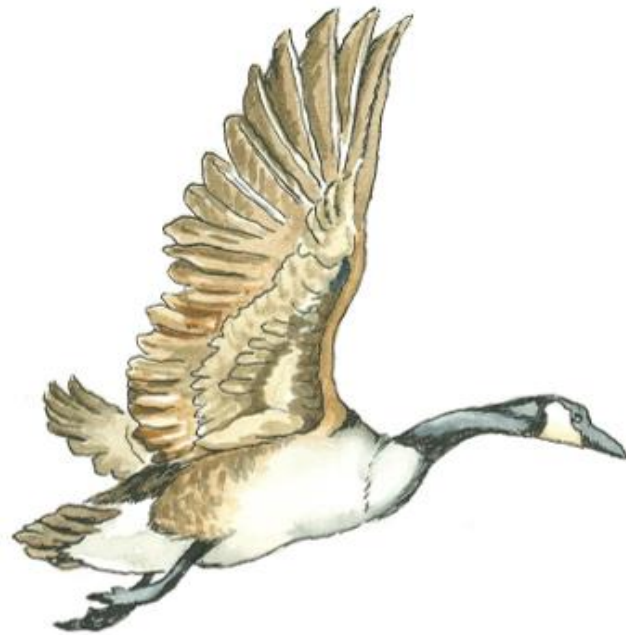




- All parks are closed to use from 10:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. except by permission of the Board.
- Camping is allowed only in areas designated by the Board.
- Fires are allowed only in the grills and fire rings provided, and only in areas designated by the Board.
- Place litter in containers provide. "Pack 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.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

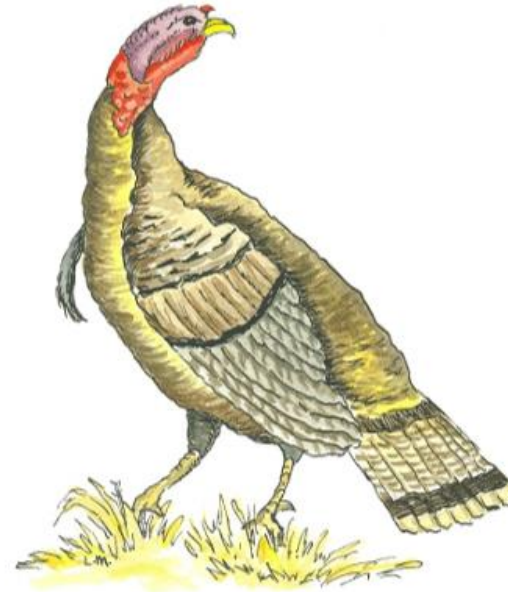
The Conservation Board has adopted the following rules and regulations for the land it manages, so that everyone can continue to enjoy these areas and to protect them for the future.

- It is illegal to remove, injure, destroy or deface any man made structures 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.

***Refer to posted rules and regulations for detailed information**

***Code of Iowa, sections 461.35 through 461.57 apply to all county conservation areas.**

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



THE TAYLOR COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The County Conservation System was created 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 of natural resources, and to cultivate good citizenship 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

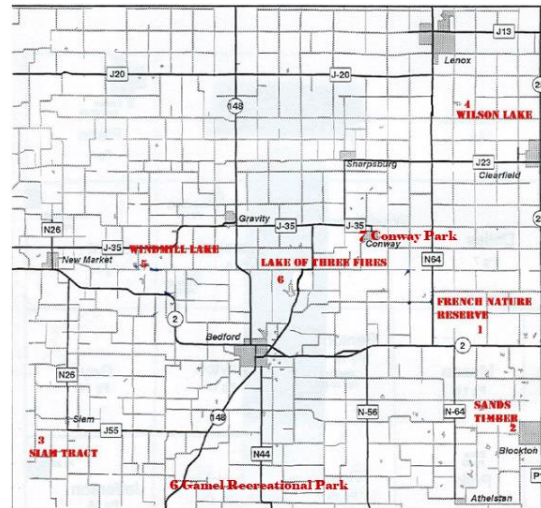


1. FRENCH NATURE RESERVE

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. 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 8 mile hiking trail throughout park. Public hunting is allowed.



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. From County Road N64 go east on County Road J20 for 1 mile, then go south on Utah Ave.

5. Windmill Lake

A 60-acre site with a 20-acre lake. There are 14 modern camp sites and primitive camping is allowed,

And the lake has catfish, bass, pan fish. Only electric boat motors are allowed. 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.

6. GAMEL RECREATIONAL PARK

Donated in 2026 by Jim Gamel, it is a 65-acre public space. The park is currently undergoing development to add a 5-acre lake, camping sites, and trail networks. This area currently offers public hunting. Located in Ross Township near the Missouri-Iowa state line just west of Highway 148.

7. CONWAY PARK

Located in the city of Conway Iowa, the Conservation board gained possession of the park in 2026. There is a small playground area and place to picnic.



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.

**Non emergency call the conservation cell phone 712-523-2852.
Emergency call 911**