

IOWA'S STATE PARKS and PRESERVES *Welcome You*

WELCOME

... Iowa is less than a century old. A young state that leads the nation in farming, literacy, and per capita wealth, Iowa, comprised of twenty-five percent of the most valuable farm land in the nation nevertheless has acquired for your public estate over 18,500 acres for parks and preserves. These areas are rich in Iowa's history, scenic grandeur of rocky canyons, streams and forests, and offer sport and recreation to 2,400,000 visitors each year. State parks and preserves are not confined to any one section but are scattered throughout the state. Usually there are several areas within a two hours drive of your home. Enjoyable access to the parks is possible during all seasons of the year over Iowa's fine highway system. The primary purpose of having your public estate is to preserve the unusual and unique or historic spots of the state for all time, in a manner to permit maximum enjoyment and recreation by the public. These parks are the meeting place of the farmer, the playground of the urban dweller, the laboratory of the student and a resting place for the weary. A cordial invitation is extended to you. You are especially welcome.

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION DES MOINES

Hunting and Fish- ing licenses may be pro- cured at county recorder's offices, sporting goods houses, and resorts. Fur- ther information as to open and closed seasons may be obtained from the State Conservation Commission. Des Moines.

IOWA STATE PARKS and Preserves with their forts, their hollows and bridges, caves and dens, mills and cabins, defy rigid classification. Some are primarily historical, some are memorial, and many are of physio-graphical importance. Old Fort Atkinson and Fort Defiance are clearly historical in character. Lewis and Clark, Dollywood, Lake Macbride, Heery Woods, and Stone Park have human associations which well justify their being known as memorial parks, whereas Ahquabi, Waubesaie, and Lake of Three Fires were so named because of Indian lore associated with them. Echo Valley, Wild Cat Den, Maquoketa Caves, Backbone, Ledges, and White Pine Hollow definitely indicate physical features.

Winter Sports have not been neglected within the parks. Skiing is pro- vided wherever possible; ski runs are enjoyed in sev- eral parks; and at Pine Lake a constructed tobog- gan slide was very popular in the winter of 1936. Warm shelters are conveniently situated.

Cities and Towns of Iowa

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