

Parks & Recreation Areas

1. Elk Creek Wildlife Area

Located 5 miles west of Decatur City. Elk Creek is 52 acres of mostly timber with some grassland and a large rock quarry. Hunting is allowed.

2. Kobville Park

Located 1 mile south and 3 miles west of Garden Grove. Kobville is a beautiful 40 acres of timber, savanna, and native remnant prairie. With a large shelter house, this is a great secluded place for a picnic or wildlife viewing hike. This Area was donated to the conservation board by the family of S.A. Duffield and had been in the family since it was homesteaded by Lewis Kob in 1857. Hunting is allowed.



3. Little River Recreation Area

Located just north of Hwy 2, ½ mile west of Leon. This 2,200-acre area is jointly managed by the Decatur County Conservation Board and the Iowa DNR as a multi-use recreation area. Little River Lake (787 acres) was completed in 1985 and offers some of the best fishing, pleasure boating and waterskiing in Iowa, walleye, bass, bluegill, crappie, and catfish are stocked in the lake. Little River offers both tent and electric campsites with a modern shower building,

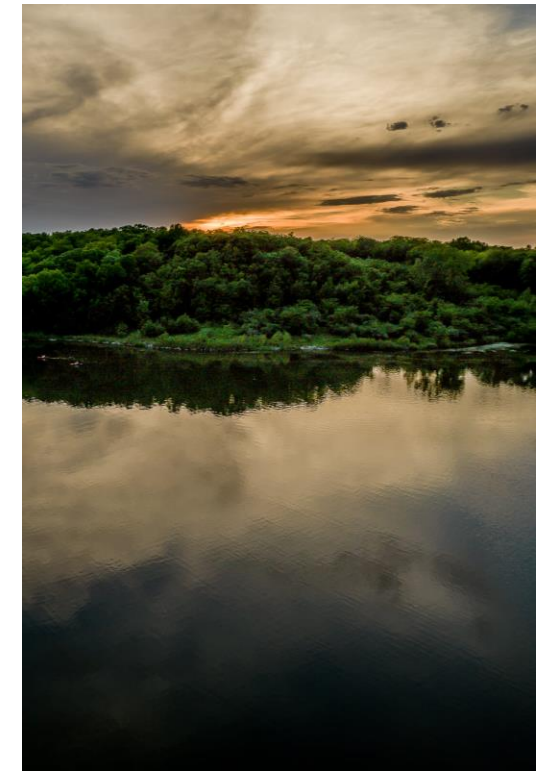


Refer to posted rules and regulations for more detailed information.

**For any other questions or to make a reservation please call:
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rental cabins and reservable shelter houses for large gatherings. Other facilities include playgrounds, boat ramps, swimming beach, picnic areas, an archery range, walking trails and a bait shop with a full line of tackle. Little River Recreation Area offers something for everyone to enjoy in the outdoors. While most of the area is kept open to hunting, a small portion at the south end has been designated as a wildlife refuge.

4. Shewmaker Park



Located ½ mile south and 1 mile east of Grand River. This 8-acre park is situated along the south bank of the Grand River. One of many access points to the Grand River Water Trail, fishing, picnicking, and canoeing are popular at this park. A large shelter house and fire ring makes this the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors.

5. Slip Bluff Park



Located 4 miles west and 1 mile north of Davis City. This Picturesque 450-acre park sits on the bluff overlooking the Grand River. Slip Bluff offers a well shaded campground with both tent and electric campsites and a modern shower building. The park offers a 16-acre lake for fishing, 3 miles of hiking trails, 2 shelter houses, and several acres of oak savanna offering great opportunities for bird watching and wildlife viewing. Slip Bluff is a great place to enjoy the outdoors. Hunting is allowed on the east end of Slip Bluff Park.

6. Trailside Historical Park



Located 1 mile west of Garden Grove. This 3-acre park is the site of the cemetery of the Mormon pioneers who founded Garden Grove. Trailside Park is located along the Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail. With a shelter available, Trailside Park is a beautiful and peaceful place.

7. Wirth Springer Woods

Located 3 miles northwest of Decatur City. This beautiful 38-acre timber preserve was donated to the conservation board by Mary Springer in 1991. Wirth Springer Woods is an old growth oak/hickory timber with many wildflowers to be found. This park is undeveloped and has been designated as a county forest preserve. Hunting is allowed.

8. Bishop Timber

Located 3 ½ miles southwest of Decatur City. This unique 49-acre property was previously a limestone block quarry that borders three sides of the history rich Miller Cemetery. Acquired from The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation in 2013, this oak/hickory timber overlooks the Grand River. With the old quarry roads still visible, this property is an ideal place for a hike through the timber. Hunting is allowed.



Grand River Water Trail

Approximately 45 river miles long with 7 developed access points throughout the county, this meandering paddle trail is the perfect place to spend a day enjoying the sights and sounds of the outdoors. The Grand River at normal water levels is a gentle river that allows for canoeists of any skill set to enjoy.

Area Rules:

1. All vehicles must stay on the roadway
2. Speed limit is 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
3. Do not litter.
4. A 14-day limit exists in all campgrounds.
5. All pets must be kept on a leash not exceeding 6 ft in length, except in game management areas.
6. Keg Beer is prohibited without the written consent of the Decatur County Conservation Board.

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