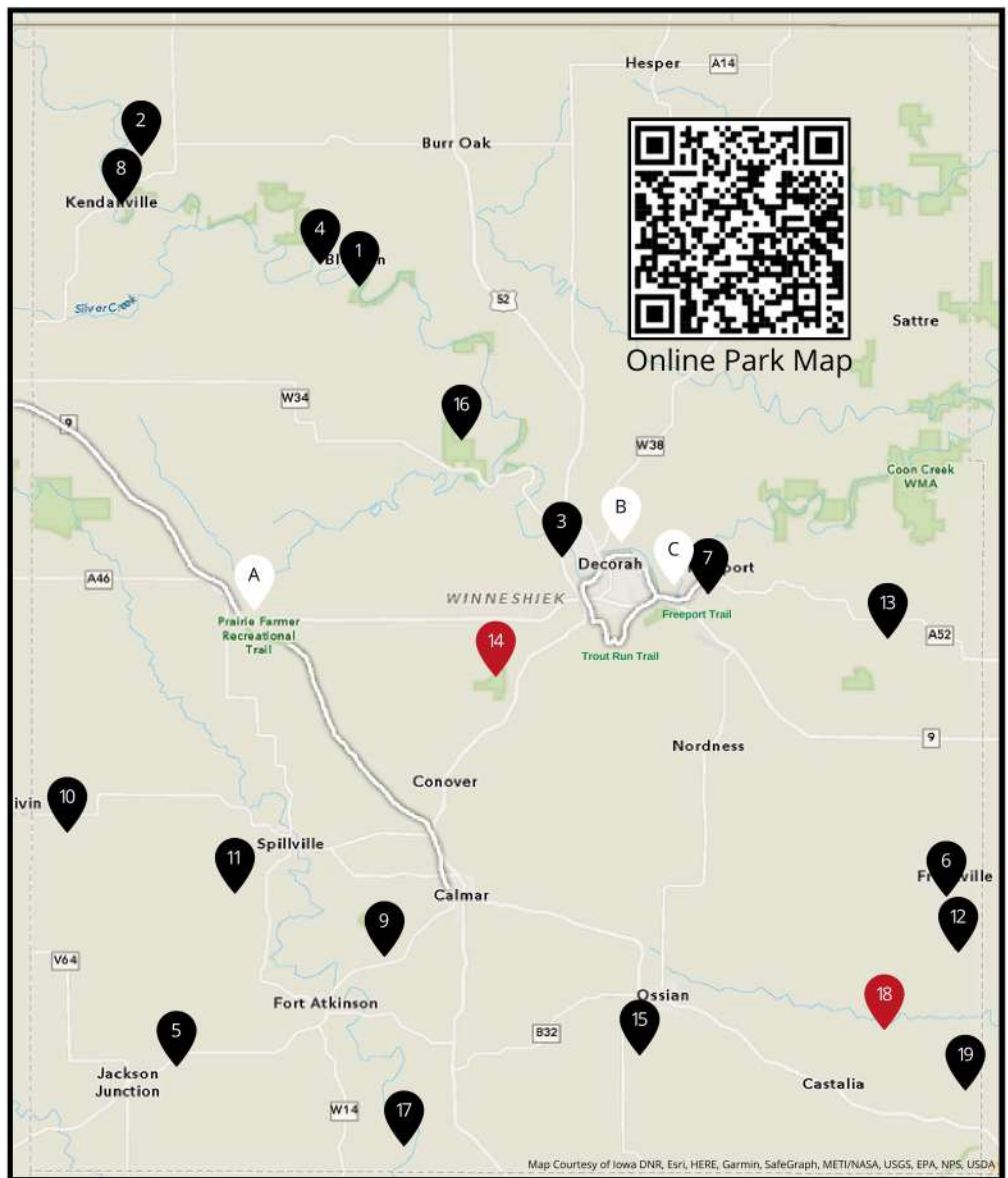
1. Black Oak Hollow
2. Bluffton Bluffs
3. Chattahoochie Park
4. Chimney Rock Park
5. Chipera Prairie
6. Frankville Park
7. Freeport Park
8. Kendallville Park & Campground
9. Lake Meyer Park & Campground
10. Ludwig Park
11. Ludwig Preserve
12. Marilie Education Forest Reserve
13. Moe Park
14. NESTE VALLEY RECREATION AREA*
15. Silver Springs Park
16. Sindelar Wildlife Access
17. Smallest Church Park
18. Walden Pond*
19. Willard's Woods

**open for special events only*

TRAILS

- A. Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail
- B. Trout Run Trail
- C. Freeport Trail

For information about park hours and amenities, visit www.winneshiekwild.com



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CELEBRATE OUR 65TH ANNIVERSARY

WITH 65 THINGS TO DO IN WINNESHIK COUNTY

ANYTIME OR ONLINE

- ❑ **1. Attend** any Winneshiek County Conservation public event. Find our list of events at www.winneshiekwild.com.
- ❑ **2. Visit** a conservation area you haven't seen before such as Sindelar Wildlife Access, Black Oak Hollow, or Ludwig Preserve. Get a picture with the sign.
- ❑ **3. Take** your sorted recyclables to the Winneshiek County Recycling Center or a rural collection site.
- ❑ **4. Watch** a "Noting Nature" video on the Winneshiek County Conservation YouTube channel.
- ❑ **5. Watch** "Nature is Me: The Larry Reis Story" to learn more about Larry Reis, Winneshiek County Naturalist of 40 years.
- ❑ **6. Pick up** a Driftless Safari guidebook from your local library anytime between Memorial Day and Halloween.

TROUT RUN TRAIL

- ❑ **7. Traverse** the entire 11-mile Trout Run Trail loop.
- ❑ **8. Spot** a Decorah Eagle or view the original Decorah Eagle nest along the trail.
- ❑ **9. Pose** at the selfie stand near the metal fish arch.
- ❑ **10. Count** the bridges, benches, or shelters along the trail.
- ❑ **11. Pause** to take in the scenery at each rest stop.
- ❑ **12. Fish** the Trout Run at one of the accessible fishing spots.
- ❑ **13. Spot** a bluebird or nest box along the trail.
- ❑ **14. Find** a gnome on the trail during Nordic Fest.

PRAIRIE FARMER RECREATIONAL TRAIL

- ❑ **15. Bike** the 19 miles of trail from Calmar to Cresco.
- ❑ **16. Forage** along the trail throughout the year to find black cap raspberries, gooseberries, apples, walnuts, hazelnuts, oyster mushrooms, asparagus, elderberries, or mulberries.
- ❑ **17. Visit** the interpretative trail loop near Conover to learn about the old railroad system.
- ❑ **18. Pose** for a funny photo at each rest station along the trail.
- ❑ **19. Enjoy** a picnic at a rest station along the trail.
- ❑ **20. Spot** a fox family or den near the trail.

FREEPORT PARK & TRAIL

- ❑ **21. Zipline** at the new playground at Freeport Park.
- ❑ **22. Admire** the beautiful prairie flowers and Upper Iowa River along the Freeport Trail.
- ❑ **23. Give** or take a book from the Little Free Library.
- ❑ **24. Grill** out and eat at the Freeport Shelter.
- ❑ **25. Play** soccer, kickball, or another game at the ball field.

SILVER SPRINGS PARK & POND

- ❑ **26. Fish** any time of year; great place to ice fish in the winter, spin cast in the summer, or practice fly casting on the shore
- ❑ **27. Search** for wildlife on a short walk around the pond. Can you spot a painted turtle or bullfrog?
- ❑ **28. Play** baseball or another game at the ball diamond.

CHATTAHOOCHIE PARK

- ❑ **29. Paddle or tube** the Upper Iowa River from Chattahoochie Park into the city of Decorah.
- ❑ **30. Cook** over the campfire and host a picnic at Chattahoochie Park with friends or family.

CHIMNEY ROCK PARK

- ❑ **31. Start** your paddling adventure down the Upper Iowa River at Chimney Rock. Look for chimney rock formations as you go.
- ❑ **32. Look** for Indian Pipe Flower, American Bladdernut, and other rare plants at Chimney Rock Park.

SMALLEST CHURCH PARK

- ❑ **33. Grill** and have a picnic in the shade of the bur oak grove.
- ❑ **34. Swim, play, or paddle** in the Turkey River at the Smallest Church Park River Access.

LAKE MEYER PARK & CAMPGROUND

- ❑ **35. Paddle** in a kayak or canoe. Use the accessible dock and kayak launch on the west shore for an easy start.
- ❑ **36. Fish** in any season from the fishing jetty, along the shoreline, in a boat, or on safe ice.
- ❑ **37. Spot** a Baltimore Oriole, Northern Cardinal, or another colorful bird at Lake Meyer Campground's bird feeding station outside the Winneshiek County Conservation office.
- ❑ **38. Pose** with the butterfly wing stands near the playground.
- ❑ **39. Search** for geocaches, edible berries, morel mushrooms, or deer sheds on the Lake Meyer trails.
- ❑ **40. Enjoy** a peaceful summer night by tent camping or roasting marshmallows over a campfire.
- ❑ **41. Walk** the birdhouse learning loop near the Nature Center.
- ❑ **42. Listen** for owls on a night hike on the Lake Meyer trails.
- ❑ **43. Learn** about lake restoration work at the wetland structure kiosk near the headwaters of Lake Meyer.
- ❑ **44. Try** out cross country skiing or snowshoeing on the trails.
- ❑ **45. Find** and explore the pine grove at Lake Meyer.
- ❑ **46. Take** a picture on the bridge near the boat ramp.

KENDALLVILLE PARK & CAMPGROUND

- ❑ **47. Make** Kendallville your base camp for adventures in northern Winneshiek County and surrounding areas.
- ❑ **48. Listen** for the gobbles of wild turkeys or the hoots of barred owls from your campsite at Kendallville Campground.
- ❑ **49. Play** a game of kickball or baseball at the ball diamond.
- ❑ **50. Fish** for walleye along the shores of the Upper Iowa.
- ❑ **51. Take** a tubing trip down the river along the campground.
- ❑ **52. Learn** about Native American history at the interpretive kiosk.
- ❑ **53. Paddle** the full length of the Upper Iowa River in Winneshiek County, starting at Kendallville Canoe Access.

MORE PARKS & ACTIVITIES

- ❑ **54. Walden Pond:** Attend a public event with Winneshiek County Conservation at this reservation-only park.
- ❑ **55. Moe Park:** Spend an afternoon at Moe Park exploring the creek, playing a game of baseball, swinging at the playset, or picnicking under a big tree.
- ❑ **56. Ludwig Park:** Trout fish or picnic along Bohemian Creek.
- ❑ **57. Frankville Park:** Check out the old stone school building and historic playground.
- ❑ **58. Chipera Prairie:** Search for butterflies and wild blackberries in Chipera Prairie in the summertime.
- ❑ **59. Ludwig Preserve:** Search for Pasque Flowers in April or other native Iowa prairie flowers throughout the summer.
- ❑ **60. Sindelar Wildlife Access:** Try your luck trout fishing in Casey Springs Creek for brown trout or native brook trout.
- ❑ **61. Marilie Forest:** Make your way through Marilie Forest in the spring for wildflowers or the fall for colorful leaves.
- ❑ **62. Willard's Woods:** Visit this little park in October to explore the colorful fall leaves of the open forest.
- ❑ **63. Black Oak Hollow:** Go fossil hunting or bird watching in the woods of Black Oak Hollow.
- ❑ **64. Bluffton Bluffs:** Take in the majesty of the Bluffton Bluffs from the Upper Iowa River in a kayak, canoe, or tube.
- ❑ **65. Winneshiek County Fair:** Visit our fair booth under the grandstand in July for fun activities, resources, & live animals.

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