



# Pocahontas County Conservation Board Visitor Guide



## History

In November, 1964, the voters of Pocahontas County authorized the formation of a county conservation board to purchase, develop, and manage land in the county in order that public parks, accesses, forest, prairie preserves, wild-life and historic sites may be provided.

Each decade has seen new projects and programs. Some of the highlights include:

**1964-1974** Lizard Lake Access, Feldman Park, Pilot Creek Park, Little Clear Lake Parks, Sportsman's Park, Central Park, Sunken Grove Island, Headquarters moved to 702 NW 7th St.

**1975-1984** Cooper Cove & Meredith Parks, Wiegert Farmstead & Prairie, Ripperger & Stearns Woods, Toben, Havelock & Plover Wildlife Preserves, Tiernen Homestead

**1985-1994** Whitetail Ridge, Three Rivers Trail, Maasen/Eberle Farmstead, Schlensig & Moore Recreation Areas

**1995-2004** Westmoreland/Crotty, Martin, Struther's, & Ham's Access Wildlife Areas, Voss Prairie Wetland, Swan Lake

**2005-2014** Breon/Hanson & Brabec Farms Areas, Melson Park, Fariss Wildlife Area, Lizard Lake Restoration, Post Prairie Area.

## Conservation

Today Pocahontas County Conservation manages many acres of habitat ranging from woodlands to prairie to wetlands. All three are present at Swan Lake and Sunken Grove.



PCCB partners with others to provide habitat for ducks, pheasants, and deer as well as restore and conserve native wildlife such as trumpeter swans, wild turkeys, and river otters.

PCCB encourages tree plantings and holds a tree and shrub sale each spring. In 1990, PCCB joined the statewide IRVM Program and began establishing and preserving roadside habitat that is beneficial for the soil and wildlife while also being enjoyable for travelers.



*PCCB is turning 50!*  
As Pocahontas County Conservation Board celebrates its Golden Anniversary, we continue to "conserve our natural heritage for those who follow." Join us for another 50 years of blazing and hiking down the conservation trail!

PCCB welcomes all citizens regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or disability to attend our programs and facilities. If you have a disability requiring special accommodations or comments and suggestions concerning our parks, please contact:

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Growing & blooming where we're planted!



PCCB's headquarters are on Hwy. 4 on the north edge of Pocahontas. Stop by our Nature Center and Rosenberger Park or reserve the sleeping cabin at Meredith Park near Plover.



## Parks & Recreation

PCCB welcomes campers, fishermen, hikers, and picnickers to our parks. All three of our campgrounds have upgraded sites and new shower houses. Three of our areas have new overviews, six have interpretive signs, five have shelter quilts, all have hidden treasures just waiting to be discovered and enjoyed.



## Environmental Education

The EE branch of PCCB officially began in 1990. We strive to reach residents of all ages in all seasons with the message of conservation. Join us for programs, camps, and workshops on a variety of topics and activities including atlatls, beehives, canoes, kayaks, and snowshoes.