



## Environmental Education

Environmental education provides a vital link in helping create a balance between people and the natural communities around them. Programs are available on a wide variety of environmental topics. Contact our office to request a program.

For information on any of our services or facilities, please contact the Ida County Conservation Board  
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If you require special assistance for participation in our programs and services, or to request information in an alternative format, please call the Ida County Conservation Board at (712)364-3300 or email us at [idaccb@frontiernet.net](mailto:idaccb@frontiernet.net)

## Park Rules

*To make your stay more enjoyable for all, the Ida County Conservation Board has adopted the following rules and regulations.*

**Park Hours:** 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Only those actively engaged in fishing or camping will be allowed after hours.

**Vandalism:** It is illegal to remove, injure, destroy, or deface any natural or man-made structures or materials including trees, flowers, or wildlife. Mushrooms, fruits and nuts may be harvested for personal use.

**Speed Limit:** Maximum speed limit is 20 mph except in camping or playground areas where it is 15 mph. All vehicles must be confined to the roadways and parking areas.

**Camping:** Camping is permitted in designated areas only. Maximum length of stay is two weeks.

**Pets:** All pets must be confined or kept on a leash at all times.

**Littering:** All waste and trash must be placed in receptacles provided for that purpose.

**Fires:** Fires are permitted only in receptacles provided of that purpose.

**Firearms:** Firearms are not allowed in the park.

**Paintball Guns:** Paintball guns are not allowed in the park.

*All other state laws and regulations are in effect.*

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# Moorehead Pioneer Park

## Moorehead Pioneer Park Ida County, IA



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*Discover the good life.  
It waits for you here.*





## History

Once the original site of Ida Grove, Moorehead Park is an area proud of it's history. In the early 1850's, the Moorehead family came to settle in what has now become the park. Ruts from the early stagecoach are still obvious near the old (now refurbished) stagecoach inn. The stagecoach barn still stands nearby. It's hand-hewn and wood pegged timbers display what life was like so long ago. Both have been completely restored to their original condition and are now utilized as museums.

To compliment the historical aspect of the park, the Ida County Historical Society has relocated the original Grant Center Schoolhouse on the property. The schoolhouse is utilized every year as elementary children from the region gather to attend day-long lessons in what life was like in the country school days.

The stagecoach inn, barn and schoolhouse are open for special occasions or by appointment.

## Trails

The Pleasant Valley Trail extends from Ida Grove into Moorehead Park. This concrete multi-purpose trail makes a four mile circle in the city, crosses the Maple River and extends one mile through some of the most beautiful scenery in the park.

Grassy trails through the timber with foot bridges over the impassable areas make even the remote corners of this park easily accessible to the public. These trails have become popular with hikers, skiers, and mountain bikers.

Bring your camera, binoculars and wildlife guides with you and you'll be sure to take home some special memories.



## Moorehead Lake

Our 12 acre lake is stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish. The easily accessible lake is popular with local anglers (sorry, electric boat motors only).

Picnic shelters, restrooms, a large playground and facilities for winter activities help round out this park to give the entire family an unforgettable outdoor experience.



## Wildlife

Wildlife abounds at Moorehead Park. The park provides the largest single tract of timber in Ida County. Because it is natural and virtually undisturbed, it serves as a natural draw for wildlife of all kinds.

Because of this, the park has been listed as one of Iowa's "Watchable Wildlife" areas. This distinction has only been given to 75 other areas in Iowa. "Watchable Wildlife" areas are known for their abundance of wildlife due to the quality habitat.

