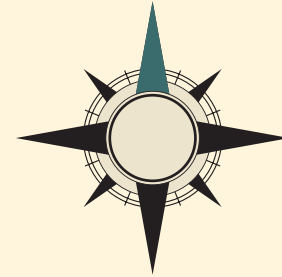


See Iowa River Water Trail in Johnson County brochure



KEY

-  Beginner Level
-  Intermediate Level
-  Advanced Level
-  City/Town
-  Public Land
-  Paved Roadways
-  Gravel Roadways
-  County Line
-  Boat Ramp
-  Unimproved Access*
-  Restrooms
-  Water
-  Point of Interest

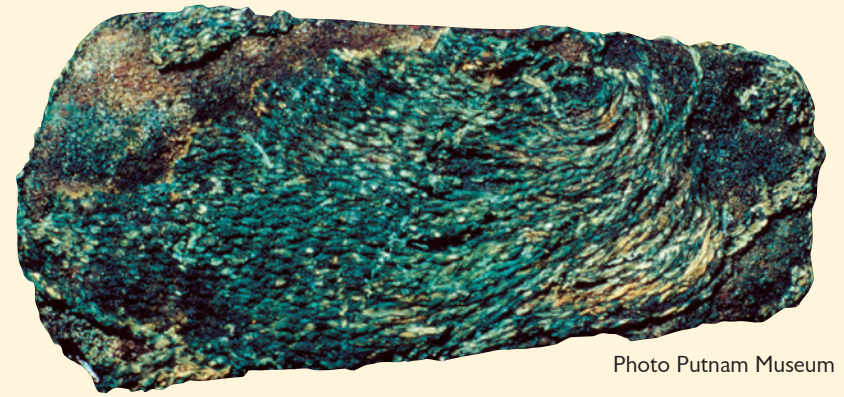
*Note: Accesses marked 'Unimproved':
 - Will not have wayfinding signage
 - May have inadequate parking
 - May be in poor condition



Convict Road: Likely the first Iowa highway built with convict labor, this narrow 1.5 mile stretch of concrete road still exists, and is located southeast of Fredonia and immediately north of State Highway 92. Built in 1914 by prisoners from the Anamosa Reformatory, the highway was one of only five paved roads in the state after it was built, attracting visitors from miles away who were eager to drive on this new surface. The county bore the high \$30,000 per mile cost, but succeeded in convincing the state to use convict labor, which up until then was approved only for state projects. The highway was needed because the river had deposited huge "sand banks" making the existing road impassable. The route was deemed critical to the western expansion of Iowa because four registered highways converged at this location to cross the Iowa River on the only bridge for miles.



Effigy Pipe: The pipe is from Toolesboro Mounds, thought to be made from Elkhorn Creek pipestone in Illinois.

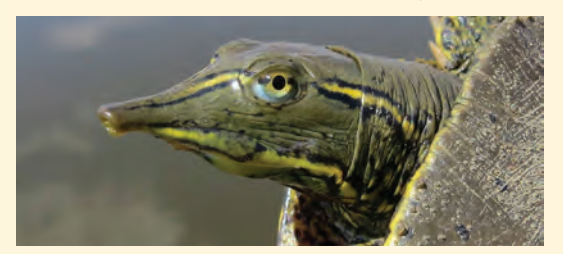


Copper axe with woven wrapping: The axe is from Toolesboro Mounds. Textiles normally decompose quickly in Iowa soils. However, charring or contact with copper salts sometimes preserves fabric, baskets, cattail reed matting, or cordage remnants such as this, for thousands of years. Both are located in the Putnam Museum in Davenport.

Toolesboro Mounds: Located on the bluffs between the Iowa and Mississippi Rivers is the Toolesboro Mounds National Historic Landmark and Museum. The Hopewellian mounds at Toolesboro are among the best-preserved and accessible remnants of an ancient culture flourishing from about 200 BCE to 300 CE. The site includes several large mounds and a museum. The museum is open seasonally, but the grounds are open to visitors year round.



1 Ferry Landing Access



Spiny Softshell Turtle: This pancake shaped turtle is the fastest swimmer of the 13 turtle species in Iowa. It's active by day, but buries itself underwater in sand or mud at night. Females are larger than males with shells measuring as much as a whopping 17 inches. It hangs out always at water's edge, basking on rocks, sand, mud or logs, and quickly dashes into the water at the slightest disturbance.

6 Cappy Russell Access