

Decorah Parks, Trails, and Points of Interest



1. **Dunning's Spring Waterfall & Stone Arch Bridge:** Follow College Drive to Ice Cave Road. Park in the gravel area just south of the entrance to Dunning's Spring Park off of Ice Cave Road.
2. **Pulpit Rock:** Park at Will Baker Park and hike to the top of Pulpit Rock. This trail is a bit of a climb, but you won't want to miss the view from the top.
3. **Phelps Park:** Located off of Park Street, this park is the first and oldest park in Decorah. The park includes scenic overlooks, a hiking trail, picnic areas, and a large playground.
4. **Palisades Park & Overlook:** This park includes a scenic overlook, hiking trails and picnic area.
5. **Van Peenen:** Park at the upper entrance to Van Peenen Park along Quarry Hill Road. Walk from the gravel parking area up the trail until you reach the Prairie. Follow the trail through the prairie for endless hiking and mountain biking trails.
6. **Decorah Community Prairie & Butterfly Garden:** Located at the south end of Ohio St on the west side of Decorah. Start at the informational sign next to the butterfly garden and head towards the river. Pick a trail on the map at the Community Prairie to explore.
7. **Twin Springs Trail:** Park along Twin Springs Road and follow the stream "up river" until the stream disappears into the ground- you have found the source of Twin Springs! Near you is the start of Twin Springs trail leading up the hill. The trail loops for about 3/4 of a mile through the woods.
8. **Carlson Park:** Head south on Pleasant Ave. towards the Fish Hatchery. Watch for the Carlson Park sign and parking lot next to the Catholic cemetery. Head either direction on the trail and enjoy this scenic two mile loop.
9. **River Trail:** Park in the gravel lot just south of the entrance to Dunning's Spring Park and next to the Upper Iowa River. The trailhead is just east of where you park (to your left if you are facing the river). This is an out and back soft trail that is just over 2 miles round trip.

For more information visit <https://parks.decorahia.org>.