

Summary RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Conservation Board has adopted the following rules and regulations for the land it manages, so that everyone can continue to enjoy these areas and to protect them for the future.

• It is illegal to remove, injure, destroy or deface any man made stuctures or materials, including trees, flowers, or wildlife, except with the permission of the Board (Mushrooms, fruits and nuts can be harvested for personal use).

- All vehicles are restricted to designated roadways and parking areas. The maximum speed limit is 15 mph.
- All parks are closed to use from 10:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. except by permission of the Board.
- Camping is allowed only in areas designated by the Board.
- Fires are allowed only in the grills and fire rings provided, and only in areas designated by the Board.
- Place litter in containers provide. "Pack it home if you packed it in" is the best rule.
- Observe recreational boundaries and do not trespass.
- Use of firearms, explosive weapons & fireworks is prohibited
- All privately owned animals must be on a leash/chain at all times.

*Refer to posted rules and regulations for detailed information

*Code of Iowa, sections 461.35 ated in 1955 by an Act of the Iowa Legisthrough 461.57 apply to all county conservation areas. I lowa Code and reads in part:

*Violation of these rules and regulations is a simple misdemeanor.

THE TAYLOR COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The County Conservation System was cre- natural resources, and to cultivate good



ated in 1955 by an Act of the Iowa Legislature. The Act is now Chapter 350 of the Iowa Code and reads in part: The purposes of this chapter are to create a county conservation board and to authorize counties to acquire, develop, maintain, and make available to the inhabitants of

the county, public museums, parks preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreational centers, county forests, wildlife and other conservation areas and to promote and preserve the health and general welfare of the people, to encourage the orderly development and conservation ofcitizenship by providing adequate programs of public relations. County Conservation Boards exist in all 99 Iowa Counties. Taylor County's board was authorized by a vote of the people in the 1965 general election. The board members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serve staggered five year terms, without pay, but receive pay for actual expenses such as mileage while carrying out their duties.



1. FRENCH NATURE RESERVE

An 80-acre timber tract owned by the Iowa DNR and managed by Taylor County Conservation Board. It is primarily a nature and wildlife preserve. No hunting or motorized vehicles are allowed. There are 3 miles of trails available for hikes or equestrian use. The area is rich in plant species. The area is east of Bedford. Take State Highway 2 east from Bedford 9.5 miles to Virginia Avenue, turn north on Virginia Avenue for 1 mile and the Area is on the west side of the road.

2. SAND'S TIMBER RECREATION AREA

A 235-acre site with a 76-acre lake. There are 7 modern campsites for rent. Primitive camping is also available. The lake is stocked with bass, channel cat and pan fish. Only electric boat motors are allowed. There is a 2 mile hiking trail on the west side of the park. Public hunting is allowed except in the camping/picnic areas. The site is located west and north of Blockton. Just follow the signs west on County Road J55 for about 1/4 mile, go north on Yellowstone Avenue for 1/4 mile and turn west into the entrance. The park is 1/4 mile west of Yellowstone Avenue.





3. SIAM TRACT

A 117-acre public hunting area. This area is located on the Taylor/Page County line on both sides of 300th Street.

4. Wilson Lake

A 50-acre site with a 20-acre lake. There are 10 modern camp sites and primitive camping is available. The lake has catfish, bass, pan fish and some walleye. Only electric boat motors are allowed. No hunting is allowed in the park. The site is south and east of Lenox. From County Road N64 go east on County Road J20 for 1 mile, then go south on Utah Avenue for 1.5 miles and there you are!

5. Windmill Lake

A 60-acre site with a 20-acre lake. There are 14 modern camp sites and primitive camping is allowed on the west side of the lake. The lake has catfish, bass, pan fish and some walleye. Only electric boat motors are allowed. The site is located east of New Market Iowa. From State Highway 2 east of New Market, turn north on Highland Avenue for 1 mile to 220th Street, then go west on 220th Street to Franklin Avenue and presto there lies the lake.

6. Lake of Three Fires State Park

Iowa DNR owned, this 85-acre lake is nearly a mile long and a half mile wide, with scenic inletsideal for fishing/boating. Surrounding the lake are 691-acres of picturesque woodlands. There are 8-miles of marked trails for hikers, horseback riders, and snowmobiles. Two modern campgrounds provide 140 (30 with electrical hookups).

The Taylor County Conservation Board provides facilities to the public without discrimination against anyone on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, or handicap.



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