

**NEW TO POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY IN 2009
NISHNABOTNA WATER TRAIL**



Nishnabotna Water Trail coming soon in 2009. New entry and exit points will be constructed at Edgington Memorial Park in Avoca, Chautauqua Park in Oakland, and Millstone Park in Carson. Accesses at Botna Bend Park in Hancock and Olde Town Park in Macedonia will be renovated. All will be clearly marked with state signs designed specifically for 'Water Trails'. All entries are located in parks, so needed amenities such as parking, water and restrooms are readily available. Trail Maps and brochures will be printed advertising the trail and the other recreation opportunities along the way. You can start your trip In Avoca by visiting Farmall –Land U.S.A., Sweet Vale of Avoca Museum, or see "The Most Beautiful Courtroom in the State" at the East Pottawattamie County Courthouse. Just up the road is Walnut, "Iowa's Antique City" where you can find that childhood treasure from years gone by. Hancock is your next stop with one of the counties major tourist attractions, Botna Bend Park. Bank the canoe for the night, and camp while watching the buffalo and elk roaming the park. Resume your float trip and Oakland Iowa is a place you will want to see. Old time charm around every corner with one of the most unique downtowns in Pottawattamie County. Visit the Nishna Heritage Museum, and grab a snack or a bite to eat at one of the local eating establishments within walking distance from the river. The Riverside Farmer's Market has its home here. Carson is just around the bend where you can scoop the loop on the only boulevard style street in rural Pottawattamie County. Prairie Fired Pottery studio and showroom is located just outside the city of Carson. Then stop in for a glass of wine at Whispering Hills Vineyard & Winery. Their tasting room, is a 100 year old renovated barn with a patio overlooking the surrounding countryside. Last but not least is Olde Town Park where you can end your journey just outside of Macedonia. The jewel of southern Pottawattamie County, and home of the Grist Mill Fine Arts Council who has been bringing artistic impression to southwest Iowa since 1977. Check out their gift shop featuring area residents homemade products. Santa's Christmas Village and the Stempel Bird Collection featuring more than 300 mounted birds will want to be your last stop before leaving town. These are just a *few* of the things to see an do along the water trail. So visit soon, and visit often!