



## Decatur County Parks Geocaching Challenge – Park Descriptions



Location/Address	Directions	Description
<p>Little River Recreation Area</p> <p>20401 NW Little River Rd. Leon, IA 50144</p> <p>GC: GC98ZL4</p>	<p>Located just north of Hwy 2, ½ mile west of Leon.</p>	<p>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, 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.</p>
<p>Slip Bluff County Park</p> <p>27351 Slip Bluff Rd. Davis City, IA 50065</p> <p>GC: GC990K1</p>	<p>Located 4 miles west and 1 mile north of Davis City.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Kobville Park</p> <p>16368 270<sup>th</sup> St Garden Grove, IA 50103</p> <p>GC: GC98Z1T</p>	<p>Located 1 mile south and 3 miles west of Garden Grove.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Trailside Historical Park</p> <p>30308 Mormon Trail Rd. Garden Grove, IA 50103</p> <p>GC: GC98Z1F</p>	<p>Located 1 mile west of Garden Grove.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Shewmaker Park</p> <p>13818 160<sup>th</sup> St. Grand River, IA 50108</p> <p>GC: GC990PJ</p>	<p>Located ½ mile south and 1 mile east of Grand River.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Wirth Springer Woods</p> <p>17401 198<sup>th</sup> St. Decatur City, IA 50067</p> <p>GC: GC990P9</p>	<p>Located 3 miles northwest of Decatur City.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Bishop Timber</p> <p>23497 Terra Haute Rd. Decatur City, IA 50067</p> <p>GC: GC990KG</p>	<p>Located 3 ½ miles southwest of Decatur City.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Elk Creek Wildlife Area</p> <p>14265 State Hwy 2 Leon, IA 50144</p> <p>GC: GC990P4</p>	<p>Located 5 miles west of Decatur City.</p>	<p>Elk Creek is 52 acres of mostly timber with some grassland and a large rock quarry.</p>

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## Geocaching Challenge Passport

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### Cache Location

Please do not move a cache from its original location. If you feel the cache may not be in the correct location, please email Decatur County Conservation directly or post a log on the cache listing page notifying us of your concern.

### What's in the Cache Container?

In each Decatur County Parks Geocaching Challenge container is a logbook, pencil, crayon, and popsicle stick with each cache pattern. Rub over the cache pattern with the crayon in the space provided (left).

It is possible that geocachers may place additional small items/toys inside the containers – this is common in the geocaching world. But remember, if you take something, leave something of equal or greater value in return. Never place food/candy in a cache container. It attracts animals!

Take care when closing the container. This helps keep water out and the cache components in.

### Activity Logs

Log your experience! The activity log is the perfect place to tell us how you liked the park, what you saw on the trail, and any fun anecdotes resulting from your adventure in the great outdoors. Just remember that geocaching is a family hobby and the language you use in your log should be polite and appropriate for all ages. Don't give away too many hints!

### Who can participate?

Geocaching is a free and fun activity! The Decatur County Parks Geocaching Challenge is geared for all ages.

Go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) or download the app and create a free account to get the coordinates!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

To claim your Challenge Coin, return your completed passport to the Decatur County Conservation Board Office. **ONE FREE CHALLENGE COIN PER HOUSEHOLD.** Extra coins can be purchased for \$5 each.

**Questions?** Contact Kayla at [stalder.decccb@grm.net](mailto:stalder.decccb@grm.net).

### Geocaching Acronyms – The Basics

**GC Code** – A unique identifier associated with every geocache listing.

**TFTC** – Thanks for the Cache

**TFTH** – Thanks for the Hide



**TNLN** – Took Nothing, Left Nothing

**DNF** – Did Not Find