Your Public Estate . . . consists of more than 20,000 acres of the finest scenery to be found in the Middle-west. 41,000 acres of beautiful natural lakes, 18 artificial lakes and 800 miles of publicly owned rivers, all for your pleasure. Within this 20,000 acre estate are picnic grounds and swimming beaches with ample parking areas, made accessible by more than a hundred miles of roads and the only highway tunnel within the state, located at Pammel State Park. Many of the beautiful works of nature may be seen only by using foot trails. Lodges, which may be reserved for a small fee, and open picnic shelters are available for picnic groups and casual visitors at all times. Supervised beaches and bath houses are available in many parks. Some parks offer overnight cabins for the use of visitors. Your club or organization may utilize the group camps. In 35 of the state's 74 parks, full-time custodians represent your host, the Iowa Conservation Commission.

Although hunting is not permitted in state parks, the lakes and streams in many of the areas provide good fishing waters. Hunting and fishing licenses may be procured at county recorders' offices, sporting goods houses and resorts. Further information as to open and closed seasons on fish and game may be obtained from the State Conservation Commission in Des Moines.

Welcome
TO IOWA'S STATE PARKS AND PRESERVES

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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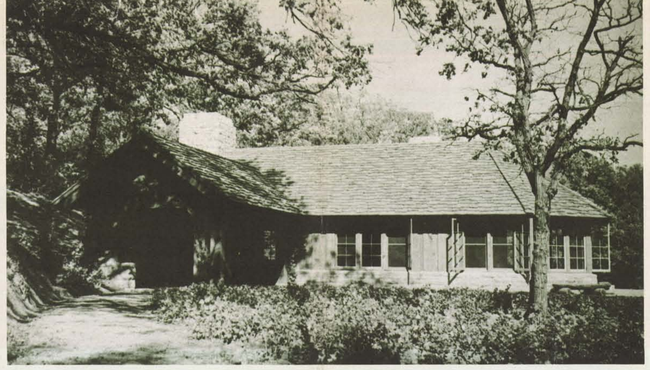

Welcome . . . to Iowa's 74 State Parks. Iowa, a state less than a century old, is a young state, yet leads the nation in farming, literacy and per-capita wealth. Included in its borders is almost a fourth of the most valuable farm land in the nation. Only 20 years ago the state did not possess a single state park.

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, streams and forests. These areas offered sport and recreation to more than 2,990,000 visitors during 1938.

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.

Fine highways offer convenient access to the parks during all seasons of the year.

Most favored of all the forms of recreation in Iowa's Parks is picnicking. Thousands of visitors each year find restful relaxation and enjoyment in picnics large and small in the picnic areas. All the parks recommended for picnicking in the table below are equipped with tables, stoves and pure water. You'll find the picnic grounds in Iowa's Parks particularly inviting. They are usually located in the more shaded, cooler sections of the park and offer much in the way of scenic views of the surrounding terrain. Picnicking is extremely enjoyable in April and May. During the hot months of July and August the cool, shady glades and moist glens offer protection from excessive heat. In most of the parks wood is provided near the stove, but in some instances a small charge is made for a bundle of wood. In these cases, wood may be purchased from the custodian.

PUBLIC SHOOTING GROUNDS

Allamakee County
Big Lake (New Albin)
Kains Lake
Mud Hen Lake
State Forest Areas
Buena Vista County
Little Storm Lake (in part only)
Storm Lake
Calhoun County
North Twin Lake
Towhead Lake
Carroll County
Artesian Lake
Cerro Gordo County
Clear Lake (in part only)
Clear Lake Nursery Pond
Clay County
Dan Greene's Slough
Dewey's Pasture
Elk Lake
Lost Island Lake
Mud Lake
Pickerel Lake
Trumbull Lake
Clayton County
State Forest Areas
Dickinson County
Center Lake
Diamond Lake
Jemmerson's Slough
Little Spirit Lake
Marble Lake
Minnewashta Lake
Pleasant Lake
Prairie Lake
Silver Lake
Spirit Lake
Upper Gar Lake
Welch Lake
West Okoboji
Emmet County
Birge Lake
Cheever Lake (in part only)
Four Mile Lake
Grass Lake
High Lake
Iowa Lake
Mud Lake
Swan Lake (East)
Swan Lake (West)
Tuttle Lake
Twelve Mile Lake
Hamilton County
Little Wall Lake
Hancock County
Crystal Lake
Eagle Lake
East Twin Lake
West Twin Lake
Johnson County
Babcock Lake
Swan Lake
Kossuth County
Burt Lake
Goose Lake
Lee County
Green Bay Lake
State Forest Areas
Louisa County
Lake Odessa
Muscatine Slough
Lucas County
State Forest Areas
Monona County
Blue Lake
Monroe County
State Forest Areas
Muscatine County
Keokuk Lake
Muscatine Slough
Osceola County
Rush Lake
Iowa Lake
Palo Alto County
Medium Lake
Rush Lake
Silver Lake
Virgin Lake
Pocahontas County
Clear Lake
Lizard Lake
Pottawattamie County
Lake Manawa
Nobles Lake
Sac County
Black Hawk Lake (in part only)
Van Buren County
State Forest Areas
Winnebago County
Harmon Lake
Rice Lake
Woodbury County
Brown's Lake (in part only)
Worth County
Bright's Lake
Silver Lake
Wright County
Big Wall Lake
Elm Lake
Lake Cornelia
Morris Lake

Iowa's parks offer great possibilities for education in botany, forestry, geology and natural history. Park use studies have indicated that, in many instances, the natural facilities of park areas are not sufficiently used. To enable visitors to best utilize the resources of the vast nature laboratories in our parks, naturalists have been stationed in certain of these areas. The services of these trained men are available at all times during the summer season in the conducting of tours of the park and in guiding visitors along trails. Their function is to advise and encourage visitors in the study and appreciation of nature. The naturalist program, started in 1937, has met with the approval of visitors and tours have been well attended. In June of 1939 there were park naturalists stationed in nine state parks. In secluded glens and along the quiet trails visitors may discover the beauties of nature. A variety of trees, shrubs and wild flowers in profusion offer inducement for long refreshing walks. Wild flowers in vast quantities are to be found in all the state parks. Over 350 varieties of wild flowers may be found in Lacey-Keosauqua Park. In Waubonsie and Stone Parks in western Iowa desert flowers may be seen in the loess bluffs of the area. Ledges State Park in Boone county offers an abundance of wild flowers to the springtime visitor.

Artificial Lakes

County	Name of Area	Area of Water
Carroll	Swan Lake	130 acres
Guthrie	Springbrook Park	27 acres
Taylor	Lake of Three Fires	125 acres
Polk	Walnut Woods Park	12 acres
Warren	Lake Ahquabi	130 acres
Lucas	Red Haw Hill Park	72 acres
Mahaska	Lake Keomah	82 acres
Davis	Lake Wapello	287 acres
Van Buren	Lacey-Keosauqua Park	20 acres
Johnson	Lake Macbride	138 acres
Linn	Palisades-Kepler Park	125 acres
Delaware	Backbone Park	115 acres
Fayette	Echo Valley Park	12 acres
Butler	Beaver Meadow Park	30 acres
Butler	Heery Woods Park	50 acres
Hardin	Pine Lake Park	140 acres
Franklin	Reed's Lake Park	130 acres
O'Brien	Mill Creek Park	25 acres

In those state parks where over-night cabins are available, cabin camping has proved very popular. A total of 48 cabins, located in seven parks are available for use by visitors. These cabins may be rented for periods from one day to two weeks and rent for $2 per night, $4 per week-end or $9 per week per cabin. Many of the rental cabins are supplied with running water and toilets and several of them are equipped with fireplaces so that they may be used throughout the year. Cabins are available at the following state parks: Backbone, Dolliver-Memorial, Lake Ahquabi, Lake Wapello, Ledges, Palisades-Kepler and Pine Lake. Reservations for cabins should be made in advance and inquiries may be addressed to the custodians in the parks having cabins. Group camps, accommodating up to 50 campers, are available at Dolliver-Memorial and Ahquabi Parks. Each camp has eight cabins, central mess hall, toilets and shower building and a leader's cabin. At Palisades-Kepler and Backbone Parks group camp facilities for smaller groups are available. Group camp reservations and additional information concerning these camps may be obtained through the State Conservation Commission, 10th and Mulberry, Des Moines.

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.
BLACK HAWK PRESERVE—fish ponds.
BRUSH CREEK CANYON—"Fairyland" Gorge.
DOLLIVER—copperas beds, Boneyard Hollow.
ECHO VALLEY—Backbone, cedar-fringed lake.
FLINT HILLS—golf course, Flint Creek Valley.
FORT ATKINSON—ruins of the original fort.
FORT DEFIANCE—wild flowers, scenic valley.
GITCHIE MANITOU — Jasper Pool, Sioux Quartzite outcroppings.
LACEY KEOSAUQUA—Ely's Ford, lodge and cuisine, wild flowers, oak trees, golf course, lake and river.
LAKE WAPELLO—state's largest artificial lake.
LEDGES—Ledges, reindeer moss, zoo, flowers.
LEWIS AND CLARK—only ox-bow lake in state park.
MAQUOKETA CAVES—caves, natural bridges.

McGREGOR AREAS—views along Mississippi river, unusual Indian effigy mounds.
OKOBOJI REGION—the heart of Iowa's Lakes.
GULL POINT—park lodge and cuisine.
ORLEANS—largest pike hatchery in the state.
PALISADES KEPLER—palisades of the Cedar River, trail to Upper Palisades, lodge and excellent dining facilities.
PAMMEL—highway tunnel.
PIKES PEAK—Picture Rocks, Bridal Veil Falls.
PILOT KNOB—panoramic view from tower, wild flowers.
PINE LAKE—twin lakes, Falling Rock, golf course, bathing, boating.
RICE LAKE—golf 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.
WAUBONSIE—paw-paw grove and wild flowers.
WHITE PINE HOLLOW—largest stand of virgin white pine in the state.
WILD CAT DEN—dens, old grist mill.

Meandered Lakes

Lake	County	Acres
Big Lake No. 1	Allamakee	679
Big and Kains Lake	Allamakee	200
Mud Hen Lake	Allamakee	164
Pickerel Lake (See Clay)	Buena Vista	176
Storm Lake	Buena Vista	3,060
North Twin Lake	Calhoun	569
South Twin Lake	Calhoun	600
Clear Lake	Cerro Gordo	3,642
Trumbull Lake	Clay	1,190
Round Lake	Clay	450
Dan Greene Slough	Clay	285
Elk Lake	Clay	261
Pickerel Lake (See Buena Vista)	Clay	
Lost Island	Clay	1,260
Silver Lake	Delaware	45
Spirit Lake	Dickinson	5,684
West Okoboji Lake	Dickinson	1,574
East Okoboji Lake	Dickinson	3,847
Center Lake	Dickinson	1,258
Silver Lake	Dickinson	1,052
Diamond Lake	Dickinson	166
Welch Lake	Dickinson	75
Marble Lake	Dickinson	175
Hottes Lake	Dickinson	312
Little Spirit Lake	Dickinson	214
Swan Lake	Dickinson	371
Prairie Lake	Dickinson	136
Pleasant Lake	Dickinson	82
Jefferson Slough	Dickinson	100
Four Mile Lake	Dickinson	219
Four Mile Lake (See above)	Emmet	
Tuttle Lake	Emmet	981
Iowa Lake	Emmet	358
West Swan Lake	Emmet	1,038
Twelve Mile Lake	Emmet	290
Mud Lake	Emmet	421
High Lake	Emmet	467
Little Wall Lake	Hamilton	273
Eagle Lake	Hancock	906
Wood Lake	Hancock	52
Crystal Lake	Hancock	238
East Twin Lake	Hancock	193
West Twin Lake	Hancock	109
Nobles Lake (See Pottawattamie)	Harrison	160
Swan Lake	Johnson	44
Babcock Lake	Johnson	58
Goose Lake	Kossuth	103
Swag Lake	Kossuth	46
Green Bay Lake	Lee	272
Blue Lake	Monona	918
Rush Lake	Osceola	259
Iowa Lake	Osceola	116
Medium Lake	Palo Alto	538
Silver Lake	Palo Alto	535
Rush Lake	Palo Alto	460
Lost Island Lake (See Clay)	Palo Alto	
Virgin Lake	Palo Alto	200
Clear Lake	Pocahontas	197
Lizard Lake	Pocahontas	268
Nobles Lake (See Harrison)	Pottawattamie	
Black Hawk Lake	Sac	857
Rice Lake	Worth, Winnebago	612
Duck Lake	Winnebago	72
Brown's Lake	Woodbury	840
Silver Lake	Worth	318
Cornelia Lake	Wright	285
Elm Lake	Wright	463
Wall Lake	Wright	955
Twin Sisters Lake	Wright	108

Recreational Facilities Available in Iowa State Parks

Name of Park or Preserve	Acreage	Key	Location	Resident Custodian	Boating	Cabins—Rental fee	Camping two weeks	Camping overnight only	Camps—Group	Fishing—Pay fish	Golf—Green fee	Hiking	Historical Interest	Lodge—Rental fee for party	Lodge—Serving Meals	Nature Study—Birds	Nature Study—Botanical	Nature Study—Geological	Picnicking	Refreshments available	Scenic Views and Attractions	Shelters	Skating	Swimming—Supervised beach	Trails	Winter Sports
Backbone	1,398.00	F-22	4½ miles S. W. Strawberry Point	●	●	●	●			●	●		●			●	●	●	●	●					●	●
Barkley	40.00	I-12	1½ miles N. W. Fraser			Almost inaccessible										●	●									
Beaver Meadows	71.43	F-16	North side of Parkersburg							●									●							
Beeds Lake	258.68	E-15	3½ miles N. W. Hampton	●	●														●	●		●	●	●		
Bellevue	173.63	H-26	S. side Bellevue	●				●				●	●		●			●	●	●	●	●				●
Bixby	69.00	E-23	2 miles N. Edgewood											●				●	●		●	●				●
Black Hawk Lake Area	341.19	H-7	At Lake View	●															●							
Brush Creek Canyon	215.74	E-21	1 mile N. E. Arlington														●	●								
Call, A. A.	130.19	C-10	1½ miles S. W. Algona	●			●							●	●				●			●			●	
Clarke, Theo. F.	24.22	H-18	5 miles N. E. Traer													●			●			●				
Clear Lake	27.00	C-14	1 mile S. Clear Lake	●	●		●		●	●					●				●			●	●			
Cold Spring	60.00	M-7	1½ miles S. Lewis														●		●	●				●		
Danville Area	613.80	P-22	4½ miles S. W. Danville		Not developed																					
Dolliver-Memorial	399.28	G-11	12 miles S. E. Fort Dodge	●		●		●	●			●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●	
Eagle Lake	27.00	C-12	4 miles N. E. Britt														●		●			●				
Echo Valley	100.90	D-21	2 miles S. E. West Union								●							●	●		●	●	●		●	
Farmington	126.86	Q-21	At Farmington W. of river	●			●			●					●		●		●	●			●		●	
Flint Hills	102.63	P-24	4 miles N. of Burlington	●								●					●	●	●						●	
Fort Atkinson	6.00	C-20	At Fort Atkinson											●												
Fort Defiance	190.81	A-8	West side of Estherville	●			●						●	●	●		●		●		●	●			●	●
Gitchie Manitou	143.56	A-1	N. W. corner of Iowa														●	●	●			●				
Heery Woods	380.38	E-17	S. side of Clarksville	●	●		●			●				●			●			●						
Lacey-Keosauqua	2,227.85	P-20	At Keosauqua S. of river	●			●			●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●				●	
Lake Ahquabi	560.46	M-13	7 miles S. of Indianola	●	●	●		●	●	●				●					●		●	●	●	●		
Lake Keomah	366.93	M-18	5½ miles E. Oskaloosa	●	●		●			●	●			●	●				●		●	●	●	●		
Lake Macbride	691.34	J-22	3 miles W. of Solon	●	●		●			●	●		●				●		●		●	●	●	●		
Lake Manawa	750.20	N-4	1 mile S. Council Bluffs		●						●												●			
Lake of Three Fires	385.53	P-9	6½ miles N. E. Bedford	●	●		●												●	●		●	●	●		
Lake Wapello	1,130.10	P-17	6 miles W. Drakesville	●	●	●	●			●	●				●				●	●	●	●		●		
Ledges	681.72	I-12	3½ miles S. Boone	●		●	●						●		●		●	●	●	●					●	
Lepley	10.00	H-15	1 mile N. Union											●					●							
Lewis & Clark	315.00	I-2	4 miles W. Onawa		●					●				●	●				●	●			●			
Lost Island	27.63	C-8	4 miles N. Ruthven							●									●	●						
Maquoketa Caves	82.97	I-25	8 miles N. W. Maquoketa	●				●										●	●	●	●				●	
Mill Creek Area	157.50	D-4	1 mile E. Paullina			Not developed													●				●			
Mini-Wakan	18.50	A-7	N. end of Spirit Lake								●	●							●		●					
McGregor Areas	544.27	C-23		●																						
Pike's Peak	140.65		3 miles S. of McGregor										●			●	●	●	●	●	●				●	
Point Ann	132.10		S. side McGregor										●			●	●	●			●				●	
McGregor Heights	72.30		N. W. side McGregor										●			●	●	●	●							
Other Areas	179.22		McGregor vicinity										●			●	●	●	●		●				●	
Oak Grove	101.90	C-1	7 miles N. Hawarden	●			●			●							●		●		●	●			●	
Oakland Mills	110.80	Q-21	5 miles S. W. Mt. Pleasant	●			●			●							●	●	●						●	
Okamanpedan	18.59	A-9	3½ miles N. E. Dolliver			●				●	●								●	●		●		●		
Okoboji Region	122.33	A-6			●					●	●								●							
Gull Point	77.80		W. side W. Okoboji	●				●		●	●				●	●			●	●			●		●	
Orleans	30.00		N. of town Spirit Lake				●			●	●								●	●						
Pike's Point	5.00		N. W. side of W. Okoboji		●					●	●								●	●		●				
Pillsbury Point	2.50		At Arnolds Park W. Okoboji																●							
Inn Area	7.03		N. side W. Okoboji																							
Palisades-Kepler	623.89	J-22	14 miles S. E. Cedar Rapids	●	●	●	●		●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●				
Pammel	242.71	M-11	6 miles S. W. Winterset	●			●							●	●		●	●	●		●	●			●	
Pilot Knob	379.65	B-15	5 miles E. Forest City	●			●							●	●		●		●		●	●			●	
Pine Lake	486.09	G-15	E. side Eldora	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Preparation Canyon	187.00	J-3	6 miles S. W. Moorhead														●		●	●	●	●				
Red Haw Hill	659.90	C-14	1 mile E. Chariton																●			●				
Rice Lake	471.91	A-13	4 miles S. E. Lake Mills									●					●		●			●				
Rush Lake	62.00	D-8	8 miles N. E. Laurens							●									●							
Sharon Bluffs	147.02	Q-16	4 miles E. Centerville										●				●			●		●			●	
Siewers Springs	16.73		S. E. Dawsah	●									●						●		●				●	
Silver Lake	15.00	G-23	S. E. side Delhi																●							
Springbrook	695.56	J-9	10 miles N. E. Guthrie Center	●	●		●			●	●		●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	
Stone Park	912.72	F-1	N. W. Sioux City	●			●			●			●		●		●	●	●		●	●			●	●
Storm Lake	20.73	F-6	E. side of Lake		●					●									●							
Swan Lake	230.52	I-8	2½ miles S. E. Carroll							●	●					●	●					●				
Trappers Bay	87.32	A-6	W. side Lake Park								●								●			●				
Twin Lakes	15.00	F-9	5½ miles N. Rockwell City		●						●	●							●		●	●				
Twin Springs	6.28		S. W. of Decorah										●						●				●		●	
Walnut Woods	261.37	L-13	8 miles S. W. Des Moines	●			●			●		●		●					●			●			●	
Wanata Preserve	148.99	D-6	At Peterson S. of river	●						●							●		●						●	
Wapsipinicon	231.99	I-23	At Anamosa S. of river	●			●			●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●			●	
Waubonsie	200.00	Q-4	6½ miles S. W. Sidney														●	●	●		●	●			●	
White Pine Hollow	570.00	F-24	3 miles N. W. Luxemburg				Not developed																			
Wild Cat Den	291.30	L-25	15 miles N. E. Muscatine	●			●						●	●					●			●			●	
Wood Thrush Preserve	25.00	O-20	6 miles E. of Fairfield				Not recommended for general use									●										
Woodman Hollow	62.89	G-11	2½ miles E. of Otho				Not recommended for general use									●	●	●								

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The Iowa State Parks and Preserves do not have open and closed seasons. The Conservation Commission believes that your parks should be open to the public at all times, and opportunities have been provided for sport, recreation, and relaxation throughout the year. Each period offers new views, new activities, and new enjoyment. The floral progression begins with the appearance of the snow trillium and continues until late fall when the witch-hazel blooms. Swimming and the other aquatic sports are ushered in by the month of June. September brings the beautiful fall season with the asters and the brilliant sumac. October and November present the golden panorama of autumn coloring, and such activities as hiking, riding, and wiener roasts. During the winter months, skiing, tobogganing, and skating are the chief attractions. Throughout the year lodges, warm in the winter, cool and inviting in the summer, are available for group meetings and parties.

Swimming ranks next to picnicking in favor of park visitors and swimming facilities are provided at supervised beaches in 12 of the state parks. The small fee charged defrays the cost of life guards, cleaning the beach and keeping dressing rooms in a sanitary condition. Suits and towels may be rented and checking service is provided at all bath houses. Refreshments may be obtained at the beaches. Boats are available for rent in many of the state parks and on most of the state recreational lakes. On the larger lakes sailboating is a popular form of recreation. The operation of motor boats and outboard craft is strictly prohibited on the state's 18 artificial lakes.

Many of Iowa's parks have a historical association in addition to their scenic, scientific and recreational aspects, recalling the days of exploration and settlement. The parks, with their forts, their hollows and bridges, caves and dens, mills and cabins, defy rigid classification. Some are primarily historical, others are memorial, while many are of physiographical importance. Clearly historical in character are Fort Atkinson and Fort Defiance. Lewis and Clark, Dolliver, Lake Macbride, Heery Woods and Stone Park have human associations which make them memorial parks. Ahquabi, Waubonsie and Lake of Three Fires were named for the Indian lore associated with them. Echo Valley, Wild Cat Den, Maquoketa Caves, Backbone, Ledges and White Pine Hollow definitely indicate physical features. Whether their attraction is historical, memorial, physiographical or a combination of these elements Iowa's State Parks have much to interest the visitor.

Many visitors take advantage of the recreational advantages available in Iowa's State Parks in winter. Opportunities for participation in winter sports have not been neglected in the parks. In a number of the areas ice skating is a popular winter activity and several areas offer ski runs. Toboggan enthusiasts find the toboggan slides at Pine Lake and Fort Defiance State Parks offer excellent opportunities for wintertime sport. Warm shelters are conveniently located for use of winter visitors to the areas.

State Park Rules

Over 2,990,000 people visited Iowa's State Parks and Preserves in 1938.

The following rules are necessary for the successful preservation of the areas:

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—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.

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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.