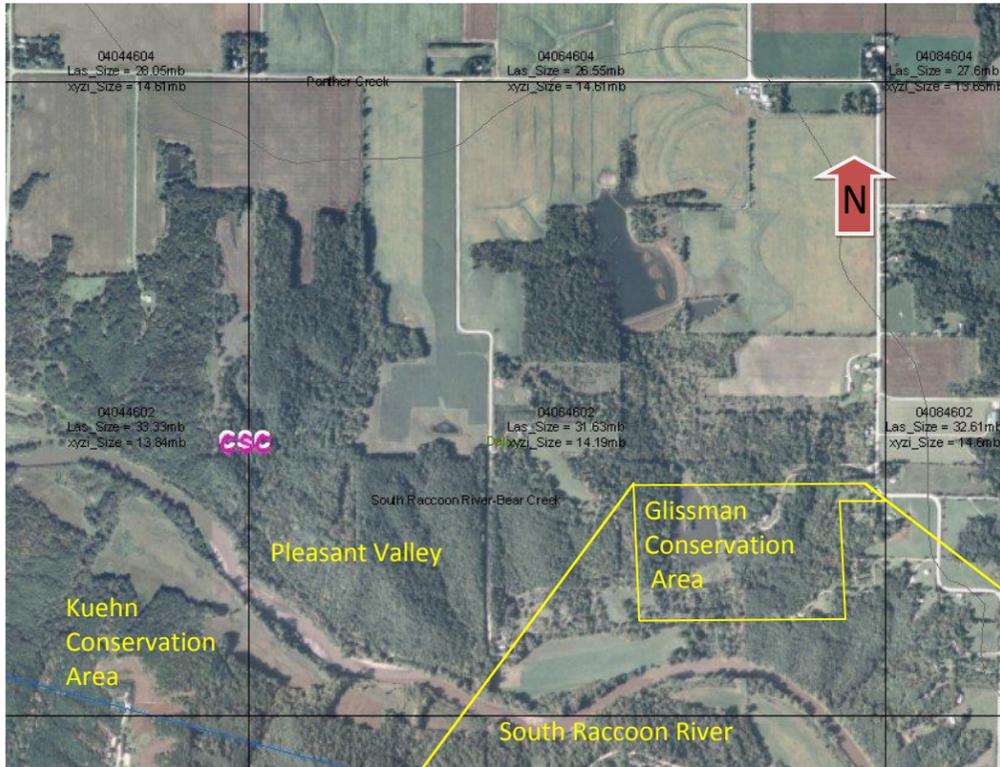


Welcome to Glissman Conservation Area

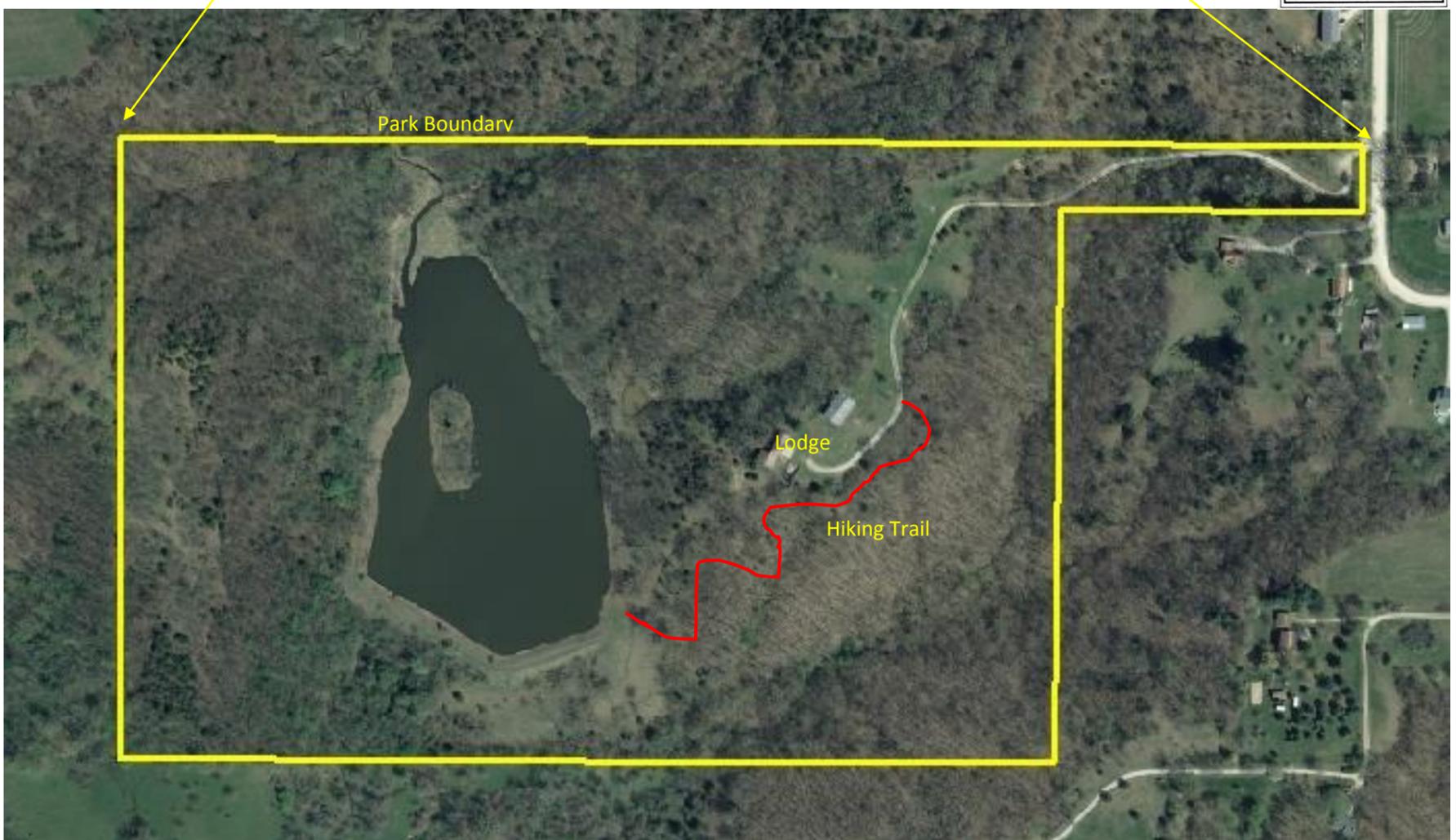


Located in the heart of the Raccoon River greenbelt, this 62 acre park and lodge were donated to the Dallas County Conservation Board in 1991 by Hans Glissman. The park includes about 52 acres of oak and hickory timber, a 7.5 acre pond, about 2.5 acres of grassland and forest edge and a 3 bedroom rentable lodge.

Access is restricted to walk-ins, except during events or if you rent the lodge. Activities at Glissman include hiking, fishing (a license is required), and wildlife watching.



Please respect private property and stay within park boundaries. Call 515.465.3577 to reserve lodge.



Other things to do in the area -

Less than 1 mile to the west of Glissman Conservation Area as the crow flies is **Pleasant Valley**. This Iowa DNR wildlife management area has 140 acres of timber. It includes a parking area, access to the South Raccoon River and seasonally appropriate hunting of squirrel, turkey and deer. To get there, turn left at the entrance to Glissman. Follow Panther Creek Road north, turning west at the bend. Stay on this road (315th St.) for around 1 mile to Indian Trail. Turn left (south) and follow Indian Trail about 1 mile to its end in Pleasant Valley.

Across the river from Pleasant Valley is **the Kuehn Conservation Area**. Covering over 800 acres, it is the largest tract of land managed by the Dallas County Conservation Board. It features an education building, primitive camping areas, hiking trails through forest, prairie and along creeks, and hunting in marked areas. To get there, turn left at the entrance to Glissman. Follow Panther Creek Road north, turning left (west) at the bend and then right about .5 miles later. Follow Panther Creek road north until it intersects with Highway 6. Turn left (west). Look for brown arrowhead signs to direct you to the Kuehn Conservation Area.



If you are interested in an easy 3 mile canoe/kayak float on the Raccoon River, put in at the carry down access at Pleasant Valley. You'll float past Glissman Conservation Area on your way to the carry down pull out at the Earlham Bridge (L Ave.).

Possible sightings

Shagbark Hickory



Oak (many varieties)



Spring Wildflowers



Hepatica



Spring Beauty



Dutchman's Breeches



Bloodroot



Trillium

Fish



Bluegill ↑



Redear sunfish ↑



Crappie ↑

Channel Catfish ↓



Largemouth bass ↓



In addition to cardinals, robins, sparrows, wrens, and bluejays, look for wild turkey, indigo buntings, northern orioles, belted kingfishers, rose-breasted grosbeaks and perhaps even a pileated woodpecker!

← pileated woodpecker

Birds

belted kingfisher →

