



GET TO KNOW US!

Whiterock Conservancy is a non-profit land trust dedicated to conserving and restoring natural lands along the Middle Raccoon River, practicing sustainable agriculture and opening the land to the public for recreation and education.

Whiterock Conservancy offers:

- Approximately 5,500 acres of land containing native and restored prairies, savanna, forests, rare wetland seeps, pastures, row crop land and river valley
- Over 40 miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians
- Canoeing and kayaking on the Middle Raccoon River
- 5 houses, 3 campgrounds, and one primitive cabin available for overnight stays
- Meeting and event facilities, including the River House Party Barn
- Some of the darkest skies for star gazing in Iowa

Whiterock Conservancy is located in West Central Iowa near Coon Rapids just over an hour from Des Moines and an hour and a half from Omaha, Nebraska.

Your donations assist with the ongoing needs of caring for this land and protecting the history of this place. Whiterock Conservancy is a non-profit and receives no operating support from state or federal sources. Please consider making a donation by mail or on the website.

For Booking and Inquiries

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FISHING

**PUBLIC
FISHING**

**12
fishing
ponds**



**HISTORIC
&
LOCAL**

**EST.
1955**



**HAVE
FUN!**



Plan a purely Iowan NATURE BASED EXPERIENCE

For anglers and lovers of the great outdoors!

Whiterock Conservancy proudly offers public fishing in local ponds that were opened to the public by the Garst Family in the 1950s. The first ponds were opened at the Home Farm in 1955 with more added over several decades. Please help us maintain these local resources well into the future – pack out trash and tangled fishing line.

The Garst Historic Farmstead ponds have been restocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, walleye, and yellow perch through a partnership with Timothy O. Lee, who is a grandson of Roswell and Elizabeth Garst. He has wonderful memories of fishing the ponds as a child and has helped to restore this community resource. His efforts kicked off the restoration of the Garst Historic Farmstead Ponds Project.

Currently, Whiterock offers access to 12 fishing ponds around the Conservancy.

Fishing ponds continue to be restocked to increase fish size, and to increase the resiliency of the ponds. This helps maintain a healthy population to ensure quality fishing in the future.

KEEP IN MIND...

Total fish length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with the fish laid flat, mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together.

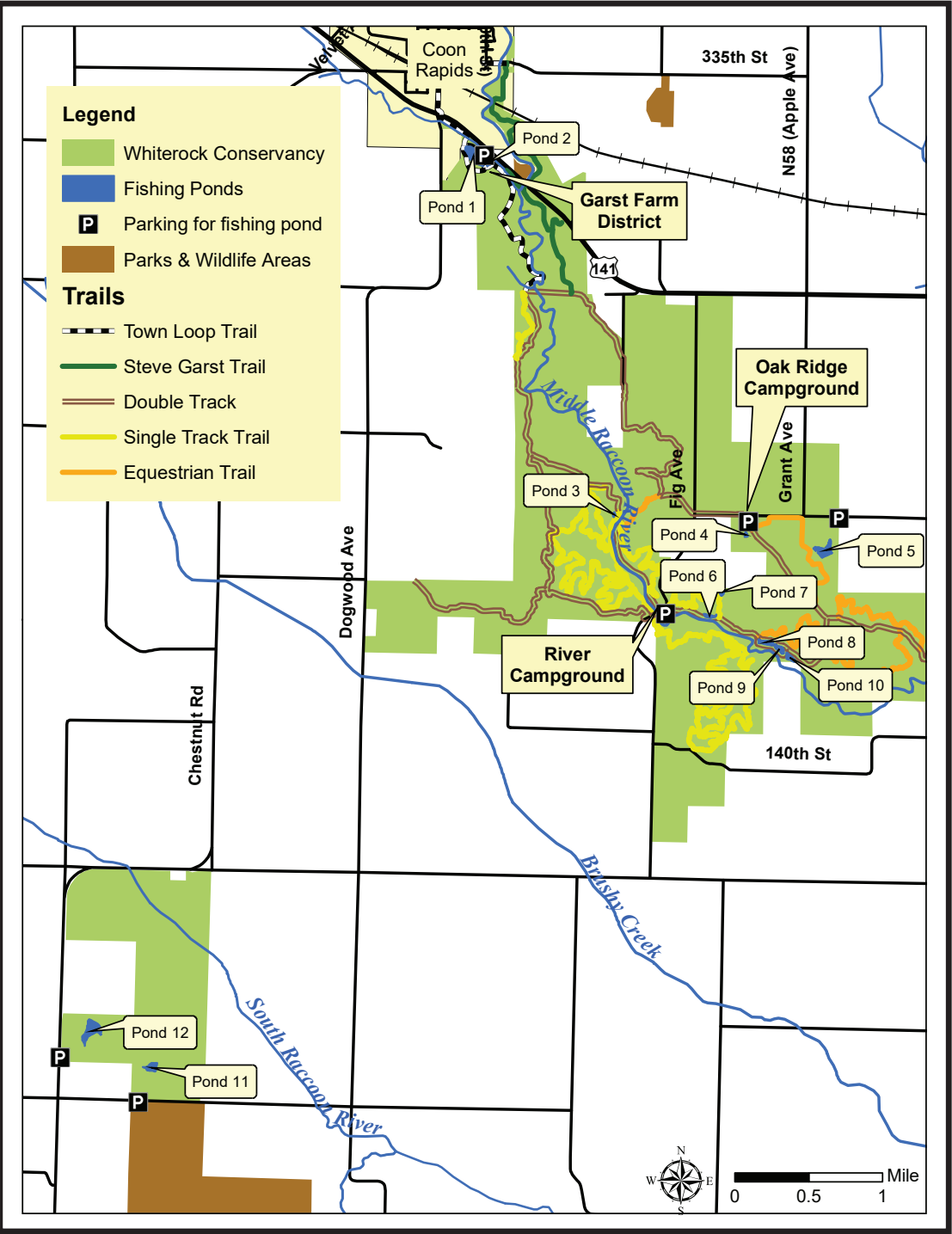
**CAMPING
&
LODGING**

**RUSTIC
SIMPLE
& LOADS OF
CHARM**

**views of a
starlit
sky**



LETS GO FISHING



THE PONDS

1 & 2 - Park at the ponds off Hwy 141, entrance at 1390 Highway 141; stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, walleye, northern pike, and channel catfish.

3 - Located at the 805 River Cabin. Park at the River Campground and walk the Riverside Trail West. (Horses and Gators must use Main Loop Trail and 805 Spur Trail.); stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, and black crappie.

4 - Park at the Oak Ridge Campground. Use the pedestrian gate 30 yards to the east of the trailhead and continue over the hill; stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish.

5 - Park on the south side of 125th St. just east of Grant Ave. - DO NOT BLOCK GATE - walk in to the pond on the Bobolink Trail; stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish.

6 - 10 - Park in the River Campground and take the Main Loop Trail heading east; all stocked with largemouth bass and bluegill. Pond 7 is accessed via the Pond Hopper Trail and also has black crappie.

11 - Park in the DNR parking lot for Elk Grove WMA on 150th St., Cross the road and cross the double-red gates. Proceed downhill for about 200 yards (barbed-wire fence to your left) and the pond will be on your right at the bottom of the hill; stocked with largemouth bass and bluegill.

12 - Park at gate off Chestnut Rd. pedestrian gate with fishing regulation sign is visible. - DO NOT BLOCK GATE-The pond is east of the gate (straight downhill from the pedestrian gate); stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Fishing Licenses are required in Iowa for anyone over the age of 16 and can be purchased locally at Hardware Hank (Main St. in Coon Rapids) or Sparky's One Stop Shop (Bayard).

Bait: Hardware Hank and Kimmes Country Store (Coon Rapids) and Sparky's One Stop (Bayard) carry worms.

Bait Dumping: It is against the law to dump bait in Iowa lakes, rivers or streams. Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. If keeping bait, you must exchange water in the bait buckets with tap or bottled water before leaving any waterbody to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Prohibited Stocking: You may not stock or introduce any live fish, except for hooked bait, into waters without permission.

Report all fishing violations.
Call 1-800-532-2020.
You can remain anonymous.

