

EXPLORE YOUR MILLS COUNTY PARKS!

EASTERN MILLS COUNTY

Ray Thomas Wildlife Preserve

L66 & Fry Ave. Hastings, IA
4 miles N. of Hwy 34 on L66, near intersection of L66 & Fry Ave



The Ray Thomas Wildlife Preserve is a 90-acre preserve that consists of 49 acres of bottomland timber, 23 acres of restored prairie and 12.5-acres of agricultural land. There is a mowed path around 2 sections of the 23 acres of restored prairie, making for a serene setting for passive use such as observing wildlife, bird watching, nature study and photography. The local Pheasants Forever chapter has helped with restoration efforts and new prairie plantings on 4 acres on the property. There is a small pioneer cemetery adjacent to the mowed parking lot and informational kiosk.

Terms of the agreement state that picnicking, hiking, camping, hunting, trapping, removal of plants & minerals, horseback riding, vehicle travel and organized sports will not be allowed on the property.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RAY THOMAS WILDLIFE PRESERVE

DO NOT LITTER – CARRY OUT WHAT YOU CARRY IN.
NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES BEYOND PARKING AREA.
NO HUNTING OR TRAPPING.
NO FIREARMS.
NO FIREWORKS.
NO CAMPING.
NO OPEN FIRES.
PETS MUST REMAIN ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES.

NO ANIMAL SHALL BE HITCHED OR TIED TO ANY TREE OR SHRUB, OR IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO RESULT IN INJURY TO PROPERTY.

Permitted activities include: bird watching, nature study and photography.

It is illegal to remove, injure, destroy or deface any natural or man-made structures or materials, including trees, flowers or wildlife except with the written permission of the Mills County Conservation Board. (Mushrooms, fruits and nuts can be harvested for personal use.)