

# Round UP

ROUND UP FOR IOWA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION (INHF) IS AUGUST 14 - 28

This 44-year-old nonprofit protects 11,000 acres in the Driftless



## Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

In the Driftless region alone, INHF has protected more than 29,000 acres through 241 different projects. Most of those lands are now open for public enjoyment, including dozens of sites along the Upper Iowa River. INHF also holds 104 conservation easements on private land, protecting more than 11,000 acres in the Driftless.

Although INHF's mission is simple, the way it is fulfilled varies greatly. From establishing many of Iowa's multi-use trails to protecting untouched prairie, the work INHF supporters and staff do together is far-reaching. It is bound by the idea that together, we can do more. At the center of INHF's mission are the people who

are passionate about saving Iowa's wild places — for wildlife, for the health of our state's natural resources and for the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts.

INHF often works with private landowners statewide who want to sell or donate their land for conservation, and protect those places until the DNR or CCBs could secure funding to buy the land. Many of these lands become open to the public. This niche has remained at the heart of INHF's work since the beginning.

Over the last four decades, Iowans began to work through INHF in other ways, too. Volunteers, donors and partners began to restore as well as protect Iowa's natural places. Volunteers donate thousands of hours a year to helping Iowa's prairies, trails and rivers. Donors are fostering the next generation of Iowa conservation leaders with an endowed internship program that serves 20 college students a year. And INHF works

every day with legislators to encourage strong and permanent funding to support conservation throughout the state.

INHF holds multiple volunteer events at Heritage Valley (Prairie Seed Harvest on Oct. 7!) and other locations in the Driftless region. Learn more at [www.inhf.org/events](http://www.inhf.org/events).

*Oneota Co-op round up campaigns are intrinsically tied to the Co-op's community service commitment as outlined in the Co-op Missions and Ends statement. Co-op shoppers are provided the opportunity to round up to the nearest dollar to support this organizational end, which reads as follows:*

*Oneota Community Co-op Organizational End number seven: "Our members are diverse and engaged, working together and sharing time, energy, and resources to build a resilient and thriving local community."*

Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) is a statewide 501 (c)(3) nonprofit conservation organization that works with private landowners and public agencies to protect and restore Iowa's land, water and wildlife. Since its founding in 1979, INHF supporters and staff have protected more than 195,000 acres, including hundreds of projects in Iowa's Driftless region.



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