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Who We Are

The Friends group is dedicated to improving the Loess Hills State Forest and Preparation Canyon State Park through volunteering, fundraising, and other support.

The group meets regularly and meetings are open to the public. The Friends also host public events throughout the year, such as trash cleanup, invasive species removal, native seed collection, and educational walks.

Get Involved!

Volunteer

Volunteer opportunities abound!
Projects may include event support,
land management, and trail
maintenance. Contact us to learn
more.

Donate

As a small nonprofit, the Friends group receives no financial support from taxpayer dollars. Instead, we rely on donations from supporters like you. Any donation amount is appreciated. You can also donate supplies or equipment for specific projects.



About the Forest & Park

Loess Hills State Forest and
Preparation Canyon State Park are
public conservation and recreation
areas located near the Loess Hills
National Scenic Byway in Harrison
and Monona counties. Both are
owned and managed by the Iowa
Department of Natural Resources.

The State Forest is always open and includes more than 50 miles of hiking trails, including the popular Brent's Trail, opened in 2019. All four units (Little Sioux, Mondamin, Pisgah, and Preparation Canyon) are open to hunting, wildlife watching, and primitive camping. Several ponds are popular fishing spots.

Preparation Canyon State Park is open 4:00am-10:30pm daily. The State Park has several primitive hike-in camping sites but camping is otherwise not allowed within the State Park.