

Who We Are

Nahant Marsh is a 305-acre preserve located in southwest Davenport. It is part of a 513 acre wetland complex that is bordered by the Mississippi River, Interstate 280, and Highway 22.

As the largest urban wetland on the Upper Mississippi River, Nahant Marsh houses multiple wetland communities that are teeming with wildlife among neighboring suburban, industrial, and agricultural landscapes.

The preserve is notable for its rich history as the historic village of Rockingham and later as an EPA Superfund Cleanup Site after long time use as a sportsmen's club. Nahant Marsh proves to be a resilient force of nature and a living example of the importance of natural areas. Wetlands housed here provide unique habitat for diverse wildlife and act as natural flood controls to the surrounding community.

The preserve offers trails, volunteer opportunities, and educational programming for all ages. The best way to support Nahant Marsh is to attend a nature program at the Education Center and make a recurring online donation at nahantmarsh.org/donations.



EDUCATION CENTER HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 12 PM*
Sundays: Closed
*extended to 3 PM April—October

PRESERVE HOURS

Open Daily from Sunrise to Sunset*

*If the main gate is locked, trails are accessible from the front parking lot. Look for the opening in the fence near the kiosk.

DIRECTIONS

From Davenport, Iowa—Take Highway 22 south (Rockingham Road), turning left on Wapello Avenue (the last turn before the I-280 overpass).

From Rock Island, Illinois—Take I-280 into Iowa to the Highway 22/ Rockingham Road exit. Turn right onto Highway 22, and then right onto Wapello Avenue.

Follow Wapello Avenue toward the river. Nahant Marsh is on the left just before the railroad crossing.



NAHANT MARSH
EDUCATION CENTER

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WITH NATURE

Visit Us

Nahant Marsh is the documented home for nearly 500 different types of plants and mushrooms, 212 different types of birds, 42 mammals, 15 reptiles, and 8 amphibians, including several rare and endangered species.

The trails, bird blind, dock, and viewing platform at Nahant Marsh allow you to experience different habitats including sedge meadows, sand and mesic prairies, open water habitat, bottomland woods, and vernal ponds. Nahant Marsh is a great place to explore wildlife and learn about the flora that once covered much of the landscape in Iowa. As a preserve, we allow low-impact recreation activities such as:

- Bird watching
- Picnicking
- Hiking
- Wildlife and landscape photography
- Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing on trails
- Picnicking



Check our online calendar for upcoming nature programs and events at nahantmarsh.org

Did you know Nahant Members receive up to a 50% discount on most programs and events? Join Today!



Environmental Education

Through Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, the Nahant Marsh Education Center offers a wide variety of environmental education programming for:

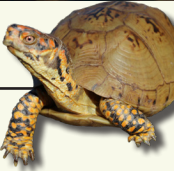
- School groups
- Scout groups
- Homeschools
- Early learners
- Church groups
- Colleges
- Senior groups
- Nature lovers of all ages!

To schedule a field trip, group visit, facility rental, or birthday party, please visit our website.



“Adopt”-An-Animal

Come inside the Education Center and say “hello” to Nahant Marsh’s Animal Ambassadors like Bob the Three-Toed Box Turtle. Many of our resident turtles, snakes, and amphibians represent native species of Iowa’s wildlife. They provide unforgettable hands-on experiences for visitors. All are available for “adoption”, which helps to pay for their care, feeding, and veterinary check-ups. Visit our website to learn more!



The Mission of Nahant Marsh Education Center is to protect, enhance, and restore the Marsh through...