

*Private Outdoor
Recreation Areas*
In Hardin County



Hardin Soil Conservation District
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FOREWORD

The Hardin Soil Conservation District has assisted in conducting three recreation area inventories in Hardin County. The Hardin County Conservation Board Areas and Municipal Parks in Hardin County have been completed and published.

To complete the county recreation resource study, the District with assistance from the Soil Conservation Service has collected data on the private outdoor recreation areas in Hardin County.

The recreation areas listed in this brochure are for planning information. Recreation planning and development in Hardin County depends upon both the present and projected facilities and demands. The existing, well distributed, private facilities provide varied recreational opportunities for local citizens and tourists. Private enterprise is now and will continue to play an important role in fulfilling the total county recreational demands.

We express special appreciation to the PINE LAKE WILDLIFE CLUB for their contributions.

HARDIN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

ACKLEY



Ackley Recreation Club

The Ackley Recreation Club was established in 1948 and is located in the south part of Ackley. All golf course equipment and a modern clubhouse is available to members seven days a week during the summer season. Green fees are available for non-members at the 20-acre recreation area.

A three-acre area just inside the Ackley city limits is the site of the Ackley Saddle Club which was established in 1968. The main function of the club is to teach the Ackley youth how to ride, train and care for their horses. They are open seven days a week from nine to nine spring through fall. The board members have built an arena and a judging stand for the public to enjoy horse shows.

The Quad-County Conservation League recreation area is located one-half mile north of Ackley. The one-acre area was established in 1958. Activities provided are trap shooting and wildlife conservation. The clubhouse is open to members Sunday afternoons all year long.

ALDEN



Alden Boat Club

The Alden Boat Club located on the west edge of Alden provides boating and fishing for club members and the public on a fee basis. The three-acre area was established in the fifty's. There is a clubhouse, a boathouse and docking facilities. The clubhouse is available to rent for private parties. A free boat loading zone is provided.

ELDORA

An area in Hardin County available for youth to camp with the Iowa Baptist Conference is provided by the Pine Lake Baptist Camp. The 25-acre camp is located just south of Pine Lake State Park. Cabins for sleeping, a dining hall, a chapel, restrooms, and a manager's house exist on the premises. Archery, boating, hiking, nature study and rifle shooting are the types of recreation provided. The camp

which was founded in 1956 is open seven days a week during the summer. Campers from all over the state are drawn to the area.

A camp available for youth is the Church of the Brethren Camp which is open in the summer for conference camping and weekend retreats. Volleyball, tennis, softball, hiking, and group cookouts are the types of recreation provided. The 16-acre camp located two miles northeast of Eldora was established in the early 1940's.



Pine Lake Wildlife Club

The Pine Lake Wildlife Club is located three miles northeast of Eldora on a 23-acre tract. The club, established in 1937 has the honor of being the oldest wildlife club in Iowa. A family attraction to the wildlife club is the eight fish fries served each year to the public. A modern clubhouse has kitchen facilities and three meeting rooms. The recreation provided is picnicing, hiking, trapshooting and a rifle range. There is a picnic area and a playground available to everyone seven days a week all twelve months. An existing native wooded area provides a setting for nature observers.



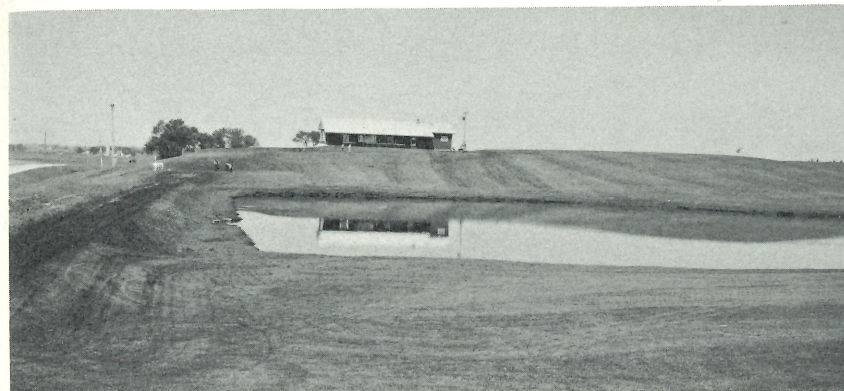
Pine Lake Country Club

Swimming and golfing are two sports enjoyed at the Pine Lake Country Club during the spring, summer and fall months. Patrons from all over Iowa are attracted to this 70-acre area. The country club is open to members and guests all year. Daily memberships are available. This area established in 1923 is located two and one-half miles northeast of Eldora.

Camping, hiking, boating, fishing and every kind of outdoor life are enjoyed at Camp Quaker Heights. The 125-acre area which was established in 1948 is located two miles northeast of Eldora. Quaker Heights is open to the public all year long, except in the extreme winter. The modern facilities serve the Church, undenominational and private groups.

HUBBARD

The Hubbard Recreation Club established in 1963 has a 50-acre tract of land located one mile south-southeast of



Hubbard Recreation Club

Hubbard. The area is particularly designed for golfing, but fishing and wintertime sledding and snowmobiling are enjoyed. A modern community building with kitchen facilities, rest-rooms, and a pro-shop are available. Non-member fees are available to the public.



Gehrke's Lake

Seven miles north of Hubbard is located a 20-acre lake owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Everette Gehrke. The area is designed for camping, fishing, hiking, or just resting under the oak trees. A playground with picnic tables, grills, fireplaces, firewood and electricity is provided for public use. Gehrke's Lake can be enjoyed seven days a week from April through October 31. The lake was built in 1962; the camping area was established in 1967.

IOWA FALLS



Highland Golf and Country Club

Golfing, social activities, snowmobiling, picnics, cook-outs and an Easter egg hunt for children are all enjoyed by members and out-of-town guests at the 80-acre Highland Golf and Country Club. It is located one-fourth mile southeast of Iowa Falls and is open seven days a week. The clubhouse offers a pro-shop, restaurant, dance pavilion and bar. Green fees are available for non-members. An additional nine-hole course is proposed.

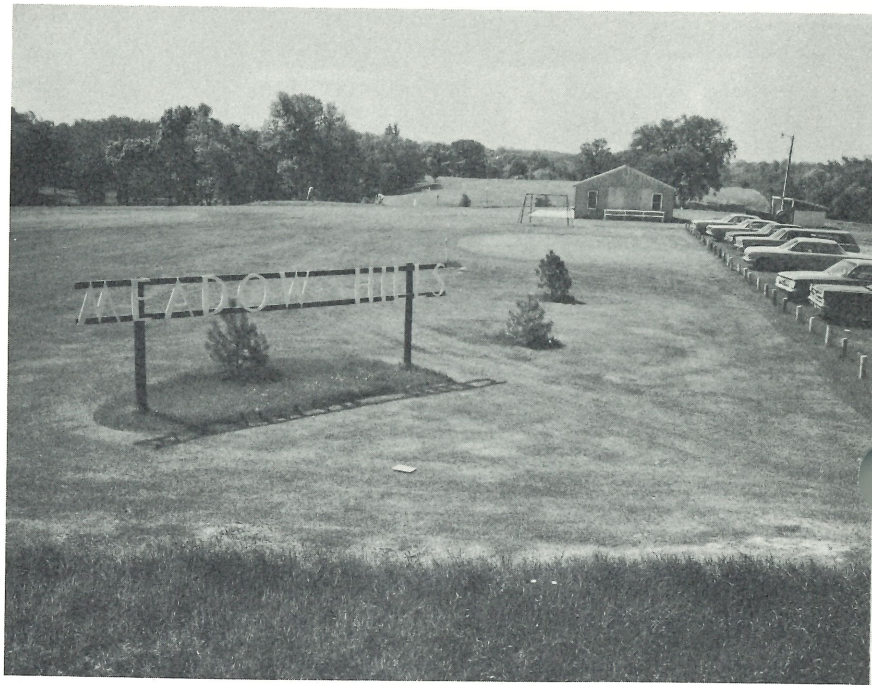


Iowa Falls Boat Club

A large log clubhouse, boathouse and ramp on West Union Street within the city limits of Iowa Falls provide social and boating facilities for members and their guests. Boating is the main recreation enjoyed spring, summer and fall. The Iowa Falls Boat Club was established in 1936.

Located three miles south of Iowa Falls is the five-acre Iowa Falls Gun Club. The clubhouse and shooting ranges are located just southeast of the Iowa Falls Municipal Airport runway. Trap and bench rest rifle shooting are recreation activities open to members and the public on weekends during the summer months. The club was established in 1946.

The Hardin County Izaak Walton League has a 55-acre tract of land leased for future development. The site is located nine miles south of Iowa Falls adjacent to the U. S. Highway 65. Year long trap and skeet shooting facilities, small and large bore rifle ranges and archery field courses are proposed. The league was chartered in 1970.



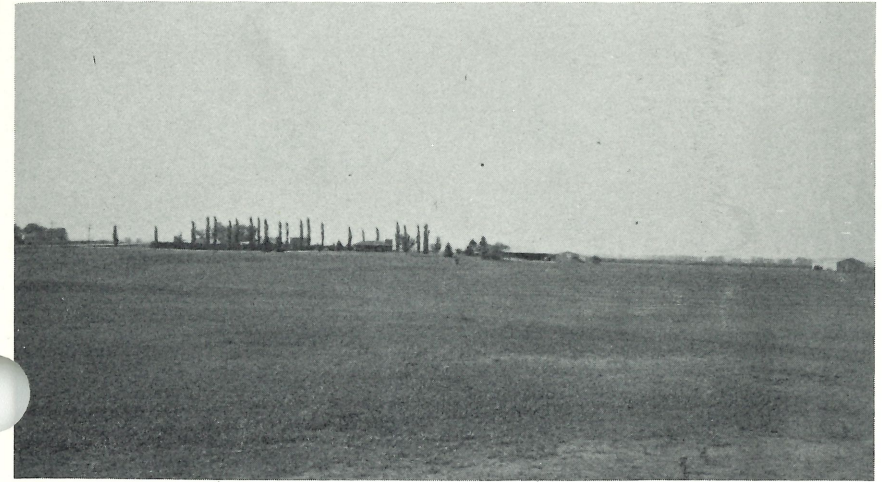
Meadow Hills Golf Course

The Meadow Hills Golf Course is located one mile east of Iowa Falls.

Located three miles south of Iowa Falls on U. S. Highway 65 is the Iowa Falls Municipal Airport, home of the Scenic City Flying Club. The club members use the existing facilities which includes an administration building, traffic office, classroom and hangar space. The flying club was established in 1946.

A two-acre recreation spot for horse shows, and rodeos is the Scenic City Saddle Club Grounds located two miles east and two miles south of Iowa Falls. The saddle club was established in 1964 and has a concession stand, bucking chutes, bleachers and a public address system. The grounds are open to the club members all the time and to the general public when a show is presented.

RADCLIFFE



Radcliffe Friendly Fairways

A new recreation area established in 1970 is adjacent to the Radcliffe Airport. The Radcliffe Friendly Fairways will feature fly-in golfing since an airplane will be able to taxi up to the golf course. Other activities planned for the 60-acre area include picnicing, tennis and badminton. Club memberships and daily green fees are available.

The Radcliffe Road Runner Flying Club keeps its aircraft at the airport located one-fourth mile east of Radcliffe. The flying club was organized in 1959. Club members can take flight and ground training and can use the aircraft for pleasure or business all year. As memberships increase aircraft will be purchased.

STEAMBOAT ROCK

At the northwest edge of Steamboat Rock is located the Iowa River Improvement and Conservation Club. This 137-acre area is for public recreation, camping, snowmobiling, skiing, sleding, toboggoning and fishing. The club was estab-



Iowa River Improvement and Conservation Club

lished in 1956 and its facilities are open to the public seven days a week all year. A new lodge for members, a shower house for campers and a rope tow and warming house for winter sports enthusiasts are available. Memberships are available for the family.

Northwest of Steamboat Rock is the Pine Lake Saddle Club. Three acres are available for horseback riding, plus 160-acres of timbered area. There is a clubhouse for members and bleachers for the public to observe the horse shows. The saddle club was established in 1960.

UNION

The South Hardin Recreation Area was established in 1967 and is located at the northwest edge of Union. The 52-acre recreation area provides swimming and golfing during the sum-

mer months. Green fees are available for non-members at the nine-hole course that is open seven days a week. The clubhouse is open year long and is available for rent for special occasions. A library located in the clubhouse is open Monday through Friday - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



South Hardin Recreation Area

