

**HIKE No.2804 – Amana Nature Trail - Homestead, IA**

**Saturday, December 9, 2023 – 1:30 PM**

We will hike today near a trio of Indian burial mounds that are from Early Woodland period, about 1000 years ago. At the end of the trail is the Iowa River and if the water is low enough and open, we may be able to see a fish weir, built by Native Americans. This fish weir is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the only structure of its kind in the state.

At high water the weir, which is a V-shaped array of rocks, is entirely under water, but at low water the rocks are clearly visible. Fish would be herded into the V perhaps by beating the water with branches. Then they would be easy to spear or net.

Directions: Travel west on I-80 to the Tiffin Exit – turn right on Ireland Ave/S Roberts Ferry Rd (Kum & Go sign)- travel 0.8 mile to US 6 W/Marengo Rd- turn left (Grace United Methodist Church). Continue west on US 6 for 11.7 miles. At the stop sign cross US 151 straight onto gravel driveway to the trailhead.

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