

Lee County Conservation Board offers many opportunities at various locations for families and friends to get together. The many parks located in Lee County have shelter houses that are used often for families and friends for birthday parties, holiday events as Father's Day or Mother's Day, or even the annual family reunion. There are 10 areas that offer shelter houses that are first come, first serve or can be reserved. 5 of these areas are **Pollmiller Park, Wilson Lake, Chatfield Park, Trumpeter Marsh,** and the **Denning Conservation Area.**

**Pollmiller Park** is located just outside the city limits of the town of West Point and offers 2 locations for larger get-togethers. One location has a shelter house while the other has a large shady area.

**Wilson Lake** is located between Donnellson and Fort Madison, just off of highway 2. While traveling along highway 2 look for Golden Road. Turn north onto Golden Road for a short .5 mile then turn west and stay on the hard surface road until you arrive at the park on the north side of 220<sup>th</sup> Street. As with Pollmiller Park, Wilson Lake offers many areas that you can use as picnic areas for a simple stop and eat lunch or you can use 1 of the 3 shelter houses.

**Chatfield Park** located near Keokuk or near the small community of Mooar (commonly known as Powdertown) has 3 shelter houses. This park is unique by having some of Iowa's original forestland. Though the trees may not be the largest in Iowa, a lot of them are between 100-180 years old!!!

**Trumpeter Marsh** (6 miles south of Fort Madison along the west side of Hwy 61) even has a shelter house. This location is great for those who love watching waterfowl while enjoying family and friends. Seasonally in the spring and the fall, thousands of ducks, geese and even many swans utilize this small piece of water. For the waterfowl enthusiast, there is not a better or easier place to view dozens of different species of birds. Last, but not least is the **Denning Conservation Area** located off of Hwy 218 near the town of Houghton. This area offers numerous wildlife viewing opportunities while hosts the largest playground of all Lee County Conservation areas.

Lee County Conservation also has shelter houses at **Charleston, Heron Bend, La Crew,** and **Linger Longer** roadside parks.

Along with enjoying nature and the parks, the shelter houses can be easily reserved ahead of time. Reservation rates vary and are \$20 & \$40 per day and are non-refundable. By simply calling the Lee County Conservation Board Office at (319) 463-7673, you can have an area reserved just in time for your next family reunion, birthday party, or holiday event.

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