

Springbrook Conservation Education Center

Rural Route 1, Box 53

Guthrie Center, Iowa 50015

Phones : Office - 515-747-8383

Pay Phone - 515-747-8648

Emergency - 515-747-3460

SPRINGBROOK

CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER



Purpose of the Center

The Conservation Education Center is devoted to teaching our society the important lessons of natural resource conservation. Owned and operated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the highest prioritized use of the Center is for teachers to receive training on conservation lessons which will be implemented in their classrooms. Successive priorities include meetings for the DNR, school and youth groups, conservation organizations, and any other group for educational purposes.



Your Use of the Center

Because of its popularity, use of the Center must be reserved, often as much as a year in advance. Nominal charges are assessed for Center use. Simply write or call to the address on the backside of this brochure and a full packet of instructions will be forwarded to you.

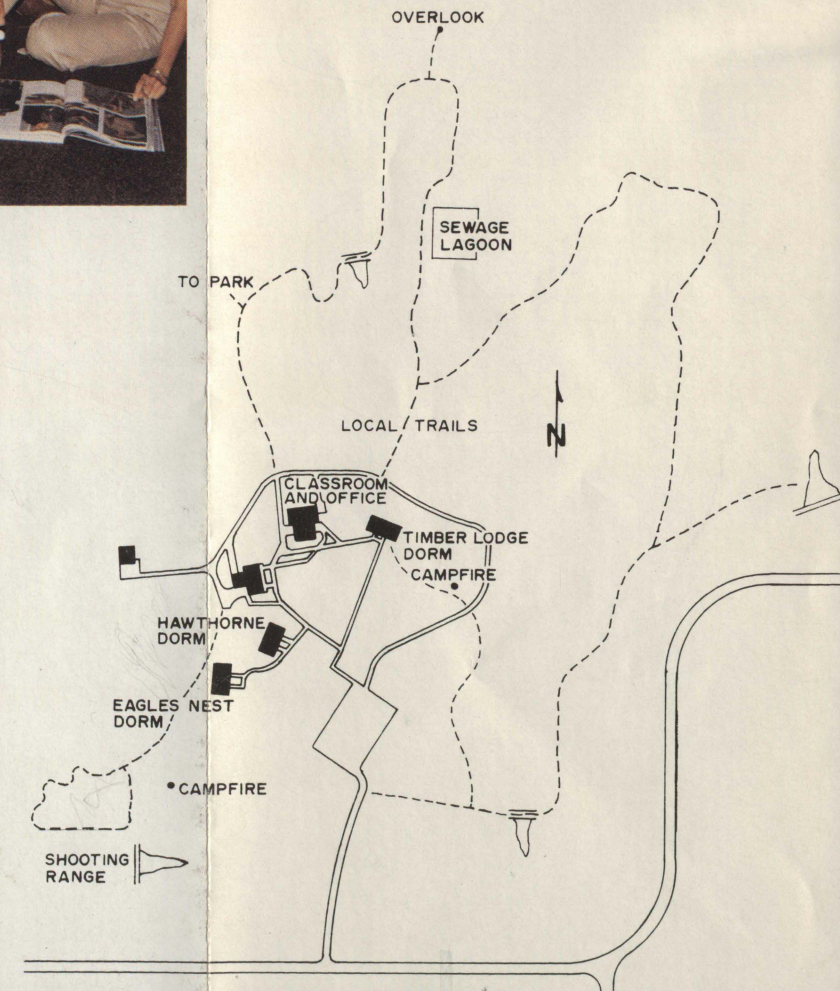
High quality meals at affordable prices are provided by a private concessionaire. Your instruction packet will contain a menu from which you may plan for meals of various price ranges so that your group will know the exact cost of their stay in advance. There is a **minimum group size of 20 for meals.**

A variety of educational programs are available at the Center. Teacher workshops are cosponsored with other groups throughout the year. College credit may be offered for these weekend or week-long sessions. The staff of the Center helps coordinate programs and activity schedules for visiting schools, youth, or conservation organizations. The staff may assist in leading up to one-half of the programs. A packet of activities with step-by-step directions is available to leaders.



Facilities

Located an hour's drive west of Des Moines, in the southeast corner of Springbrook State Park, in Guthrie County, the Center can accommodate up to 104 persons overnight in its modern dormitories, fully heated and air conditioned. All bedding, towels and soap are provided. The dining hall can seat 150 for meals and includes a classroom and display area in the basement. The classroom/office building offers two large classrooms, each seating up to 75, and a conservation library. The rooms are fully A/V equipped and offer downlink capability.





Springbrook Park

The diverse habitats of the park are extremely beneficial both for educational and recreational pursuits. Abounding in wildlife, the 800-acre park consists of rolling hills of oak-hickory forests interspersed with prairie plots and dissected by streams. Several ponds and a 14-acre lake, edged by a marsh, provide good fishing. Wild turkey and deer seem to know they are safe within the park and appear less wary than those you might encounter elsewhere. The park ranger and his staff, separate from the Center staff, care for most of the park area which also includes camping sites, family and group cabins and a supervised beach for swimming. All state park rules apply throughout the park.

