

UNIONVILLE MAP
CEDAR CREEK, CHARITON, THOUSAND ACRES MAP



The forest is named for the late Dr. T.C. Stephens, a prominent educator and native of Sioux City, Iowa. The forest, located in south central Iowa, is over 15,000 acres in size and is divided into seven separate management units.

Lucas Unit
 1,260 acres
 Whitebreast Unit
 3,519 acres
 Woodburn Unit
 2,098 acres
 Cedar Creek Unit
 1,937 acres
 Chariton Unit
 1,503 acres
 Thousand Acre Unit
 2,376 acres
 Unionville Unit
 2,448 acres

MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE FOREST

Stephens State Forest is actively managed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Forestry Bureau to provide timber resources, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. The primary mission of Iowa's state forests is to demonstrate sound forest management under the principles of multiple use and sustainability.

The forest is intensively managed by implementing timber stand improvement techniques; harvesting mature, diseased, or damaged trees; and planting tree seedlings. Regeneration of the native oak-hickory forest component is a major management emphasis.

Numerous grasslands and native prairie remnants on the forest are managed through periodic prescribed burning. About 850 acres are managed as agricultural land.

The forest is home to numerous wildlife species including deer, turkey, bobcat, quail, pheasant, squirrel, rabbit, and many songbird species. Diverse management insures habitat for all native species.

RECREATION ON THE STATE FOREST

HUNTING AND FISHING

The entire forest (except the campgrounds) is open to public hunting and provides excellent hunting opportunities for many species, especially deer and turkey. There are four large ponds stocked with bluegill, largemouth bass, and catfish. Consult DNR regulations for seasons, limits, and other rules.



TRAILS

Most of the recreational development is located on the Lucas, Whitebreast, and Woodburn Units. There are over 30 miles of trails that are designated for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and/or snowmobiling. **Motorized vehicles are prohibited on all trails.** The Woodburn Unit has trails designated exclusively for backpacking with pack-in camp sites.



CAMPING

Camping opportunities are located in the Lucas, Whitebreast, and Woodburn Units. There are 75 non-modern campsites that are open year-round and will accommodate tents, trailers, and RVs. Of these campsites, 42 are equestrian sites. Reservations can be made by calling 877-IAPARKS or at www.reserveiaparks.com. No overflow camping is permitted. There are picnic tables and fire rings available for each campsite. Pit latrines and water hydrants are available at most campgrounds. There are also five pack-in campsites on the Woodburn backpack trail system; these sites are first-come, first-serve only and do not have a fee. Please use local firewood to decrease the chance of spreading potentially harmful insects and disease. Campgrounds are administered by the State Parks Bureau and a self-registration fee is charged. Please call 641-774-5632 for more information.

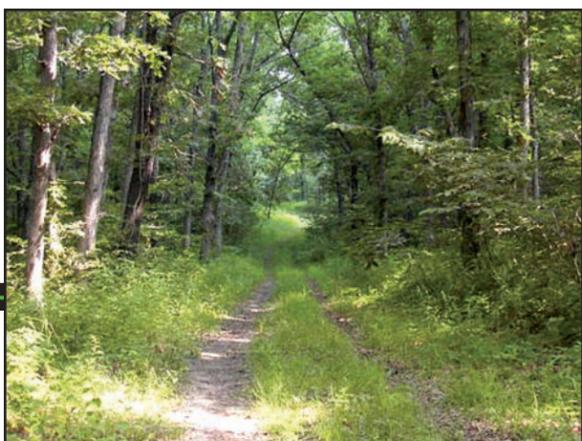
NEARBY POINTS OF INTEREST

- Lake Rathbun
- Pin Oak Marsh
- Soap Creek Wildlife Areas
- Cinder Path
- Sedan Bottoms

MODERN CAMPING

- Red Haw State Park 641-774-5632
- Honey Creek State Park 641-724-3739
- Lake Wapello State Park 641-722-3371
- Honey Creek Resort 877-677-3344

Maps and additional information are also available at www.iowadnr.gov/Destinations/StateForests/.



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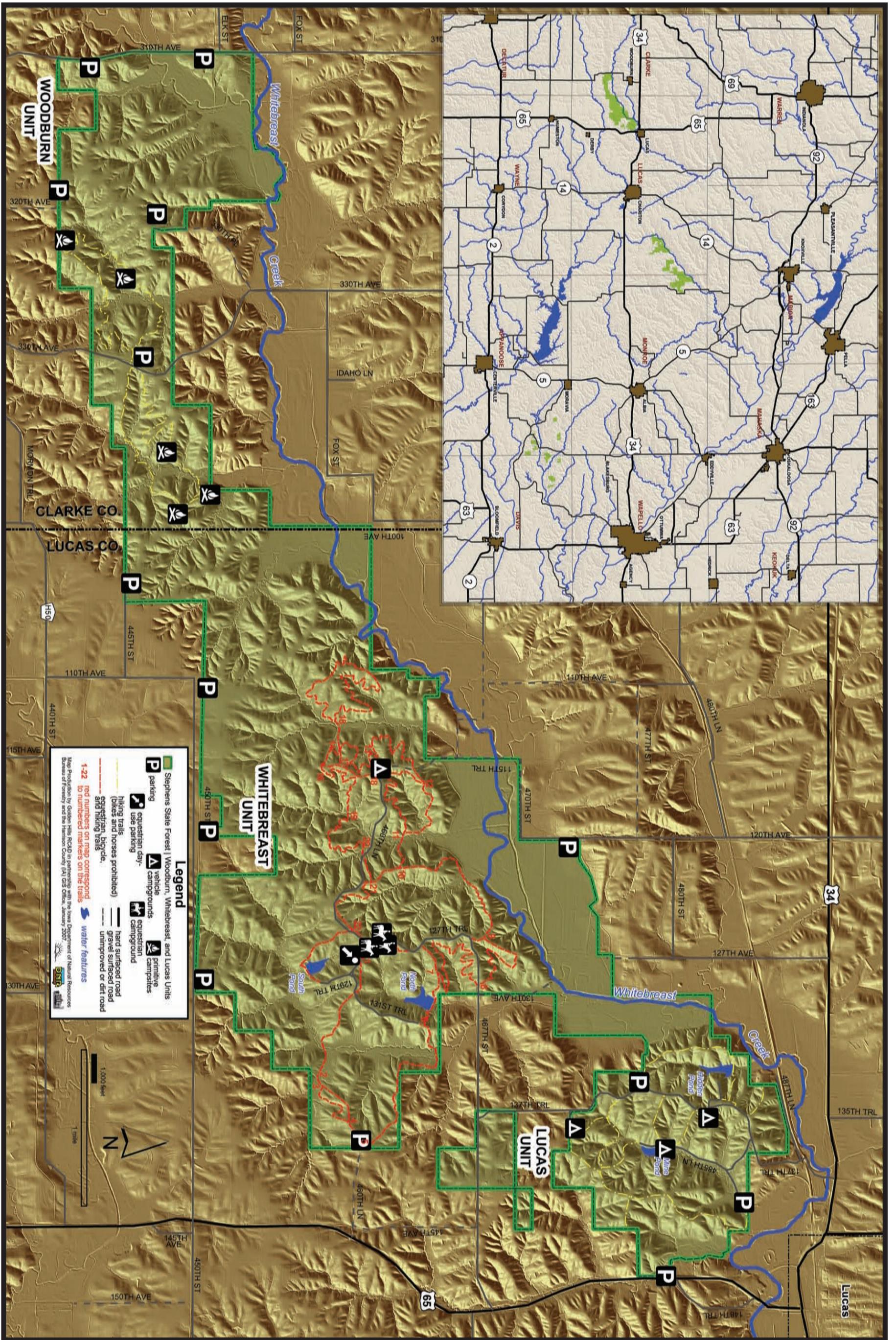
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WOODBURN, WHITEBREAST, LUCAS MAP

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Legend

- Stephens State Forest | Woodburn, Whitebreast, and Lucas Units
- P parking
- use parking
- equestrian day-use parking
- hiking trails (bikes and horses prohibited)
- equestrian, bicycle, and hiking trails
- red numbers on map correspond to numbered markers on the trails
- water features
- hard surfaced road
- gravel surfaced road
- unimproved or dirt road
- campgrounds
- equestrian campgrounds
- primitive campsites
- vehicle campgrounds

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Scale: 1,000 feet / 1 mile

North Arrow