Let’s Go!
Outdoor Fun Five Minutes Away

FISH LOCAL

It’s time to get hooked on fishing in the Des Moines metro area with more than 70 lakes and ponds stocked with thousands of fish each year. That means no matter where you are, it’s just minutes away from relaxing, outdoor fun with friends and family. Grab your gear and “Fish Local” in central Iowa.
Altoona

ALTOONA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMPLEX
—behind the Altoona Public Library at 700 8th St. SW. Paved trail from the
library parking lot extends to Prairie Heritage Park, Civic Plaza and the
Enabling Garden (1050 1st Ave. South). Catch largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish
and black crappie.

CLAY POND—in the Clay Estates neighbor-
hood on the west side of 3rd Ave. SW near 35th St. SW; close to Clay Elemen-
tary (3200 1st Ave. South). Paved trail from 3rd Ave. SW. Catch largemouth
bass, bluegill and catfish. Picnic tables.

IRONWOOD POND—at the east end of
Stonegate Court SW near the intersec-
tion of 21st Street SW and 3rd Avenue
SW. Paved trail from 21st Street SW.
Venture a tad farther south on the trail
to a fun pirate-themed playground, Pi-
rate’s Cove Ironwood Park (2222 3rd Ave
SW). Catch largemouth bass, bluegill
and catfish.

Ankeny

HAWKEYE PARK POND—in Hawkeye
Park at 400 NW Lakeshore Drive. Paved
parking on the east and west sides of the
pond. Playground, shelter, ball fields,
icnic tables, portable bathrooms and
paved trails that connect to the nearby
Ankeny Miracle Park (210 NW School
Street). Catch largemouth bass, bluegill,
channel catfish and crappie.

GEORGETOWN PARK PONDS—in
Georgetown Park at the Corner of NW
Georgetown Boulevard and NW Ash
Drive, across from Ashland Ridge Elemen-
tary School (2600 NW Ash Drive). Paved
parking, playground, portable bathroom,
shelter, paved trails, picnic tables and
basketball court. Catch largemouth bass,
bluegill, channel catfish and crappie.

HILLSIDE PARK PONDS—in Hillside
Park at the corner of SE 20th Street and
SE Four Mile Drive. Dirt parking on the
east side of SE Four Mile Drive or parking
on SE Hillside Drive—take the paved
trail to the pond. Playground, portable
bathrooms and picnic tables. Catch
largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish
and crappie.

SAWGRASS PARK POND—in Sawgrass
Park at 2222 SW 36th Street. Paved
parking, portable bathrooms, pier, walk-
ing bridge, paved trail, playground and
shelter. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill,
channel catfish and crappie.

Bondurant

LAKE PETOCKA—on the northeast edge
of town at 320 Pleasant Street NE. Many
gravel parking lots. Modern restrooms,
playground, ball fields, shelter, picnic
tables, exercise equipment and paved
trail that connects to the Chichaqua
Valley Trail. Catch largemouth bass,
bluegill, crappie, channel catfish and
yellow perch. Trout stocked each fall
and winter.
Pleasant Hill

**COPPER CREEK**—in Copper Creek Lake Park at 4390 East University Avenue. Small paved parking lot, fishing pier, shelter, restrooms, picnic tables and paved trail. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish and hybrid striped bass.

**YELLOW BANKS POND**—6801 SE 32nd Avenue. Yellow Banks Park has ball diamonds, playground, shelters and boat ramp.

Polk City

**MARRINA COVE POND**—east of the corner of East Southside Drive and East Pine Ridge Drive. Paved trail to the lake off both streets. Playground nearby. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish.

**TWELVE OAKS POND**—east of East Southside Dr. in the Twelve Oaks neighborhood. Paved trail from East Southside Dr. will soon extend to Twelve Oaks Drive.

**BIG CREEK LAKE**—8794 NW 125th Ave. in Big Creek State Park. Paved trail, universally accessible fishing pier, shelters, playground and beach.

Waukee

**KETTLESTONE COMMONS PONDS**—on the east side of Grand Prairie Parkway near Ashworth Road in the Kettlestone Commons development. Trails and parking areas are being developed. Catch bluegill and largemouth bass.

**TALLGRASS POND**—on the east side of Grand Prairie Parkway near Ashworth Road in the Kettlestone Commons development. Parking areas are being developed. Stocked with bluegill and largemouth bass.

West Des Moines

**BLUE HERON LAKE**—in Raccoon River Park at 2500 Grand Avenue. Lots of parking options. ADA pier, boat ramp, nature lodge, picnic tables, paved trail, dog park and playground. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill and crappie along with river fish like white bass, suckers and carp.

**CITY POND**—behind the West Des Moines Public Library (4000 Mills Civic Parkway). Paved trail from the library or the West Des Moines City Hall. Close to Southwoods Park (350 S. 35th Street) with disc golf, picnic tables, trails and nature preserve. Catch largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill and channel catfish.

**PURPLE MARTIN LAKE**—in the newly opened Purple Martin Lake Water Resource Area at the west-end of Army Post Road. Near Walnut Woods State Park (3155 Walnut Woods Drive). Parking in gravel lots. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill and crappie along with river fish like white bass, suckers and carp.

Urbandale

**LAKEVIEW POND**—in Lakeview Park at 4212 Park Hill Circle. Paved trail from the Urbandale Middle School and surrounding neighborhoods. ADA pier, shelter, picnic tables and playground. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish.

**LAURA A. WARD POND**—in Laura A. Ward Park at 3900 NW Urbandale Drive. Paved parking, picnic tables and paved trail. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish.

**KOLLMOREN PARK POND**—in Kollmorgen Park at 16211 Tanglewood Drive. Paved trail from Tanglewood Drive or NW 164th Street. Playground, basketball court and picnic tables. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish.

**WALKER-JOHNSTON POND**—in Walker-Johnston Park at 9000 Douglas Avenue. Paved parking, ball fields, playground, ADA pier and bathrooms. Paved trail around the pond connects to the Urbandale Public Library and Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park and Garden. Catch largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish.