

# STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Date: October 18, 2012 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center  
4500 Sioux River Road  
Sioux City, Iowa

Field trips: October 17

12:00 Noon, Gitchie Manitou State Preserve, Lyon County  
(meet at southeast entrance on Adams Avenue)

3:30 PM, Spirit Knoll property, Plymouth County

Field trips and business meeting are open to the public

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## ---Agenda Topics---

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1	<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Decision
2	<b>Approve Minutes of July 2012 Meeting</b>	Decision
3	<b>Gitchie Manitou State Preserve</b> – The Lyon County Historical Society sent a letter to the Department of Natural Resources expressing concern about the condition of Gitchie Manitou State Preserve due to vandalism, illicit use, and littering, suggesting some solutions including opening the preserve to vehicle traffic or improving the pathway with a hard surface, and asking to discuss these issues with the Preserves Board. The Board will tour this preserve during the field trip on the day before the business meeting.	Decision – Jim Zangger. Lyon County Historical Society
4	<b>Spirit Knoll</b> – A scenic, 168-acre area of Loess Hills land north of Sioux City with significant archaeological resources and native prairie remnants has been proposed as a new state preserve. Informally known as “Spirit Knoll”, it was acquired by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and recently transferred to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The Board will tour this site during the field trip on the day before the business meeting. A management plan is presently being drafted by DNR staff with assistance from the Office of the State Archaeologist and will be discussed during the business meeting.	Information – John Pearson
5	<b>Lamson Woods State Preserve</b> - The City of Fairfield and the Jefferson County Trail Council has completed a 16-mile multipurpose recreation trail looping around the city. The entire trail is off-road except for 0.8 mile of shared roadway called Mint Boulevard, which borders Lamson Woods State Preserve. The City and Trail Council would like to construct a trail adjacent to the existing roadway. For most of the 0.8 mile, the proposed trail can be constructed in the	Decision – Kent Rice, French-Reneker -Associates

	<p>existing road right-of-way. However for the creek crossing, a bridge is needed. The bridge and the bridge approaches will not fit within the existing road right-of-way. Mint Boulevard was relocated in the 1970's. The old roadbed and the old bridge still exist. The old roadbed and bridge are located in Lamson Woods State Preserve. The City and Trail Council would like to construct the trail on the old roadbed, use one of the existing bridge abutments, and replace the bridge. The trail would be in Lamson Woods for about 1,000 feet of the total 0.8 mile trail. We would therefore like to discuss the use of Lamson Woods for completing the loop trail around Fairfield.</p>	
6	<b>General Discussion</b>	
7	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Information