

### **Current Project:**

Forest City Chamber of Commerce is working with Winnebago County to designate 25 miles of the Winnebago River as a River Water Trail. Once completed, the water trail will have designated low-impact entry points, signage and kiosks providing information about the river. Estimated time of completion will be Fall 2009. Please contact the Forest City Chamber of Commerce for additional information and updates.

*Contact information for places listed in brochure:*

*Pilot Knob State Park:*

*Tel# 650-581-4835*

*Email: pilot\_knob@dnr.state.iowa.gov*

*Bear Creek Golf Course*

*Tel# 641-585-1353*

*Email: info@bearcreekgc.com*

*Three Fingers Campground*

*Tel# 641-581-5856*

*Web: www.threefingerscampground.com*

*Aquatic Center*

*Tel#: 641.585.2650*

*Email: fcparks.srec@wctatel.net*

*Pammel Park, City Parks & Recreation*

*Tel# 641-585-4860*

*Email: fcparks.srec@wctatel.net*

*Snowmobiling:*

*Tel# 641-567-3090*

*Email: tdurb@wctatel.net*

*For additional information on:*

*Ambrosen Rec. Area*

*Russ Wildlife Area*

*Thorpe Park*

*Please contact Winnebago County Conservation Office*

*Tel# 641-565-3390*

*Toll Free # 888-841-8540*

*Email: info@winnebagoccb.com*

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*Whatever it is you like to do,  
You'll want to do it here...*



# Forest City, IA

## Recreation Activities

# Outdoor Activities...

## Pilot Knob State Park:

Dedicated in 1923, the 700-acre park is one of the oldest in the State. The tower located within the park is the 2nd highest point in Iowa. The park offers the following activities and amenities:



- Hiking trails
- Mountain bike trails
- Picnic tables
- Restrooms/showers
- 60 Campsites (48 sites with electrical hook-ups) and trailer dumpsites
- Horseback riding trails
- In the winter, a warming house with electricity and heat is available for ice skaters, snowmobilers, cross country skiers, and ice fishing anglers.



**Canoeing/Kayaking:** Drop your boat in at Thorpe Park, Ambrosion Rec. Area or the Winnebago River for hours of paddling adventures.

**Bird Watching:** With the abundance of wildlife areas surrounding Forest City, it makes for a wonderful place to bird watch. One special place to visit is **Thorpe Park** as it is the site of the Trumpeter Swan restoration project.

**Horseback Riding:** Trailer your horse to Thorpe Park, the Russ Wildlife Area, or Pilot Knob State Park for a good time of riding.

**City Parks and Picnic Areas:** With 7 parks located within the city with access to picnic areas, shelter houses, playground equipment, disc golf, fireplaces and walking trails, one doesn't need to go far to enjoy a family gathering, games and picnic fun.

**Aquatic Center:** For an endless day of splashing and being in the sun, visit the new aquatic center. It offers slides, diving boards, sprinklers and lap lanes to name just a few things.



**Biking:** A 4-mile paved bike route takes you from Forest City to Pilot Knob. Once inside Pilot Knob, you have an additional 2 miles of paved trails and 5 miles of mowed paths & natural trails. Thorpe Park offers 3 miles of hiking trails which you can also bike on. Also with many less-traveled blacktop roads, there is an array of routes to match your skill and distance. Call the Chamber for assistance on designing your route.



**Camping:** Pammel Park offers campsites and is located in town along the Winnebago River or head out of town to **Three Fingers Campground** and play horseshoes, go fishing or simply relax in the country. **Thorpe Park** also located a few miles out of town is another opportunity to spend time in the great outdoors. Offering 13 electric/water sites and 2 tent only sites. A remodeled family cabin, completely furnished, located on the shores of Lake Catherine is also available for rental (beginning summer 2009).

**Hiking:** Take a hike, literally. Grab your shoes and head out to Thorpe Park or Pilot Knob State Park.



**Golf Course:** Don't forget your clubs. Tee-off at Bear Creek Golf Course and play an 18-hole round of golf.

**Cross Country Skiing:** What better way to enjoy the snow than to head out cross country skiing. Ungroomed trails can be found at Thorpe Park and Pilot Knob State Park.

**Ice Skating:** Weather permitting, try Pammel Park or Pilot Knob to practice your figure, hockey or speed skating. Or simply to have fun.

**Snowmobiling:** For those who prefer a motor to assist you in propelling you through the snow, you will find 265 miles of designated groomed trails throughout Winnebago county and trails that connect to the surrounding counties and to the State of Minnesota.



**Snow Shoeing:** Grab your friends, family or head out solo to Pilot Knob State Park or Thorpe Park and experience a sport that is over 3,000 years old.

**Hunting/Fishing:** With 9,000 acres of public hunting at a number of sites, one can hunt for deer, turkey, waterfowl, upland birds or pheasant. A "Youth Hunting Only" (accompanied by an adult) area can be found just a few miles from Forest City at the Holland Prairie Conservation and Youth Hunting Area. Fishing is also abundant at many locations. Drop your hook and fish for northern pike, largemouth bass, catfish and bluegills. For additional information, please visit the Winnebago County Conservation website, [www.winnebagoccb.com](http://www.winnebagoccb.com) or call them at 641-565-3390, toll free 888-841-8540.



## All Year Long!

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