

# Nature Preserves

NEAR GRINNELL



This guide introduces five natural areas within 15 miles of Grinnell, Iowa, that are open to the public. Together these five preserves provide a good representation of the nature of “natural areas” in east-central Iowa. We invite you to use this guide to enhance your exploration of the Conard Environmental Research Area, Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve, the Reichelt Unit of Rock Creek State Park, Rock Creek State Park, and Sugar Creek Audubon Nature Sanctuary. The guide provides information about and images of the natural features and plants and animals that can be found in each of the five areas, and also commentary on conservation efforts and needs. We hope this publication gives you a greater appreciation of nature in the Grinnell area.

You may download a printer-friendly version of the guide at the Center for Prairie Studies website, [www.grinnell.edu/academic/cps](http://www.grinnell.edu/academic/cps).



**Russell Tabbert at the Reichelt Unit of Rock Creek State Park**

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