



POCAHONTAS COUNTY CONSERVATION

Visitor Guide

Cooper's Cove



History

In November, 1964, the voters of Pocahontas County authorized the formation of a county conservation board to purchase, develop, and manage land in the county in order that public parks, accesses, forest, prairie preserves, wildlife, and historic sites may be provided.

Each decade has seen new projects and programs. Some of the highlights include:

1964-1974 Lizard Lake Access, Fledman Park, Pilot Creek Park, Little Clear Lake Parks, Sprotsman's Park, Central Park, Sunken Grove Island, Headquarters moved to 702 NW 7th St.

1975-1984 Cooper Cove & Meredith Parks, Wiegert Farmstead & Prairie, Ripperger & Stearns Woods, Toben, Havelock, & Plover Wildlife Preserves, Tiernen Homestead

1985-1994 Whitetail Ridge, Three Rivers Trail, Maasen/Eberle Farmstead, Schlensig & Moore Recreation Areas

1995-2004 Westmoreland/Crotty, Martin, Struther's & Ham's Access Wildlife Areas, Voss Prairie Wetland, Swan Lake

2005-Present Breon/Hanson & Brabec Farms Areas, Melson Park, Fariss Wildlife Area, Lizard Lake Restoration, Post Prairie Area



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Sunken Grove



Conservation

Today Pocahontas County Conservation manages many acres of habitat ranging from woodlands to prairie to wetlands. All three are present at Swan Lake and Sunken Grove.

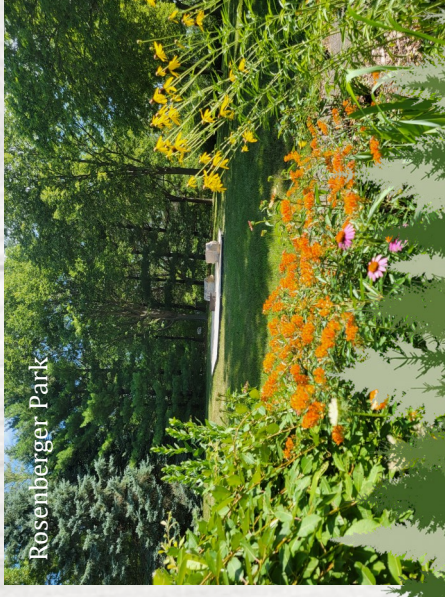
Meredith Park



PCCB partners with others to provide habitat for ducks, pheasants, and deer as well as restore and conserve native wildlife such as trumpeter swans, wild turkeys, and river otters.

PCCB encourages tree plantings and holds a tree and shrub sale each spring. In 1990, PCCB establishing and preserving roadside habitat that is beneficial for the soil and wildlife while also being enjoyable for travelers.

Rosenberger Park



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Meredith Park



Parks & Recreation

PCCB welcomes campers, fishermen, hikers, and picnickers to our parks. All four of our campgrounds have upgraded sites and new shower houses. Three of our areas have new overviews, six have interpretive signs, five have shelter quilts, all have hidden treasures just waiting to be discovered and enjoyed.

Lizard Lake

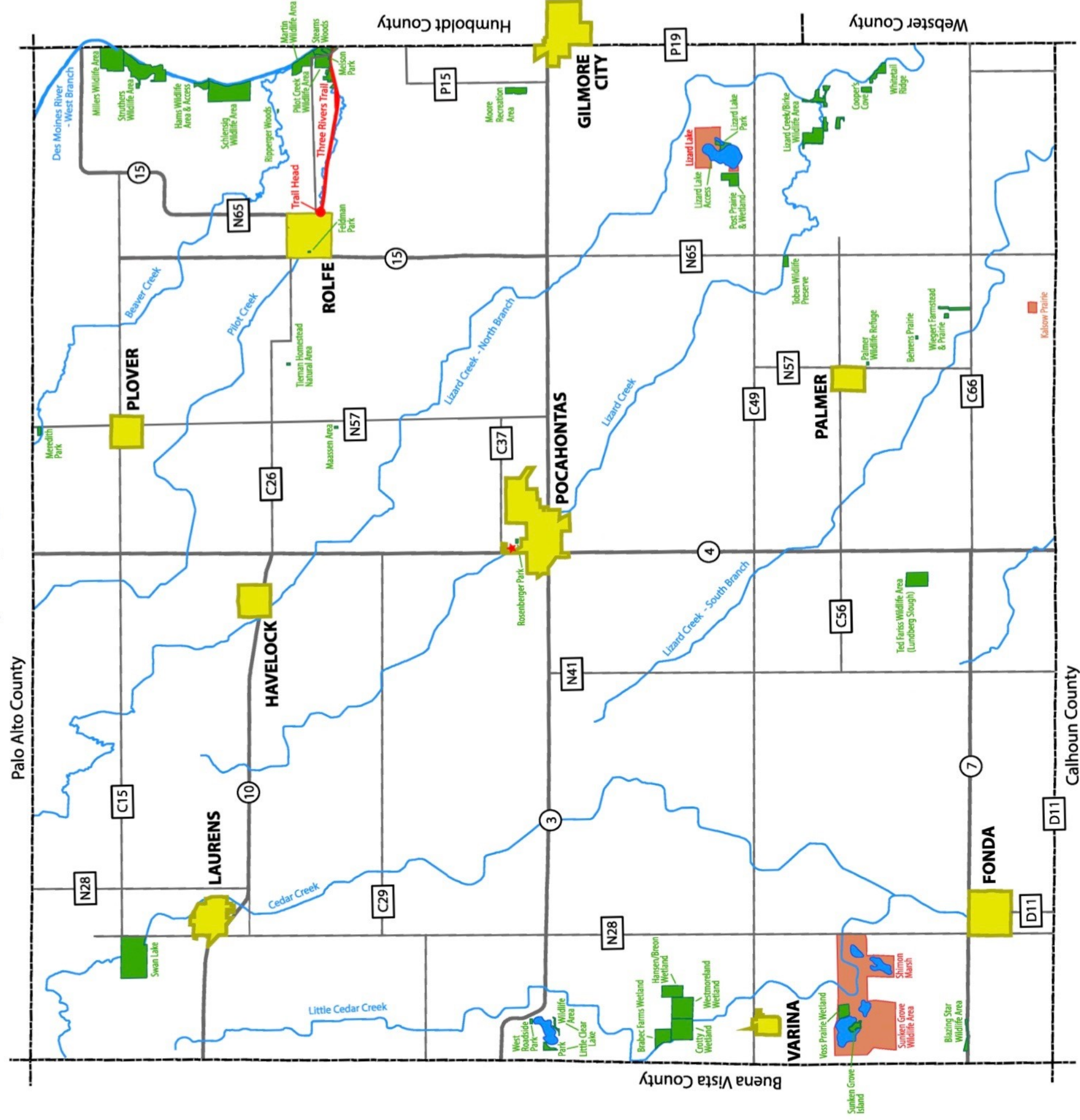


Environmental Education

The EE branch of PCCB officially began in 1990. We strive to reach residents of all ages in all seasons with the message of conservation. Join us for programs, camps, and workshops on a variety of topics and activities including atlatls, beehives, canoes, kayaks, and snowshoes.

Wiegert Prairie Farm





Pocahontas County Conservation Areas

Campgrounds

Cooper Cove
Lizard Lake
Meredith Park

Parks & Picnic Areas

Feldman Park
Little Clear Lake Park
Melson Park
Rosenberger Park
Sunken Grove Park
West Roadside Park

Water & Hiking Trails

Ham's Access
Three Rivers Trail

Historic Sites

Cooper Cove Keystone Bridge
Melson Park
Wiegert Prairie Farmstead

Virgin Prairie Remnants

Kalsow Prairie
Wiegert Prairie

Restored Prairie/Wetlands

Blazing Star Wildlife Area
Brabec Farms Wetland
Crotty Wetland
Hansen/Breon Wetland
Little Clear Lake Wildlife Area
Palmer Wildlife Refuge
Post Prairie & Wetland
Shimon Marsh
Sunken Grove Wildlife Area
Swan Lake
Ted Fariss Wildlife Area
Toben Wildlife Preserve
Voss Prairie Wetland
Westmoreland Wetland

Limestone Quarry

Moore Recreation Area

Hunting Areas

Lizard Creek Wildlife Area
Millers Wildlife Area
Pilot Creek Wildlife Area
Post Prairie & Wetland
Schlensig Wildlife Area
Struthers Wildlife Area
Shimon Marsh
Swan Lake
Ted Fariss Wildlife Area
Varina Wetlands Complex
Voss Prairie Wetland
Whitetail Ridge

Fishing Spots

Cedar Creek
Cooper Cove
Des Moines River
Little Clear Lake
Lizard Lake
Meredith Park
Moore Recreation Area
Sunken Island Lake

Woodland Habitat

Cooper Cove
Ham's Wildlife Area
Lizard Creek Wildlife Area
Martin Wildlife Area
Millers Wildlife Area
Pilot Creek Wildlife Area
Ripperger Woods
Schlensig Wildlife Area
Stearns Woods
Struthers Wildlife Area
Sunken Grove Island
Swan Lake
Whitetail Ridge

Farmstead Wildlife Areas

Behrens Prairie
Birke Wildlife Area
Maassen Area
Tiernan Homestead Natural Area

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