



Visitor Guide

POCAHONTAS COUNTY CONSERVATION

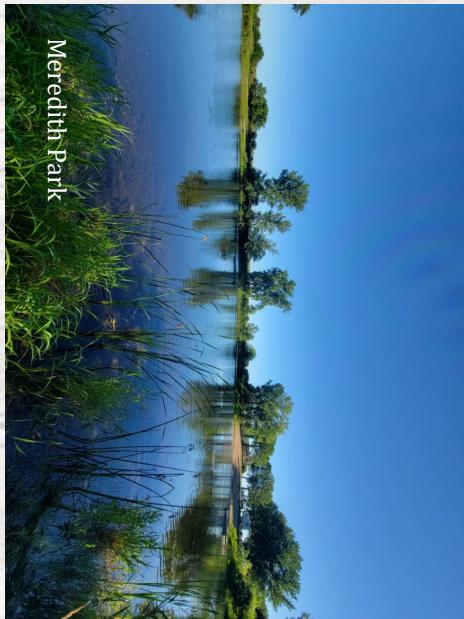


History

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, Sprotzman'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, Schlenzig & 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

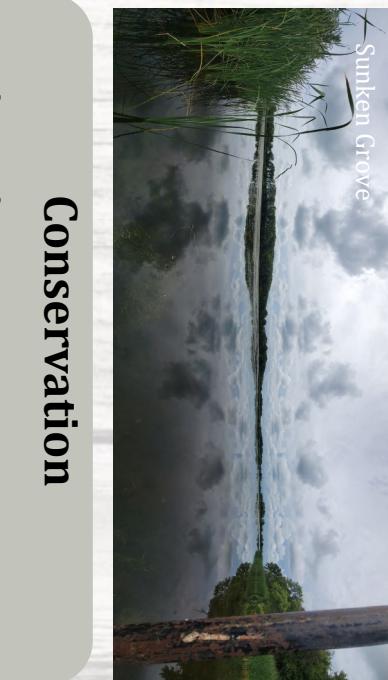


PCCB partners with others to provide habitat for ducks, pheasants, and deer as well as restore and conserve native wildlife such as trumpeter swans, wild turkeys, and river otters.

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.



Wiegert Prairie Farm



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.



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.



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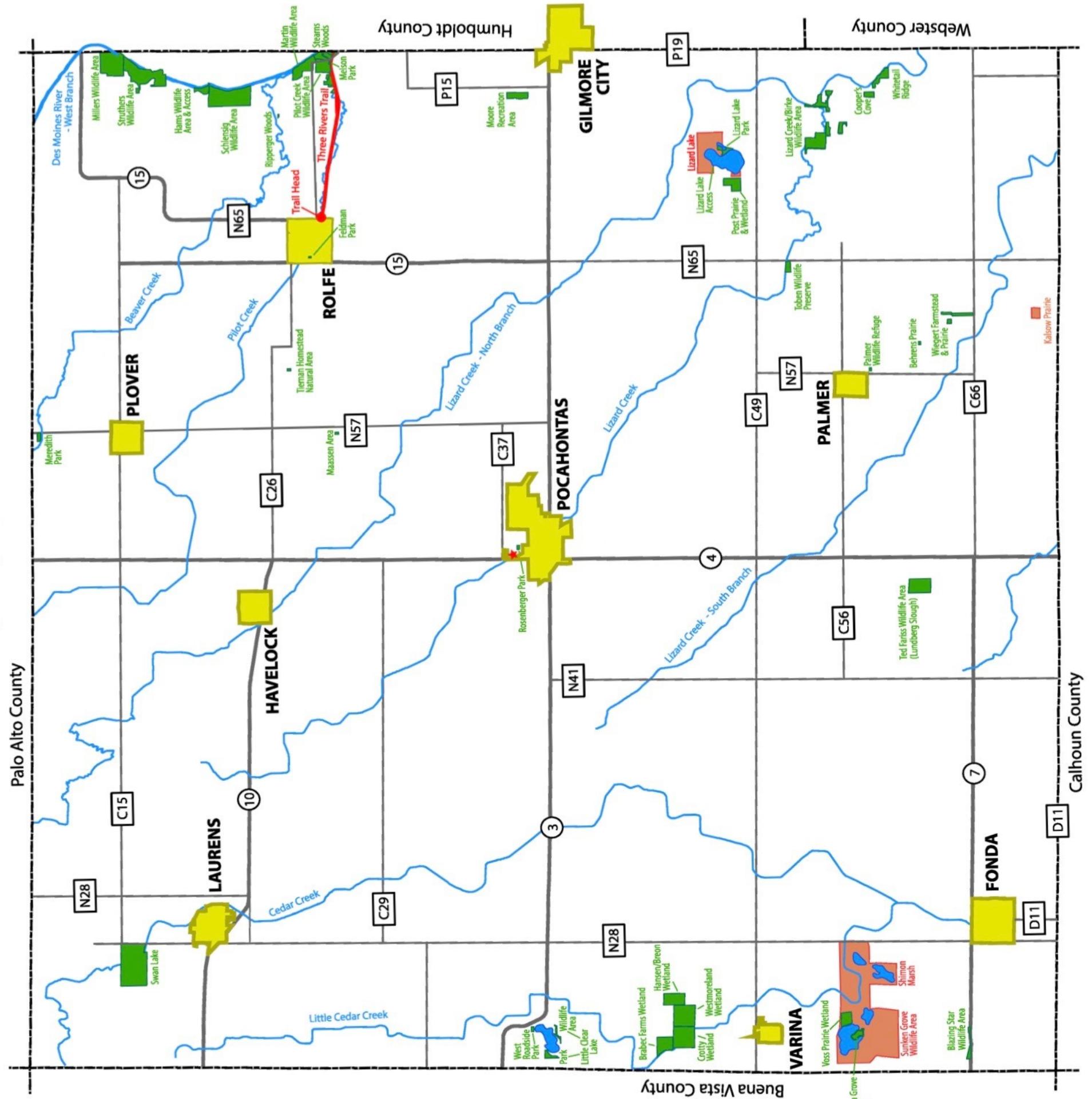
POCAHONTAS COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD



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Pocahontas County Conservation Areas

Woodland Habitat

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

Virgin Prairie Remnants

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

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

Campgrounds

Feldman Park
Little Clear Lake Park
Melson Park
Rosenberger Park
Sunken Grove Park
West Roadside Park
Cooper Cove
Lizard Lake
Meredith Park
Little Clear Lake
Lizard Lake
Meredith Park
Moore Recreation Area
Sunken Island Lake

Parks & Picnic Areas

Feldman Park
Little Clear Lake Park
Melson Park
Rosenberger Park
Sunken Grove Park
West Roadside Park
Cooper Cove Keystone Bridge
Melson Park
Wiegert Prairie Farmstead

Water & Hiking Trails

Ham's Access
Three Rivers Trail
Cooper Cove
Des Moines River
Little Clear Lake
Lizard Lake
Meredith Park
Moore Recreation Area
Sunken Island Lake

Historic Sites

Cooper Cove Keystone Bridge
Melson Park
Wiegert Prairie Farmstead

LEGEND

You are here!

State Highways	4
County Highways	P19
Pocahontas County Conservation Board	Yellow line
Towns	Yellow square
Waterways	Blue wavy line
Lakes and Wetlands	Blue circle
Trails	Red line

Fishing Spots

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

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Melson Park	Melson Park
Wiegert Prairie Farmstead	Wiegert Prairie Farmstead