

# Northeast Iowa Food & Fitness Initiative

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## Built Environment Inventory



Goal: Locate and record the opportunities are for year-round, outdoor recreation for children, youth and families in Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek counties.

- If the item is present, mark Yes. Elaborate when appropriate.
- Definitions
- Date = Date of Data collection
- Type of Resource = check one
  - Park = City park, school park
  - Sport facility = baseball fields, basketball and tennis courts, soccer fields
  - Trail = walking or biking trail (other than sidewalk)
  - Playground = playground equipment only
  - Golf Course
- Sign with hours = indicate a.m. and p.m. or seasonality; take photo of signage
- Sign with rules = take photo of signage
- Baseball/softball fields = indicate BB or SB; count number of fields
- Basketball courts = count number of hoops; indicate 1/2 or full court
- Soccer fields = list number of fields if more than one
- Bike rack = take photo
- Exercise stations = places where people can stop to do push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and other calisthenics.
- Play Equipment = take photos of equipment; group photos are adequate
- Swimming pool = take photos of pool area and equipment, signs
- Sandbox = area for children to dig and play
- Tennis courts = count; take photos of nets and surface
- Trails = places for running, biking and walking. Indicate length and surface (paved, gravel, dirt, grass). Take photo of entry and signs.
- Volleyball courts = count. Indicate surface (sand, concrete). Take photos.
- Other = other recreational items not listed above i.e. horseshoe pits, kickball fields, shuffleboard, skateboard park, etc.
- List Winter Activities = skating rink, sledding hill, cross country skiing trail, snowshoeing
- Take photos to document facilities. See example.

Completed inventories and photos should be sent to Allamakee County Extension, 21 Allamakee Street, Waukon 52172 or email [wiemer@iastate.edu](mailto:wiemer@iastate.edu).

# One picture is worth a 1000 words...Here are examples.



Photos of benches, trash container and sidewalk



Group photo of playground equipment.  
Photos of individual pieces are NOT necessary.



Sign with park name



River Access



Photo shows type of shelter



Examples of signs to record



This photo of the BB courts shows us the size of the courts and the surface.



Photo of a trail head for a walking trail.