

Buchanan County Campgrounds

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Buchanan County's three developed campgrounds provide excellent camping in different parts of the county, at very reasonable fees. All three allow for both primitive and modern (electricity) camping. Fontana has some reservable sites, but all other campsites are available on a first-come basis. Fontana also will have two reservable cabins beginning in the summer of 2011. Only registered campers may stay in campground areas after 10:30 p.m. For more information regarding any Buchanan County Campground, **all 319-636-2617/bccbdan@iowatelecom.com.**



Fontana Park, located a mile south of Hazleton, off Highway 150, is the county's most popular camping destination. The campground has its own shower house with flush toilets, and a dump station. There is a lot to do while camping at Fontana Park. Fishing is popular both above the dam and in the creek that winds along the campground below the dam. The nature center is open on weekend afternoons, and campers can walk to the live animal display, which is open throughout the day. Also in walking distance from the campground are nature trails, shelter houses, and a playground. During most weekends, campground hosts are stationed in the campground. The campground at Fontana Park fills quickly, especially once school is out in late May. Some sites are reservable. **Sustainable Living Cabins (summer, 2011)** offer overnight comfort with solar electricity and energy efficiency. Cabins have a private drive. Each cabin has two private bedrooms, living/dining room, bathroom with shower, and outside porch. **Call 319-636-2617 to reserve a cabin or campsite.**

Camping Fees at Fontana Park: \$15/night w/ electricity; \$10/night w/o electricity; \$5 reservation fee
Cabins: \$65/night weekends and holidays (two night minimum); \$55/night weekdays; \$300/week

Jakway Park, south of Aurora, has a modern shower house and dump station. The concrete facility also serves as a storm shelter. Jakway is a picturesque, shaded campground featuring stately oak trees. The campground is nestled in the vast Jakway Forest, and campers can walk the self-guided and forest trails. Buffalo Creek winds through the forest. Campers can try fishing in the creek, or in the old quarry pond. Also at Jakway, campers can walk to the playground, use the shelter house, and view the historic Richardson-Jakway House and grounds. A wildlife observation blind is located in the woodland. Buffalo Creek Golf Course is a 10 minute drive from the campground.

Camping Fees at Jakway Park: \$15/night with electricity \$10/night without electricity

Lime Creek Park, north of Brandon, has a nice, peaceful campground. Not far from the Cedar Valley Trail, campers at Lime Creek may want to bring their bicycles. Also just a couple miles away is Koutny Pond - the county's largest public fishing lake. As its name implies, Lime Creek meanders through the park. A playground and shelter house are available right in the campground.

Camping Fees at Lime Creek: \$12/night with electricity \$6/night without electricity