

Fairview Area

8 miles W, 2 miles N of Rock Valley

Fairview Area is a 95 acre site contains a 10 acre water impoundment which has been stocked with croppies, channel catfish, bass and bluegill. There is a boat ramp for electric motors and canoes. The remaining area is of dense timber and wildlife cover. This area is recognized locally as containing some of the better deer habitat in the county. It will be retained in its existing natural condition, providing hunting and fishing opportunities.

Settlers Canoe Access

25 mi N of Fairview, South Dakota

Settlers Canoe Access is 1 acre of flat bottom land adjacent to the Big Sioux River. There is fishing of the Big Sioux River, along with canoe and small motor boat access. Hunting of wetland and upland game is permitted.

Rock Sioux Access

8 mi NE of Hawarden on K18

The Rock Sioux Access is made up of 30 acres of dense timber which provides fishing and hunting along the banks of the Big Sioux and Rock River. It is established as a game management area, thereby hunting of forest and upland game is permitted.

Oak Grove/Big Sioux Park

7 mi NE of Hawarden on K18

Oak Grove and Big Sioux Park is the location of the Sioux County Conservation Board Headquarters. This area is 433 acres in size and has ample room for hiking on groomed trails, picnicking, and rental of enclosed shelters and seasonal cabins. Oak Grove also offers camping with 58 electrical hook ups and 12 non electric sites with modern comfort stations. There is boat access to the Big Sioux River along with fishing of the river and a pond. Oak Grove also has historical sites and bird watching opportunities. Oak Grove has canoes available for rent. Environmental Education programs are offered for all ages throughout the year.

Sioux County Historical Site

2.5 mi S of Hawarden on Hwy 12

This area is 1 acre in size and is the point of the beginning for the original survey of Sioux County, Iowa. It is located on a high bluff overlooking the Big Sioux River.

Garfield Wildlife Area

Corner of Dipper Ave. 340th St then .5mi W

Garfield Wildlife Area located near Hudson, SD has canoe access and fishing on the Rock River. Wetland, forest, and upland game hunting is available. In the 56.5 acres. There are 2 parking areas: one located off of Dipper, and the second is on 340th Street.

Rock Wildlife Area

2 mi W of Rock Valley

The Rock Wildlife area is located northwest of Rock Valley is a 187 acre site the has motorized boat and canoe access to the Rock River. Hunting of prairie, wetland, and upland game is permitted. An old railroad bed is used for hiking and several small wetlands contain a variety of wildlife.

Winterfeld Boating & Fishing

North edge of Rock Valley

This area located along the north edge of Rock Valley is a 22 acre reclaimed gravel quarry containing a 18 acre lake. The lake has been stocked primarily with channel catfish, but also contains several other species. This area also contains a boat ramp for canoes and electric motored boats. A dock and an open shelter for picnicking are available.

Rock River Access Abma Tract

1 mi NE of Rock Valley

The Rock River Access and Rock River Area make up the Abma Tract. Combined this area is 640 acres of undeveloped prairie, forest, upland and wetland habitat.

There is access to the Rock River for motorized boats and canoes, along with fishing.

Bruce Schomaker Recreational Area

4.5 mi N of Boyden on L-14

This public area is 130 acres with ample room to explore fish in the 8 acre lake and Otter Creek. A boat ramp is available for canoes and electric motored boats. There is an open shelter with picnic tables and fire rings. This area provides forest and upland game hunting.

Otter Creek Vreeman Tract

(Otter Creek Hunting) 4 mi N of Boyden, .5 mi. E on B14

This 80 acre area is open to the public for upland game hunting during regular hunting seasons.

Otter Creek Public Hunting

(VanMeetern) 1 mi W of Matlock and .5 mi N on Kiwi Ave

Otter Creek Public Hunting is 65 acres. Hunting of wetland and upland game is permitted.

Floyd River Wildlife Area Complex

(Floyd River Wildlife) 3 mi S of Hospers on Hwy 60

The Floyd River Wildlife area allows for fishing along the Floyd River and hunting of forest and upland game on 71 acres.

Big Sioux Recreation Area

South Pit

This 270 acre area will be open to the public for use of fishing, hunting, picnicking, and boat access.

Alton Roadside Park

Junction of Hwy 10 & Hwy 60

This 9 acre park is located at the junction of Hwy 10 and Hwy 60 in Alton, Iowa. There is a 5 acre fishing pond adjacent to the park. Canoeing is permitted in the pond. There is camping with electrical sites and a trailer dump. Playground equipment and plenty of open room for baseball and other games. There is an enclosed shelter available for rent.

VandeWeerd Pit Area

3 mi S of Hospers

VandeWeerd Pit is an 18 acre area with upland game for hunting, fishing, along with boat access. There is an open shelter with picnic tables and grill.

Fairview Wildlife Complex

Ranschau area

This area is 315 acres in size. Full of Oak timber and savannah, Hunting will be allowed during regular hunting season.

Nassau Wildlife Area

3 mi SW of Alton

Nassau Wildlife Area is an abandoned gravel quarry that is located 3 miles southwest of Alton. It is 4 acres and contains a 1.5 acre pond and has a few trees and brush around the water's edge. The remaining area contains various grasses and serves as a wildlife area. Game hunting of wetland and upland game is permitted.

Floyd River Wildlife Area Complex C

(Carnes) 5 mi S of Alton on Hwy 60

The Floyd River wildlife Area Complex C is 36 acres adjacent to the Floyd River. Hunting of upland game is permitted on this location. Along the river's edge there is a riparian tree buffer.

Floyd River Wildlife Area Complex B

(Borrow Pit) .5 mi S of Alton, on hwy 60

The Floyd River Wildlife Area Complex B is a 70 acre location that contains a 10 acre lake for fishing. There is wetland, upland, and forest game hunting permitted at this site.

DeKoster

North of Sioux Center on Hwy 75

Donated by the DeKoster family to be used by the public as a wildlife refuge, and nature research area.