



GREATER BURLINGTON, *naturally*



TRAILS

Discover miles of trails across Des Moines County, ideal for hikers and bikers of all ages and activity levels

PARKS

Explore the parks, preserves, and outdoor spaces fit for family picnics and weekend getaways

CAMPING

Whether by tent, camper, RV, or cabin, enjoy your stay in the great(er) outdoors in Greater Burlington

Explore **GREATER BURLINGTON**

Discover the trails and waterways enjoyed by thousands of visitors to Southeast Iowa each year

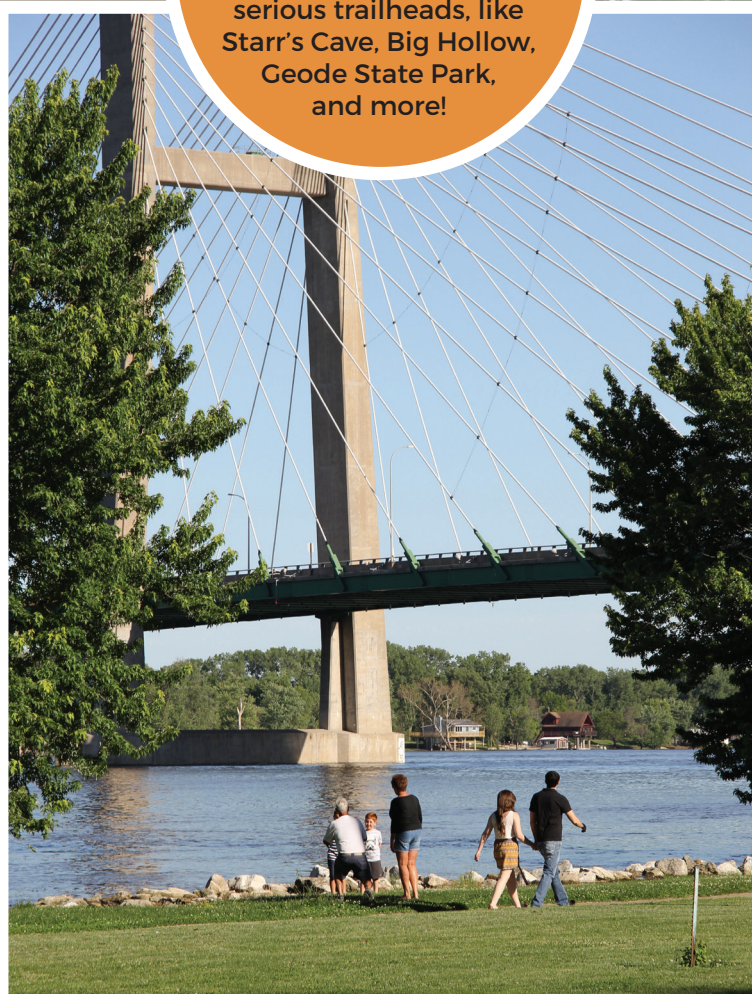


Endless destinations for serious trailheads, like Starr's Cave, Big Hollow, Geode State Park, and more!

Hiking & Biking Trails for Miles

There's something genuinely refreshing about getting outside in Greater Burlington, where the trails and green spaces feel made for people who just want to slow down and breathe. The Flint River Trail is a perfect example - a smooth, winding path, moving through quiet stretches that have a way of easing your mind before you even realize it. Big Hollow Recreation Area has that same unhurried quality, with room to wander and trails that invite you to follow your curiosity without any particular agenda.

For those who prefer a little more grit underfoot, Starr's Cave Park & Preserve delivers something special. Wooded paths wind past limestone formations and climb toward views that feel well-earned, making it a favorite for hikers who like a trail with some character. Taken together, these places reflect what outdoor life in Greater Burlington is really about: finding a corner of the natural world that fits the kind of day you're looking for, whether that's a leisurely ride along the river or a hike that leaves you genuinely glad you went.



Boating & Fishing

Enjoy the Water at Your Own Pace

Few things beat the feeling of pushing off from shore into still water, and the lakes at Big Hollow Recreation Area and Geode State Park are exactly the kind of places that make you remember why. Whether you're paddling a canoe, gliding along in a kayak, or easing out in a small boat, the calm water and surrounding scenery have a way of making the rest of the world feel very far away. And when you're ready for something bigger, the Mississippi River is right there, accessible from the downtown riverfront, Sullivan Slough, Tama Beach, and several

other spots that put you face to face with one of the country's great waterways.

Anglers will find plenty to love here, too. The lakes at Big Hollow and Geode State Park are the kind of quiet, unhurried spots where a morning of fishing feels less like a hobby and more like a proper reset. Beyond those, places like Lukenbill Woods, Edgewater Beach, and the 4th Pumping Station are just a few on a list of fishing destinations that gives you good reason to keep the tackle box packed and the calendar flexible.



Ideal spots for boating and fishing, including Sullivan Slough, Tama Beach, 4th Pumping Station, and more!



Start your Greater Burlington Outdoor Adventure Today!

Parks and Recreation Areas



Campgrounds and RV Parks



Where to Go

Hiking & Biking

Crapo Park
Dankwardt Park
Riverside Park
Big Hollow Recreation Area
Starr's Cave Park & Preserve
Linder Conservation Area
Hickory Bend Recreation Area
Lukenbill Woods
Hunt Woods
Leopold Recreation Area

Hunting

Big Hollow Recreation Area
Linder Conservation Area
Hickory Bend Recreation Area
Hunt Woods
Sullivan Slough
Leopold Recreation Area

Boat Access

Mississippi River

Mississippi Riverfront
Sullivan Slough
Hawkeye Dolbee
Tama Beach
Casey Barrow
Edgewater Beach

Other

Big Hollow Recreation Area
4th Pumping Station
Welter Recreation Area
Geode State Park

Fishing

Riverside Park
Big Hollow Recreation Area
Linder Conservation Area
Lukenbill Woods
Kevin J. Gahn Memorial Recreation Area
Sullivan Slough
Hawkeye Dolbee
Tama Beach
Casey Barrow
Edgewater Beach
4th Pumping Station
Leopold Recreation Area
Welter Recreation Area
Geode State Park

Swimming

Community Park
Big Hollow Recreation Area, Sperry
Geode State Park, Danville

Picnic Areas

Mosquito Park
Nancy Neafie Park
Big Hollow Recreation Area
Starr's Cave Park & Preserve
Hunt Woods
Kevin J. Gahn Memorial Recreation Area
Chautauqua Park
Casey Barrow
Waters Roadside Park
4th Pumping Station
Welter Recreation Area
Geode State Park

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Parks List & Directions