

WALKING TRAILS

For a fun and active way to explore the nature of Union County, follow along the windy walking trail all around Creston. Start at Green Valley State Park by taking a walk around the lake. Here you will walk along the paved path through trees and wilderness, in hopes of spotting some wild animals. The trail will then lead you into town to show off two of our local parks, ending at McKinley Park.

HIKING

To dive a little deeper into Union County, take a hike to see all that the area has in store. Check out Green Valley State Park to explore through the trees and shrubs. Take a walk by the lake to see all of the fish that swim close to shore. For another hiking area, stop by Talmage Hill, east of Afton on Highway 34. It is known for its beauty and wide variety of species. Walk through the trees or marshes to see what lies around.

CITY PARKS

MCKINLEY PARK

600 McKinley St. Creston

McKinley Park is the most well known park in Union County. Here you can find playgrounds for kids, a skate park, picnic areas for small and large groups, a disc golf course, a bandshell for entertainment, a basketball and racquet ball court, and an outdoor aquatic center. Expanded on the west side of the park in McKinley Lake. Take a drive around the lake, feed the fish and geese, or find a place to relax and enjoy the view. On the east and south side of the park, you can find pieces of history that helped create our county. Take a day and explore all that McKinley Park has to offer.

TAYLOR PARK

1405 West Adams St. Creston

Taylor Park is located directly north of McKinley Park. This park offers a shelter house for picnics and gatherings with an outdoor grill available to anyone. Grill some hot dogs and hamburgers while watching the kids play on the wooden train and newly implemented slide set.

RAINBOW PARK

508 South Birch Street, Creston

Rainbow Park, located in the middle of Creston, is made up of playground equipment, a disc golf course, and two shelter houses. The shelter houses cover picnic tables for families and friends to get together. You can also find a large water fountain and band shell for entertainment.

AFTON PARK

City Square

Afton Park is spacious and accommodates large and small parties. Here, you can find swing sets, slides, a basketball court, and shelter houses. These are open to the public all seasons of the year. To cool off in the summer, the splash pad is open for kids to play in various water equipment.

GONE GOLFING

Crestmoor Golf Course

1801 West Townline St. Creston

Crestmoor is a nine hole, well maintained golf course that accommodates all levels of golfers. Become a member or hit on the public driving range found on the east side of the course. Here, the clubhouse is a full service kitchen, open to the public or occasional parties and events.

Pine Valley Golf Course

1407 Highway 34, Creston

Pine Valley is a large, nine hole golf course. This course is open to the public and allows any level or golfer to play. This course has just enough difficulty to add a challenge, yet friendly enough for those who are new to the game.



Lakeshore Golf and Country Club

1857 Golf Club Drive, Afton

Lakeshore Golf and Country Club is a nine hole golf course, open to both the public and current members. Here, you can rent a cart to manuve around the course more efficiently. This golf course is well maintained and offers a bar, kitchen, and event space for rent.

American Golfic

American Golfic is a family owned, outdoor, 18 hole, miniature golf course. This golf course is filled with historic beauty and kept up to date on all landscaping. Admission is free but encouraged to donate food for the local food pantry. Over Halloween, American Golfic hosts a haunted trail. Head out during Christams to check out the light display.



Take A Swim

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

INDOOR

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE FAMILY FITNESS CENTER

1201 West Townline St, Creston

Southern Prairie Family Fitness Center offers a pool open to the public and current members. This pool is open all seasons of the year. You can swim in an aquatics class or bring the family for leisure time.

OUTDOOR

MCKINLEY POOL

South End of McKinley Park

McKinley Pool is a fun, interactive pool for families of all ages. A shallow pool with a water fountain is made for young kids to splash around. In the "deep end" you can find a waterslide, diving boards, and room to play water games.

OUTDOOR

GREEN VALLEY STATE PARK

2 Miles North of Creston on Green Valley Rd.

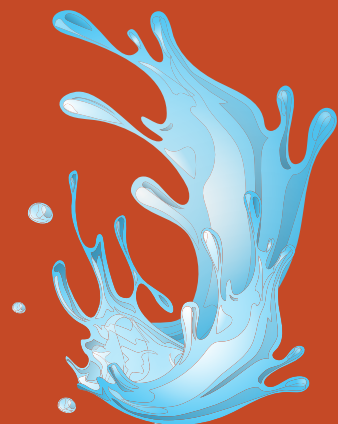
Green Valley State Park offers a family friendly, public beach. This wide open beach is perfect for family get togethers and outings. Here, you can find beautiful sea shells hidden beneath the sand.

OUTDOOR

THREE MILE LAKE

3 Miles Northwest of Afton on Creamery Rd.

Three Mile Lake is home to a very popular beach in Union County. You can sit back and relax while watching the boats drive by. You can play sand volleyball or build castles in the sand and clay.



TAKE YOUR SHOT



Highlakes Outdoor Alliance

If you are interested in testing out your shot, head out to the Highlakes Outdoor Alliance Shooting Range. Here, you can learn how to master your skills through trap shooting, open range, and archery. This is a safe place for any skill level.

The Highlakes Outdoor Alliance strives to inform people of the community how they can conserve the wildlife and environment as a whole. The activities that are held at the shooting range are to encourage people to explore the area in a more enjoyable way.

For more information, check out highlakesgunrange.com.

Let's Go Exploring



GOOD MORNING!

To start off your day, head to **S & K Cafe** for a cup of coffee and a cinimon roll.

GET YOUR HEART PUMPING

Head out to **Green Valley State Park** and begin walking on the trails. Feel free to take time to enjoy the scenery all around.

WHO'S HUNGRY?

Head into **Creston Family Restaurant** for a club sandwich or a cheeseburger. You can't forget to order a milkshake!

TIME FOR A SWIM

Head to **Three Mile Lake** to cool off in the summer's sun. This is the perfect place to play some sand volleyball. Don't forget to bring the sand toys!

IT'S TIME TO DINE

Before leaving **Three Mile Lake**, head up to the campground to rent a cabin for the night. After this, drive into Afton to eat dinner at **El Ranchido Mexican Restraunt** on the square.

TIME TO REST

When arriving back to **Twelve Mile Lake**, relax at your cabin, make some s'mores, and walk the trails in the evening.

For more information and details, check out unioncountyiowa.com