

# Birding



As you walk the many beautiful, winding trails in Clayton County, listen for the songs of the native birds ringing throughout the air. A destination for birdwatchers from all over, Clayton County is home to over 200 species, including the rare Cerulean Warbler.

Clayton County is proud to be considered a part of the Mississippi River Flyway. 40% of North American migrating shorebirds and waterfowl use the flyway as a route when migrating. We are also ranked second in the state of Iowa for number of nesting eagles. You can see these birds and more when you take an informational birding boat tour on the Mississippi with Maiden Voyage! (563-586-2123)



In National, visit the Althea R Sherman Swift Tower. In the early 1900's, Sherman had this tower built to observe and research the Chimney Swift birds' nesting cycle. The tower is open for tours in the Spring and Fall or by appointment. Call 563-783-7791 or 563-964-2535 for more information.

# Whitewater

In 2014, Elkader became the second city in Iowa to convert a low-head dam into a whitewater recreation area. The combination of the Elkader, Charles City, and Manchester whitewater parks makes Northeast Iowa a real destination for anyone interested in paddlesports. You can river run or playboat, SUP, boogie board or tube in three different parks all within two hours of each other.



Elkader features the Gobbler Wave. Surfing and spinning are possible at low flows while higher levels offer the opportunity for vertical moves such as loops and cartwheels.

