

Welcome

**TO IOWA'S STATE
PARKS AND PRESERVES**

**STATE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

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During the past 20 years 74 park areas have been acquired and developed for recreational purposes. More than 20,000 acres have been acquired for park purposes, areas rich in Iowa history, scenic grandeur of rocky canyons,

Iowa's Parks offer features interesting to all and some have historical or memorial associations in addition to their recreational aspects. The Iowa Parks are scattered throughout the state. Usually there are several areas within a two hour drive for most Iowa families.

Recreational Facilities Available in Iowa State Parks

A black and white photograph of a rustic wooden pavilion with a stone chimney, surrounded by trees. The pavilion has a steep, gabled roof and is supported by several wooden posts. A large, multi-story stone chimney is attached to the left side of the structure. The pavilion is situated in a wooded area with many bare trees in the background. The ground in front of the pavilion appears to be a cleared area or a path.

Alhambra County
 Big Lake (New Albin)
 West Twin Lake
 Mud Hen Lake
 State Forest Areas
 Burnett Lake County
 Little Storm Lake (in part only)
 State Lake
 Collihan County
 North Twin Lake
 Toward Lake
 Correll County
 Artesian Lake
 Crawford County
 Clear Lake (in part only)
 Clear Lake Nursery Pond
 Clay County
 Dan Greene's Slough
 Dreyer's Pasture
 Elk Lake
 Lost Island Lake
 Mud Lake
 Pick Lake
 Trumbull Lake
 Clayton County
 Forest Areas
 Dickinson County
 Center Lake
 Diamond Lake
 Jemmons's Slough
 Little Spirit Lake
 Lake Park
 Minnawatha Lake
 Pleasant Lake
 Silver Lake
 Spirit Lake
 Upper Gar Lake
 Welch Lake
 West Okoboji
 Emmet County
 Birge Lake
 Cheever Lake (in part only)
 High Lake
 Grass Lake
 Low Lake
 Mud Lake
 Swan Lake (East)
 Swan Lake (West)
 Turtle Lake
 Twin Hills Lake
 Hamilton County
 Little Wall Lake
 Harney County
 Crystal Lake

County	Name of Area	Area of Water
Carroll	Swan Lake	130 acres
Guthrie	Springbrook Park	27 acres
Yaylor	Lake of Three Rivers	125 acres
Polk	Walnut Woods Park	12 acres
Warren	Lake Albuquerque	70 acres
	Red Hawk Hill Park	12 acres
Mahaska	Lake Koomeah	82 acres
Davis	Lake Wapello	287 acres
Van Buren	Swanburg Park	30 acres
Johnson	Lake Machridge	138 acres
	Knaben-Kepler Park	125 acres
Delaware	Backbone	125 acres
Fayette	Echo Valley Park	12 acres
Franklin	Peaver Meadow Park	12 acres
Butler	Heery Woods Park	50 acres
Hardin	Pine Lake Park	140 acres
	Red's Lake Park	130 acres
O'Brien	Mill Creek Park	25 acres

Outstanding Features that should be seen when visiting the State Parks and Preserves!

BACKBONE — "The Backbone," Richmond Spring, the lake, largest trout hatchery in the state.

BELLEVUE—views of the Mississippi river, golf course, unusually mountainous park road.

BIXBY—peculiar phenomenon of Ice Cave, trail to Chimney Rocks.

NICE LAKE—foul course.
 SPRINGBROOK—Artificial Lake, old "Forty-
 niners" Trail," unusual fall coloring of
 trees.
 SIEWERS SPRINGS—springs, fish hatchery.
 STONE PARK—yucca and prairie flowers.
 WALNUT WOODS—walnut trees, large elms.
 WAPSIPINICON—caves, ledges, dens, golf
 course.
 WAUBONISIE—paw-paw grove and wild flow-
 ers.
 WHITE PINE HOLLOW—largest stand of virgin
 white pine in the state.
 WILD CAT DEN—dens, old grist mill.

Lake	County	Area
Big Lake No. 1	Allamakee	879
Big and Kains Lake	Allamakee	200
Black Hawk	Allamakee	5,484
Pickering Lake (See Clay)	Buena Vista	100
Black Lake	Buena Vista	26
North Twin Lake	Calhoun	200
South Twin Lake	Calhoun	200
Clear Lake	Correll	3,842
Trumbull Lake	Correll	200
Round Lake	Clay	200
Green Grouse Slough	Clay	200
Elk Lake	Clay	261
McKendall Lake (See Buena Vista)	Clay	261
Lost Island	Clay	1,262
Silver Lake	Dickinson	75
Spirit Lake	Dickinson	75
East Otobee Lake	Dickinson	1,058
West Otobee Lake	Dickinson	1,058
Senior Lake	Dickinson	2,374
Silver Lake	Dickinson	75
Hammond Lake	Dickinson	75
Welch Lake	Dickinson	75
Marble Lake	Dickinson	75
Holmes Lake	Dickinson	75
Little Spirit Lake	Dickinson	75
Swan Lake	Dickinson	75
Marble Lake	Dickinson	75
Pleasant Lake	Dickinson	75
Anderson Slough	Dickinson	75
Four Mile Lake	Dickinson	75
Four Mile Lake (See above)	Dickinson	75
Turtle Lake	Emmet	281
Wawa Lake	Emmet	281
West Swan Lake	Emmet	281
Twelve Mile Lake	Emmet	1,038
Mud Lake	Emmet	426
Mugh Lake	Emmet	426
Little Wall Lake	Hamilton	27
Woods Lake	Hamilton	27
Wood Lake	Hamock	27
Crystal Lake	Hamock	27
East Twin Lake	Hamock	169
West Twin Lake	Hamock	169
Nobles Lake (See Pottawattamie)	Harmon	169
Green Lake	Harmon	169
Redwood Lake	Johnson	50
Boose Lake	Kossuth	40
Swag Lake	Kossuth	40
Green Bay Lake	Kossuth	40
Blue Lake	Kossuth	40
Marsh Lake	Kossuth	40
Wash Lake	Kossuth	40
Medium Lake	Palo Alto	911
Small Lake	Palo Alto	911
Blue Lake	Palo Alto	911
Small Lake	Palo Alto	911
Virgin Lake (See Clay)	Palo Alto	911
Island Lake	Pocahontas	281
Island Lake (See Harrison)	Pocahontas	281
Black Hawk Lake	Pocahontas	281
Black Hawk Lake	Pocahontas	281
Duck Lake	Winnebago	77
Wash Lake	Winnebago	77
Silver Lake	Worth	319
Wash Lake	Worth	319
Em Lake	Wright	100
Small Lake	Wright	100
Twin Sisters Lake	Wright	100

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A black and white photograph of a rustic, single-story wooden cabin. The cabin features a gabled roof and a foundation made of stacked stones. It is surrounded by tall, slender trees, and a small path leads towards the entrance. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

1. Maximum speed is limited to 15 miles per hour.
2. Excessively loaded vehicles are not permitted in the park.
3. Park cars in designated place only.
4. Build fires in a designated place. Do not waste firewood.
5. Do not injure or disturb any structure or natural attraction, plants, animals, etc. Enjoy—do not destroy.
6. Let others use tables when you are through eating.
7. Place refuse in garbage cans.
8. The use of firearms is prohibited.
9. Dogs and cats must not run at large.
10. See custodian about camping privileges.
11. Park to be vacated by 10:30 P. M. except by special arrangements made with custodian.
12. Report accidents to custodian.

A black and white photograph of a stone tower with a conical roof, identified as the tower of the castle of the Counts of Castile. The tower is cylindrical and made of rough-hewn stone, with a small, dark, narrow opening near the top. It is attached to a lower, more complex structure with a steep, gabled roof. The scene is set in a landscape with trees and a cloudy sky.

State forest lands, including 12,000 acres, are located in three general regions of the state, the southern region in Lucas and Monroe counties, the southeastern region in Lee and Van Buren counties and the northeastern region in Clayton and Allamakee counties. In addition to preserving these woodlands it is planned that these state forest areas will become areas that demonstrate the proper use of the land and water in the areas.