

Buchanan County Campgrounds

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Conservation Board

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. All campsites are available on a first-come basis. Only registered campers may stay in campground areas after 10:30 p.m. For more information regarding any Buchanan County Campground, call 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. These friendly volunteers assist campers by answering questions, selling firewood, reporting misconduct, and helping to keep the grounds clean and safe. The campground at Fontana Park fills quickly, especially once school is out in late May. To get your favorite site, arrive early on Friday, or earlier in the week.

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

Jakway Park, south of Aurora, has a new shower house and dump station! Modern restrooms now are available, and 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 for small fish 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.

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

Lime Creek Park, north of Brandon, also has a nice, peaceful campground. Not far from the Cedar Valley Trail, campers at Lime Creek may want to bring their bicycles. As its name implies, Lime Creek meanders through the park. A playground and shelter house are available right in the campground. The Conservation Board recently improved the electrical service at Lime Creek, allowing for more power use by campers.

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