

CHAPTER 60  
STATE PRESERVES

[Prior to 5/13/26, see Preserves, State Advisory Board for[575] Ch 1]

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**571—60.1(465C) Duties as to state preserves.** The natural resource commission is charged with the responsibility of locating, identifying, evaluating, and dedicating areas as state preserves.

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**571—60.2(465C) Types of preserves.** There shall be five major classes of preserves.

**60.2(1) *Natural preserves.*** These areas contain natural communities; habitats; native flora and fauna; or endangered, threatened, or rare organisms.

**60.2(2) *Archaeological preserves.*** These areas contain significant deposits left by prehistoric or early historic peoples.

**60.2(3) *Historical preserves.*** These are sites that contain structures or places that are of significance in studying the tenure of humans in Iowa since the advent of the first Euro-American explorers.

**60.2(4) *Geological preserves.*** These are areas that contain rare or distinctive landforms, fossils, stratigraphic sections, mineral deposits or examples of mining history; type or reference sections; or other special features or deposits that represent the events and processes of Iowa's earth history.

**60.2(5) *Scenic preserves.*** These are areas that contain scenic features of aesthetic, scientific, or educational value.

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**571—60.3(465C) Management provisions.**

**60.3(1) *Administration and management.*** The administrative and management authority for a preserve shall be agreed upon by the commission, the property owner, and the manager.

**60.3(2) *Management plan.*** For each preserve, an authorized representative of the owner shall prepare a management plan in consultation with department staff. The management plan shall be consistent with the articles of dedication and shall include identification of uses of the preserve that are compatible and incompatible with its dedication as a preserve. The management plan shall be amended periodically, as appropriate, in response to new information. The management plan and amendments shall be submitted to the commission for approval. The department shall keep a copy of the current management plan. A management plan for a new preserve shall be submitted for approval by the commission in conjunction with approval of dedication of the preserve. Management plans for existing preserves shall be prepared and submitted for approval as resources are available.

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