



# Johnson County RECREATION & CONSERVATION AREAS

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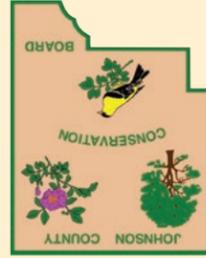
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*“The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants and animals, or collectively: the land.”*  
— Aldo Leopold

## F.W. Kent Park



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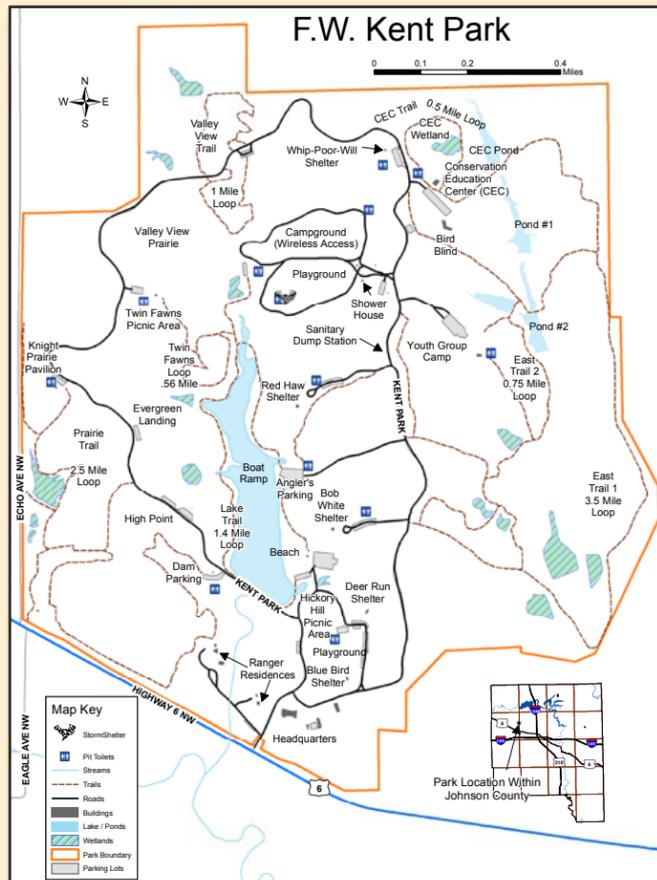
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F.W. Kent Park is located three miles west of Tiffin on Highway 6. It is the site of the Conservation Headquarters and the Conservation Education Center of the JCCB.

Recreational opportunities abound in this park's 1,052 acres. Come and explore the prairies, forests and wetlands or enjoy a swim at the beach. Fish at Kent Park Lake or any one of the three ponds in the Easterly Valley of Kent Park or have some fun at the large playground.

Environmental education programs are provided throughout the year. Current programs include prairie hikes, fishing clinics, programs on specific outdoor skills and weekend workshops.

The Conservation Education Center is open to the public on a limited basis. For further details on the Conservation Education Center and the Environmental Education Program contact the naturalist at (319) 645-1011.



### Facilities:

- The **Conservation Education Center** is utilized year-round for educational programs and workshops. Youth and adult groups can work with the JCCB naturalist to schedule conservation related programs in this building.
- **More than nine miles of hiking trails** wind through Kent Park's many native communities. The crushed rock trail around the lake provides anglers with access to the entire shoreline. In the winter cross-country skiing is a popular activity.
- **Seven historic county road bridges** have been relocated to Kent Park and utilized on the trail around the 27-acre lake. An eighth historic bridge crosses Pond #2.
- The **Youth Group Camp** is available for organized youth groups for day or overnight use. A large enclosed shelter building and five campsites are available by permit use only. Call (319) 645-2315 for reservations.
- **Six open picnic shelters** (four are reservable), **picnic tables and fire grills** are available throughout Kent Park. To reserve a shelter or inquire about other park services, contact the Conservation Headquarters at (319) 645-2315.
- The **campground** provides 86 electric sites, modern restrooms, shower facilities and a playground.
- **Kent Park Beach** is open from the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. There are no life guards on duty; swim at your own risk.
- **The Knight Prairie Pavilion**, located on the west side of the park, overlooks 100 acres of prairie and wetlands. It provides park visitors with an excellent opportunity to learn about prairie ecosystems through self-guiding exhibit panels.
- **The Kent Park Bird Blind** was constructed in 2014 on the east end of the Conservation Education Center Parking Lot. The Bird Blind is open to the public year-round and features an extensive bird feeding system and bird-attracting native plantings.



### A Brief History of the JCCB

Johnson County voters approved the establishment of the Conservation Board at the general election in 1964. Its basic purpose is to develop programs of conservation, education and recreation. The Conservation Board's program is supported by the taxpayers of Johnson County, the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund, park revenues, various grant funds, and private donations.

The Board is composed of five county residents who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for five-year staggered terms. They serve without compensation.

# Johnson County Conservation Board invites you to enjoy the outdoors!



## Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Areas:

### 1. Frytown Conservation Area

2198 Angle Road SW Kalona, IA 52247

The Frytown Conservation Area is located ten miles southwest of Iowa City at the junction of Highway 1 and Angle Road. It features 94 acres of wildlife habitat comprised of oak/hickory timber and a 30-acre tree and shrub planting. Trails throughout the area provide access for hikers as well as hunters.



### 2. Scott Church Park

5409 American Legion Road SE  
Iowa City, IA 52240

Scott Church Park is a five-acre roadside park located five miles southeast of Iowa City at the junction of Highway 6 and American Legion Road. Facilities at this area include a swing set, picnic tables, a vault toilet, drinking water and a reconstructed prairie. This park was one of the first properties to fall under the management of the Johnson County Conservation Board.

### 3. Solon Prairie

West 5th Street Solon, IA 52333

This three-acre prairie relict, which is often overlooked, is a gem which provides its visitors with a dazzling display of color each year. This prairie contains more than 157 native plant species.

### 4. River Junction Access

6051 River Junction Road SE  
Lone Tree, IA 52755



River Junction Access is a 12-acre area located four miles west of Lone Tree and one-half mile south of Highway 22 on River Junction Road.

A boat ramp provides access to the Iowa River and anglers can fish from the shoreline. This area includes picnic tables, a vault toilet, a hand-pumped water hydrant and primitive camping.

### 5. Sutliff Access

1293 White Oak Avenue NE Lisbon, IA 52253

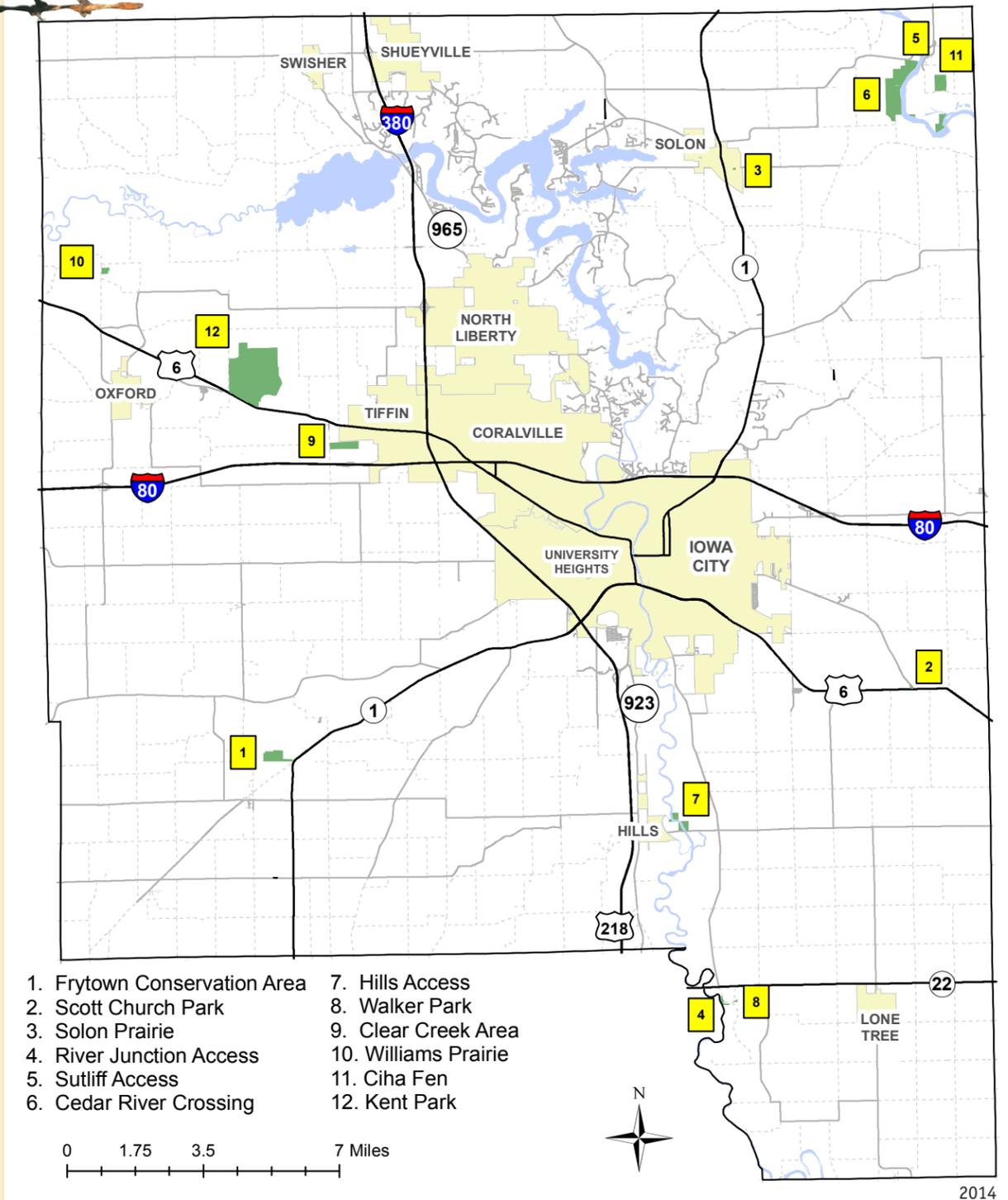
The Sutliff Bridge has been a fixture along the Cedar River for more than a century. This local icon is visited by fans from around the world. The Sutliff Access is a small, one-half acre area, located nine miles northeast of Solon. There is a picnic area and boat ramp which provides access to the Cedar River.

### 6. Cedar River Crossing Conservation Area

5390 160th Street NW Solon, IA 52333

The Cedar River Crossing is located six miles east of Solon. This 407-acre floodplain is open to the public for hiking, fishing and hunting. A monument on this site commemorates a nearby Indian Ford on the Cedar River.

## Johnson County Conservation Board Areas



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| 4. River Junction Access     | 10. Williams Prairie |
| 5. Sutliff Access            | 11. Ciha Fen         |
| 6. Cedar River Crossing      | 12. Kent Park        |

### 7. Hills Access

4210 520th Street SE  
Hills, IA 52235

Hills Access is a 40-acre park located one-half mile east of Hills on 520th Street along the Iowa River. Anglers will find plenty of river shoreline for fishing and a boat ramp access to the river. Facilities include: a campground with fourteen 50-amp electrical sites and five primitive sites, vault toilets, picnic tables, a playground, fire slabs and drinking water.

### 8. Walker Park

6088 Otter Creek Road SE  
Lone Tree, IA 52755

Walker Park is a three-acre park located 3.5 miles west of Lone Tree in the small town of River Junction. It features a picnic shelter, vault toilets, tables and grills. The Old Settlers Association assists the JCCB with the preservation of a historic log cabin and the 1912 Henry Walker Memorial Building on the site. They also host several special events each year.

### 9. Clear Creek Area

3196 Half Moon Avenue NW  
Tiffin, IA 52340

Located 1.5 miles southwest of Tiffin, this 80-acre floodplain provides wonderful wildlife habitat and outstanding spring wildflower

blooms. The hard surfaced Clear Creek Trail runs through the property on the north side of Clear Creek. Archery hunting is allowed south of Clear Creek on the property.

### 10. Williams Prairie

2298 Black Hawk Avenue NW  
Oxford, IA 52322

Williams Prairie is a sedge meadow/wet prairie dominated by sedges, slough grass and big bluestem. More than 320 species of vascular plants and bryophytes have been reported on this site. Williams Prairie was bought in the early 1900's by John Williams for use as a hayfield. In the 1960's this prairie was discovered by botanists from the University of Iowa. By 1973 the land was purchased by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and in 1976 the area was dedicated as a biological preserve.

### 11. Ciha Fen

5656 145th Street NE Lisbon, IA 52253

The Ciha Fen is located two miles southeast of Sutliff. This 81-acre preserve includes a very rare "nutrient poor" fen and native prairie and savanna remnants. The site includes several rare and uncommon species of prairie and wetland plants. No trails are maintained at this site, but hiking, photography and nature study are popular activities.

### 12. F.W. Kent Park

(See reverse side of brochure.)