

Loess Hills

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about the geography, geology, and history of the Loess Hills in western Iowa.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "Loess Hills: A National Natural Landmark"
<http://www.igsb.uiowa.edu/Browse/loeshill/loeshill.htm>

Key Resources at a Glance:

- U.S. Geological Survey, "Geology of the Loess Hills, Iowa"
<http://pubs.usgs.gov/info/loess/>
Detailed description of the Loess Hills and how they were formed, including photos and diagrams. Discussion of issues facing the Loess Hills today.

Resources

Books

- *Fragile Giants: A Natural History of the Loess Hills* by Cornelia Fleischer Mutel (1989) (508.777 MUT)

Journal Articles

- "Prairie Islands" by Sam Hooper Samuels. *Sierra*: March/April 2005. Available through [EbscoHost](#).
- "Loess is More: Experience the Pure Beauty of the Loess Hills on Foot or By Car, and See for Yourself Why It Might Become a National Park" by Christine Riccelli. *Des Moines Register*: 4 April 1999. Available through the [Des Moines Register](#).
- "Loess Hills Forever." *Des Moines Register*: 1 February 1999. Available through the [Des Moines Register](#).
- "Loess is More" by Robert H. Mohlenbrock. *Natural History*: November 1996. Available through [EbscoHost](#).
- "Voices of the Loess Hills" by Mike Whye. *The Iowan*: Spring 1993.

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Loess Hills Iowa

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Loess Hills
- Ecology--Iowa
- Natural History--Iowa

Call Number

- 508.777 (Dewey Decimal)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOHost
<http://search.ebscohost.com>
- First Search
<http://firstsearch.oclc.org>

Library catalogs

- Urbandale Public Library
<http://www.urbandalelibrary.org>
- SILO – (Iowa Locator) – State-wide catalog
<http://z3950.silo.lib.ia.us/cgi-bin/zform.CGI?SILO>
- WorldCat - world-wide catalog
<http://worldcat.org>

Web Pages and Web Portals

- America's Scenic Byways, "Loess Hills Scenic Byway"
<http://byways.org/explore/byways/2187>
- Iowa Public Television, "The Loess Hills of Iowa"
http://www3.iptv.org/exploremore/land/loess_hills/loess_hills.cfm
- Loess Hills National Scenic Byway
<http://www.visitloesshills.com/>

Organizations and Special Collections

- Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "Loess Hills State Forest"
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Destinations/StateForests/LoessHillsStateForest.aspx>
- Loess Hills Alliance
<http://www.loesshillsalliance.com/>
- Loess Hills Preservation Society
<http://www.loesshps.new.bluffsonline.net/home.asp>
- National Register of Historic Places, "Archaeological Resources of the Central Plains in the Loess Hills of Iowa, Multiple Property Submission (MPS)"
http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/archeology/2010/Central_Plains_Tradition.htm

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