



Pollinator Promenade

JULY 3 - JULY 23, 2026



1. Between July 3 & July 23, visit five Johnson County Conservation Parks. Follow the directions on the activity maps below to discover a total of eight Pollinator Promenade stations.
2. Follow the clues at the Pollinator Promenade station to find a hidden and painted wooden mystery pollinator.
3. Take a selfie with the mystery pollinator you find! Share it on Facebook or Instagram by tagging #JCCPollinatorPromenade. Your account/post must be set to public
4. For each photo submission, you will be entered into a raffle for prizes! Correctly identify the pollinator at the station & earn an additional entry into the raffle!

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RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:

A \$50 gift certificate to the Forever Green Garden Center

A “Reforest” card game from Geek City Games

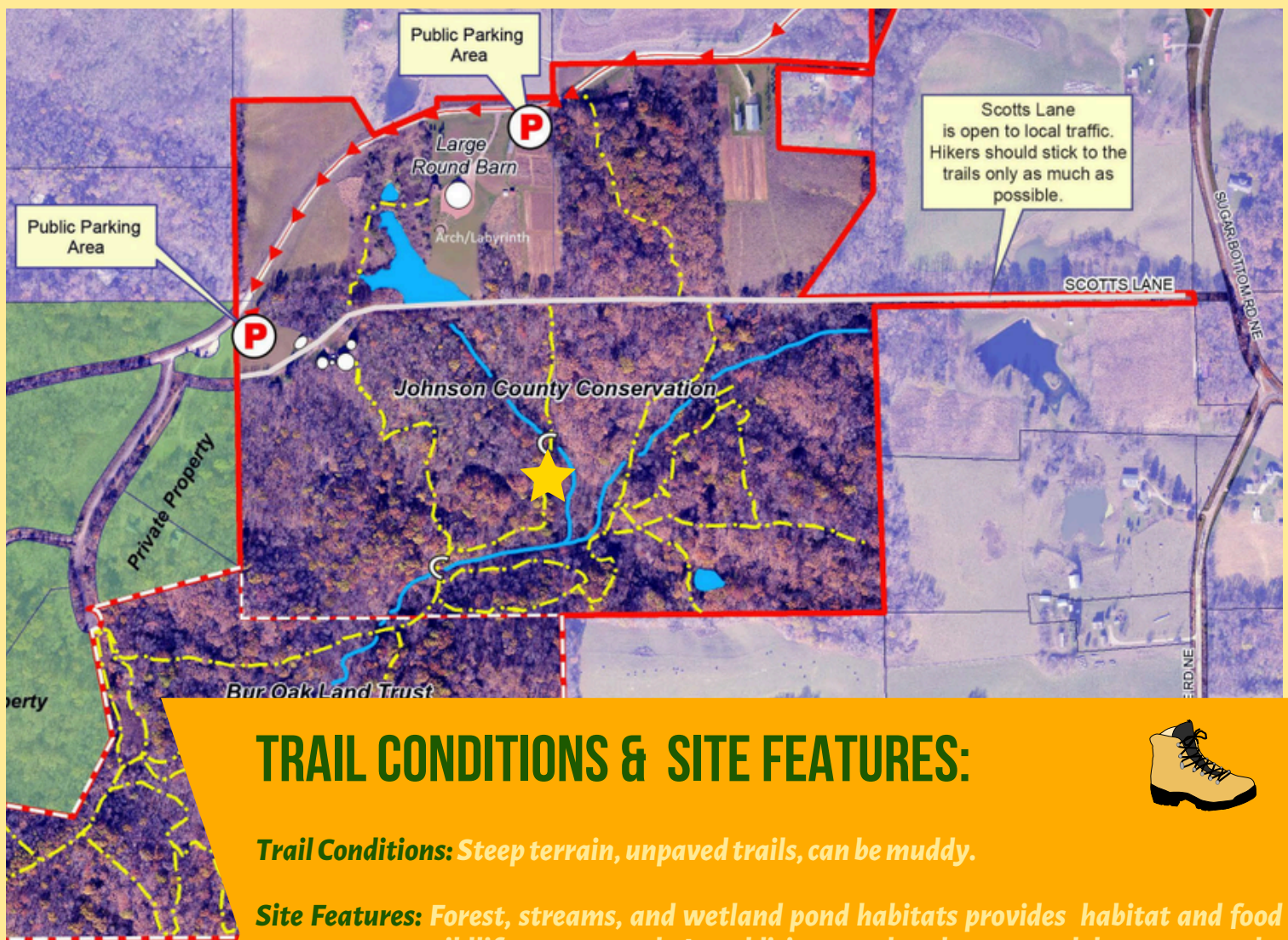
A jar of local honey from Noble Bee Honey

Winners drawn at JCC’s annual Moth Night on Friday, July 24 from 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM at F.W. Kent Park. You do not need to be present but it is sure to be fun!

CANGLESKA WAKAN - COVERED BRIDGE

4045 245th St NE, Solon, IA 52333

If open, park at the second (west) parking lot when traveling from Sugar Bottom Rd. From the west parking lot, walk southeast towards the buildings. You will carefully cross Scott's Lane, and heads towards the three round barns on the right. Behind the middle barn is a trail that takes you SE to a fossil-covered bridge. Instead of crossing the fossil bridge, turn left and walk until you find this station, located shortly before reaching the covered bridge. **Pro Tip:** The large round barn is a popular place to host events such as weddings in a gorgeous natural setting. Please be courteous of those celebrations as you explore the park.



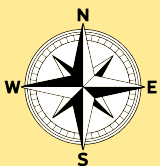
TRAIL CONDITIONS & SITE FEATURES:



Trail Conditions: Steep terrain, unpaved trails, can be muddy.

Site Features: Forest, streams, and wetland pond habitats provides habitat and food resources to wildlife year-round. In addition to the three round barns near the entrance, be sure to stop by the large Celebration Barn and check out the amphitheater, stone archway, and labyrinth located near the first public parking area.

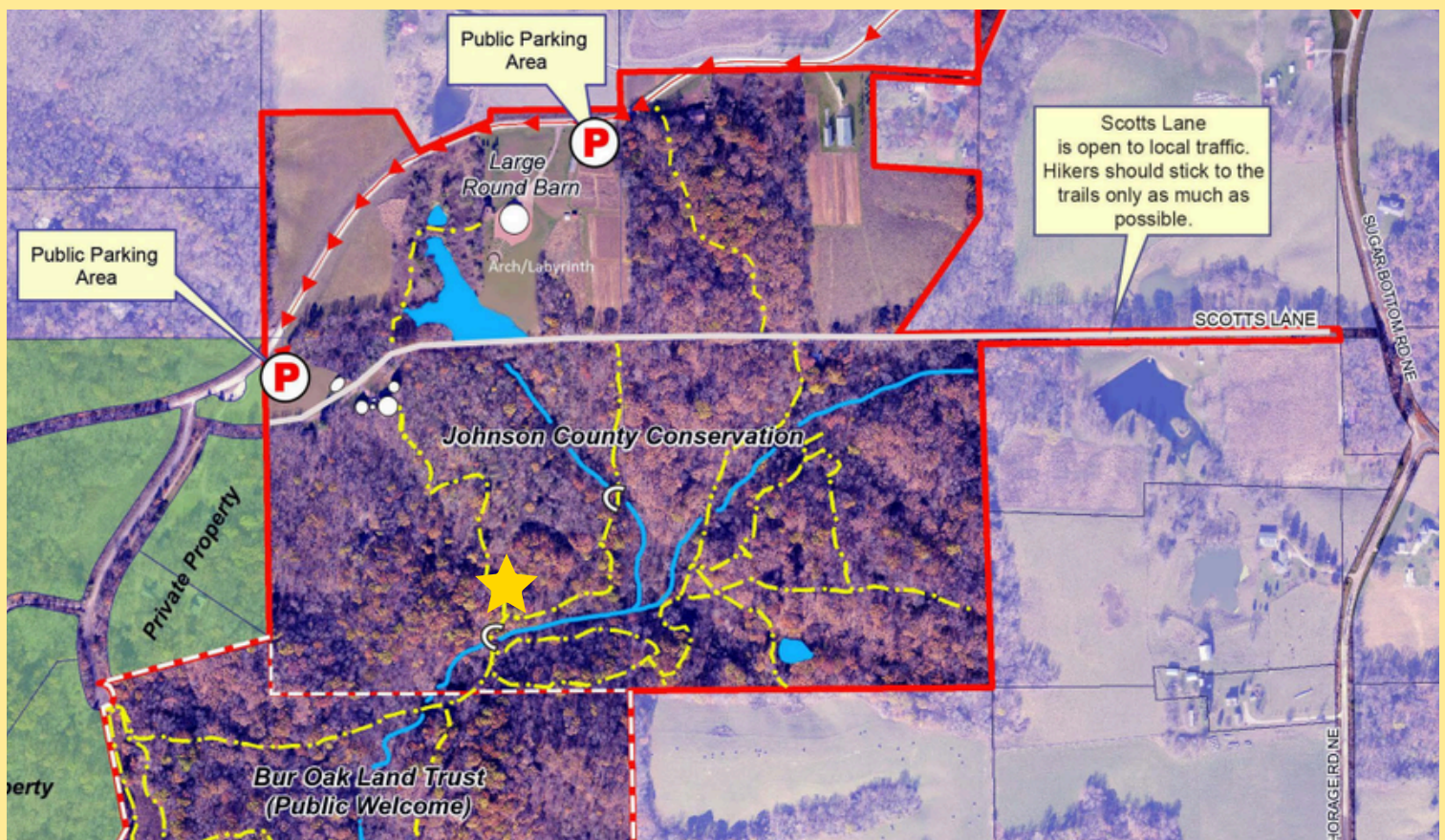
Parking: It is sometimes necessary to close the second parking lot if it becomes too muddy. If so, park at the first parking lot, go down the hill, & walk on Scott's Lane a short distance to the trailhead.



CANGLESKA WAKAN - FOSSIL BRIDGE

4045 245th St NE, Solon, IA 52333

If open, park at the second (west) parking lot when traveling from Sugar Bottom Rd. From the west parking lot, walk southeast towards the buildings. You will carefully cross Scott's Lane, and find one small barn on the left and three round barns on the right. Just past the barns is a small, steep trail that takes you SE to a fossil-covered bridge. Look for the Pollinator Promenade station nearby. **Pro Tip:** The large round barn is a popular place to host events such as weddings in a gorgeous natural setting. Please be courteous of those celebrations as you explore the park.



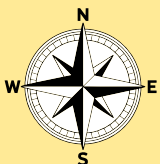
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CEDAR RIVER CROSSING - WEST

***North Access* 5473 Sutliff Rd NE Solon, IA 52333**

We recommend parking at the north access for this station. From the first parking lot (near restrooms), head west to follow the red dotted line on the map. This path along the border of the park will take you to the Pollinator Promenade station. Check the map sign near the restrooms to locate seasonal hiking trails that may give quicker access to this station. The seasonal trail is likely under water this time of year - so follow the red dots for the easiest hike!



TRAIL CONDITIONS & FEATURES:

Trail Conditions: The trail to the Pollinator Promenade station is flat & unpaved.

Site Features: Extend your visit by taking any number of other trails during your visit. This conservation area is 610 acres total and offers numerous opportunities for viewing wildlife in unique habitat, including relic sand prairie, river, and wetland habitats. Some sections are regularly muddy, so bring your boots!

CEDAR RIVER CROSSING - NORTH

***North Access* 5473 Sutliff Rd NE Solon, IA 52333**

We recommend parking at the north access for this station. From the second parking lot (closer to Sutliff Bridge) follow the yellow dotted line on the map, heading southwest, to find this Pollinator Promenade station. This area is full of wildflowers, Red-winged Blackbirds, and abundant insects. Bring your bug spray or mosquito nets, and prepare to see and hear all kinds of wildlife!



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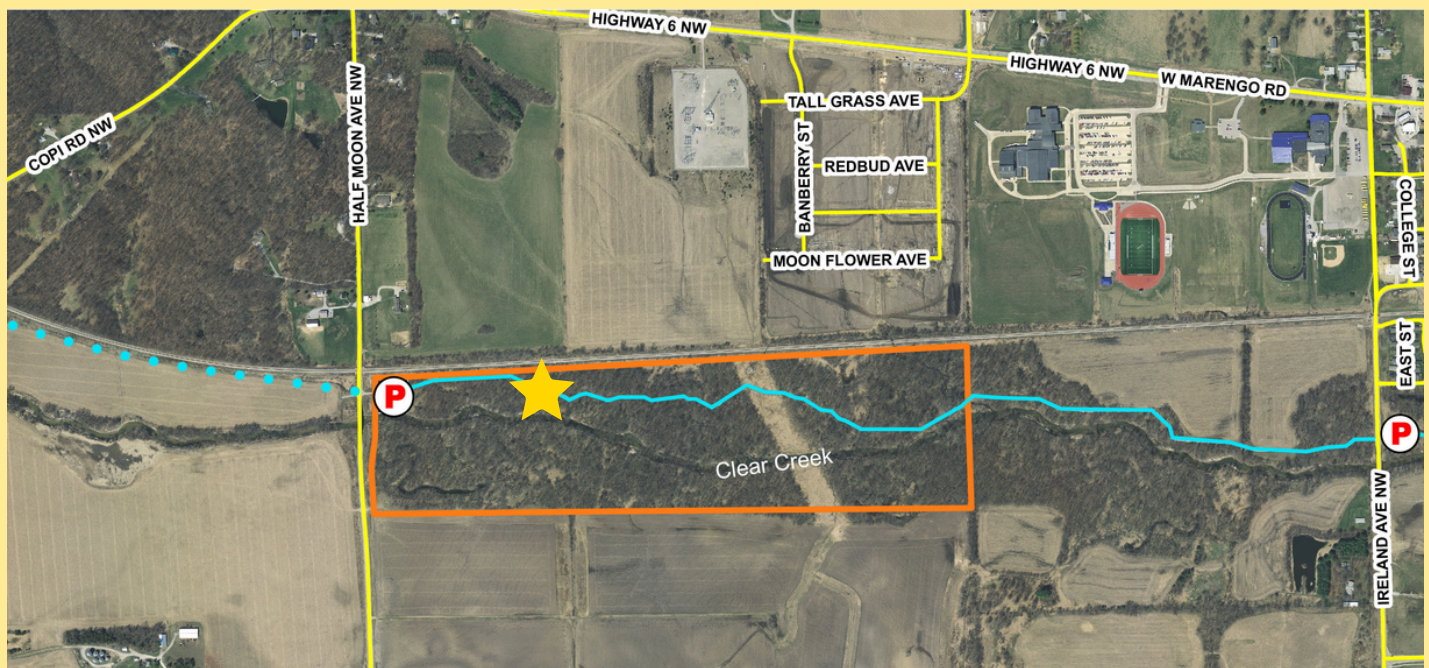
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CLEAR CREEK AREA & TRAIL

3196 Half Moon Avenue NW, Tiffin, IA 52340

Turn into the gravel parking lot off of Half Moon Ave. The trail is on the east side of the parking lot and leads towards the forest. A short, 0.15 mile hike will bring you to the Pollinator Promenade Station. **Pro Tip:** This conservation area also doubles as a bike path that continues beyond the boundary of the county park area. The bike trail currently extends to the I-80 overpass, and will one day connect F.W. Kent Park to the Iowa City Area.

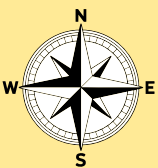


TRAIL CONDITIONS & SITE FEATURES:



Trail Conditions: Flat, paved trail, with some shaded and some sunny areas.

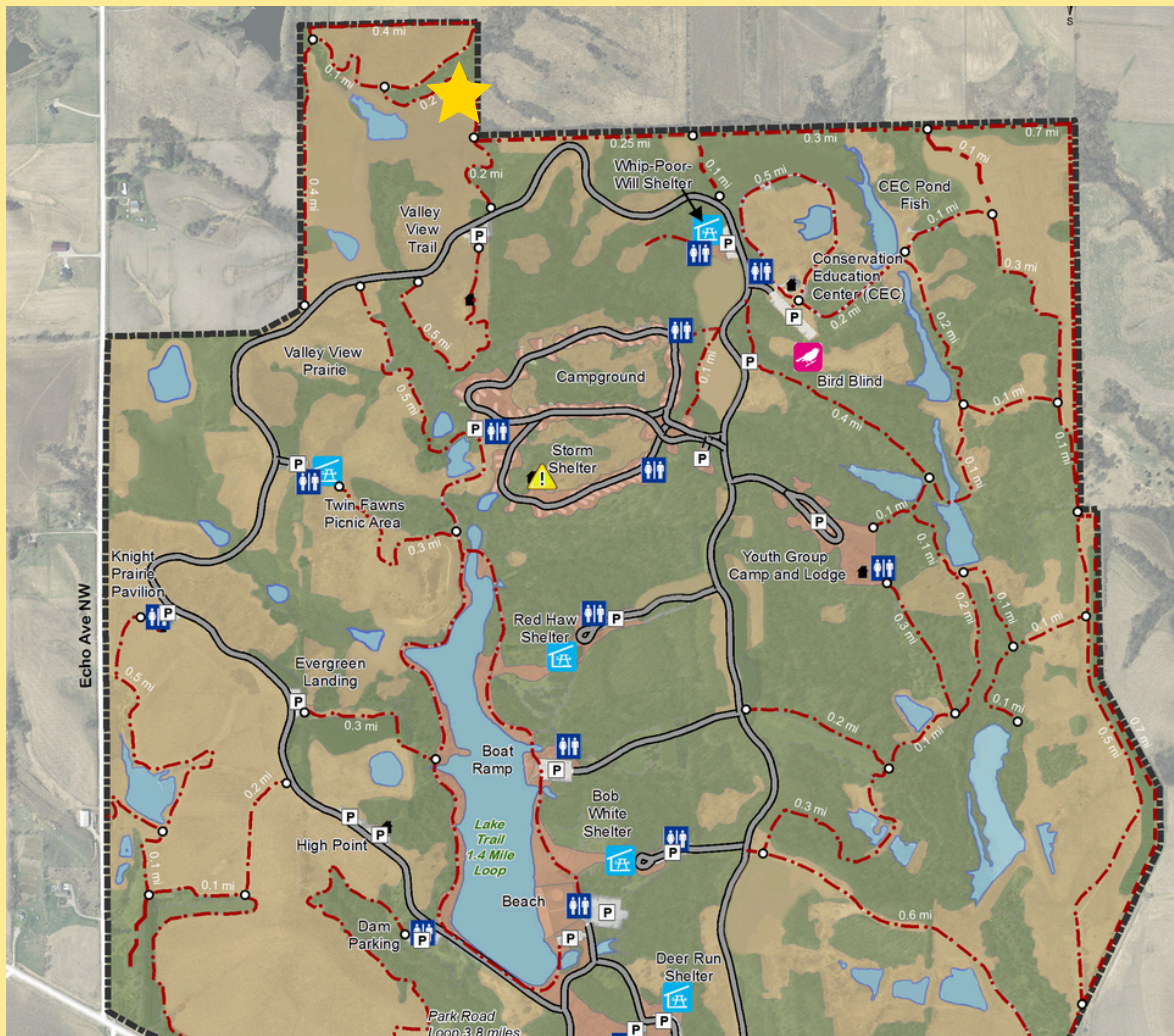
Site Features: The forest on this property is a high-quality riparian forest with numerous ephemeral wetlands and oxbow lakes. In the spring, an array of wildflowers can be found here.



F.W. KENT PARK - NORTH

2048 US-6 NW, Oxford, IA 52322

Park at the Valley View trailhead and cross the road. The trail first takes you north, with trees on your right and prairie on your left. After about a quarter-mile hike you will see the Pollinator Promenade Station nearby. **Pro Tip:** Continue the hike with a short loop that aligns with the northern park boundary, or keep heading west until you reach the trail on the western boundary. The wetlands in this spot are a great place for bird watching, and the prairie provides excellent habitat for pollinators of all kinds.



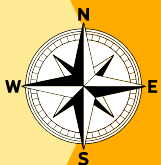
TRAIL CONDITIONS & SITE FEATURES:



Trail Conditions: Rugged terrain, unpaved trails, can be muddy.

Site Features: This hike features unique wetland, lake, and prairie habitat. When driving in to the park, please be mindful of ongoing construction near the campground.

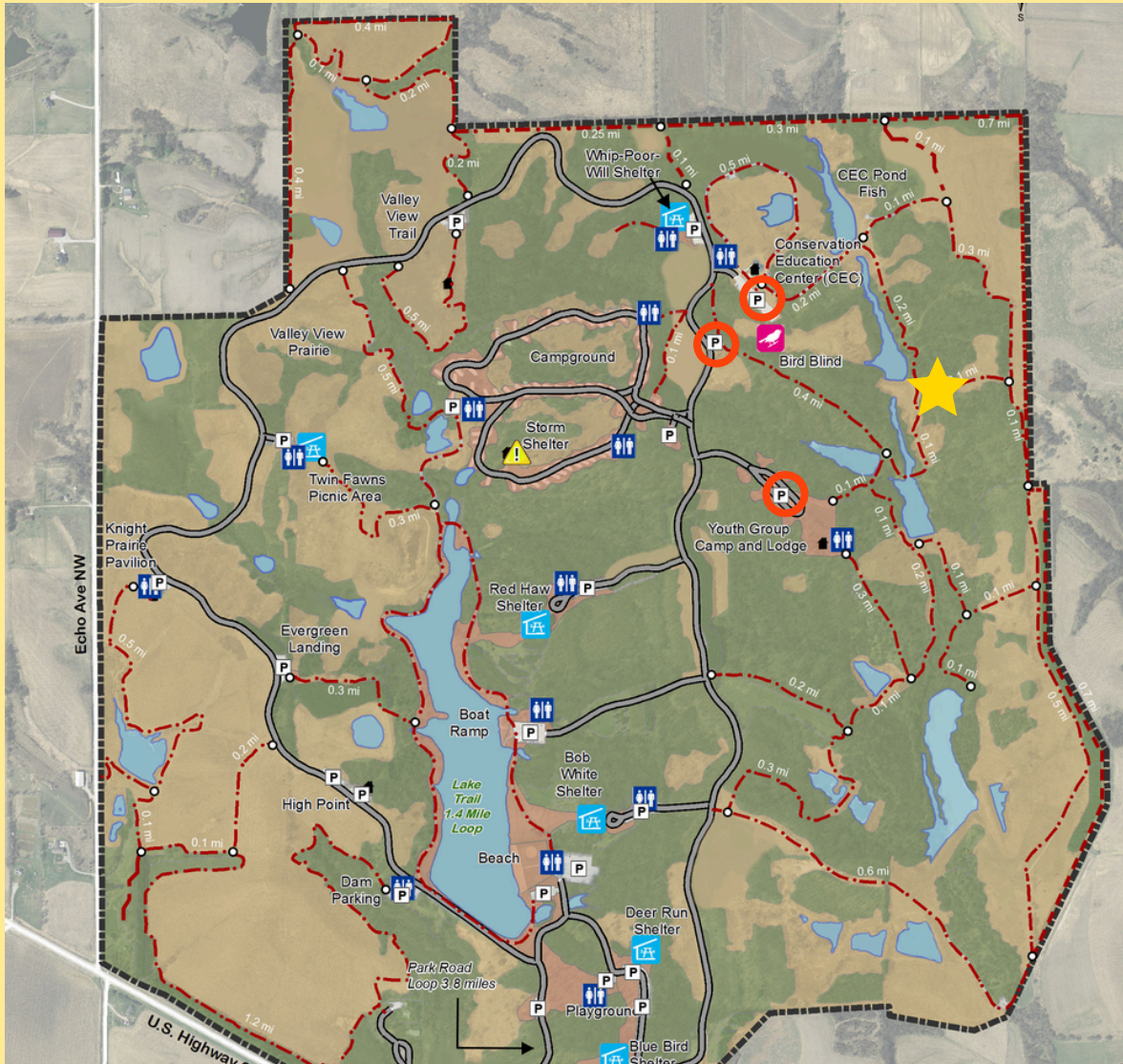
Parking: Parking is available at the Valley View trailhead across the road.



F.W. KENT PARK - EAST

2048 US-6 NW, Oxford, IA 52322

Multiple parking spots and routes are available to reach this Pollinator Promenade Station. Examine the map below to see which of the trails, marked by red dotted lines, you'd like to take. Finding this station can be a short promenade or a longer hike depending on the route you choose. **Pro Tip:** While you're here, check out the bird blind located near the Conservation Education Center parking lot.



TRAIL CONDITIONS & SITE FEATURES:



Trail Conditions: Some steep terrain, unpaved trails, can be muddy.

Site Features: This hike features unique wetland, lake, and prairie habitat. When driving in to the park, please be mindful of ongoing construction near the campground.

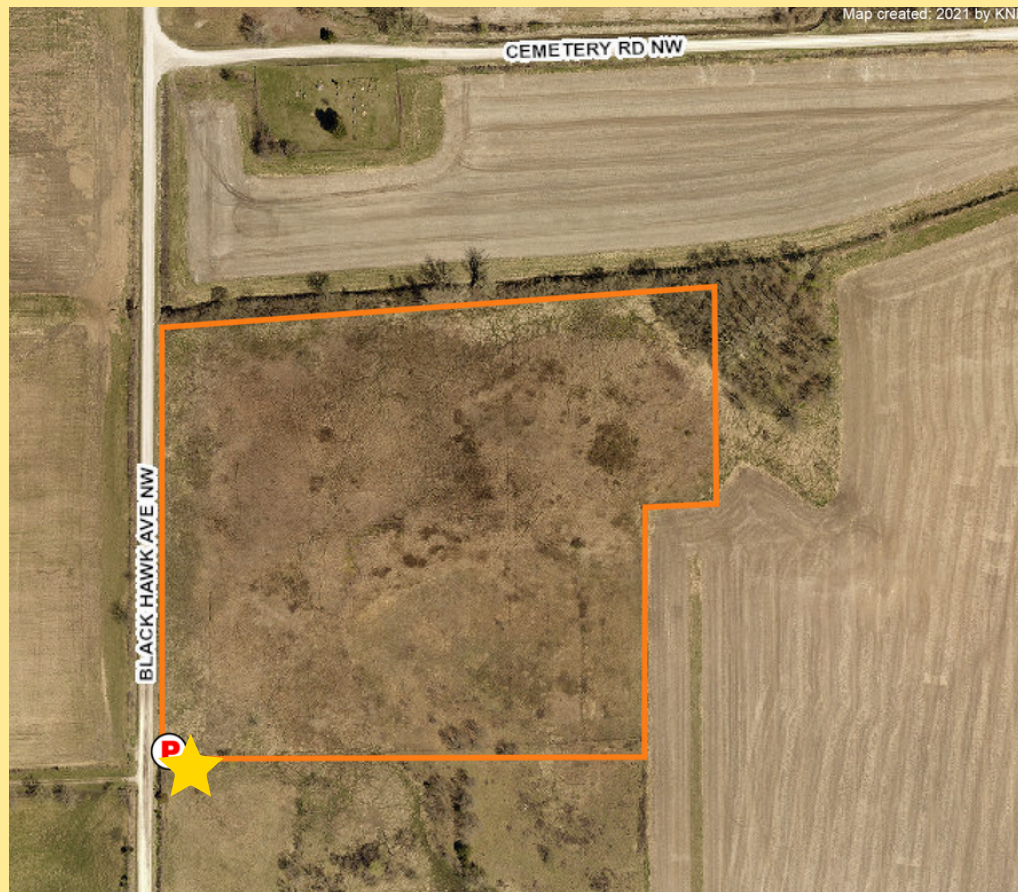
Parking: Parking is available at multiple locations denoted by the orange circles.



WILLIAMS PRAIRIE

Grabin Road NW, Oxford, IA 52322

This site has been protected habitat for pollinators for the past five decades! It was acquired by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 1973, and dedicated as a State Preserve in 1976. Johnson County Conservation worked with TNC to manage the property until the property was deeded to JCC in 2013. See directions below for parking info. Williams Prairie is rugged and has no regularly maintained trails, so bring your adventurous spirit along on your search for the mystery pollinator.



TRAIL CONDITIONS & SITE FEATURES:



Trail Conditions: *Unpaved and possibly unmowed trails, rugged terrain, little to no shade.*

Site Features: *This site is classified as a wet sedge meadow, containing over 300 vascular plant species! Because the landscape is wet much of the year, this area has never been tilled. It's also why trails are not regularly maintained on this property, which is open for hiking year-round.*

Parking: *From the State Highway 109 and Highway 6 intersection go north on Old Highway (F28) for about .7 mile. Bear right onto Cemetery Road NW for about .8 mile. Turn left (west) onto Grabin Road NW. Proceed another 1.1 miles to Black Hawk Avenue NW and turn right (north). The entrance to the Williams Prairie will be on your right hand side (east).*

