

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 Fishing licenses may be procured at county recorder's offices, sporting goods houses, and resorts. Further 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 physiological importance. Old Fort Atkinson and Fort Defiance are clearly historical in character. Lewis and Clark, Delliver, Lake Macbride, Heery Woods, and Stone Park have human associations which well justify their being known as memorial parks, whereas Ahquabi, Waubesa, 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 provided wherever possible; ski runs are enjoyed in several parks; and at Pine Lake a constructed toboggan slide was very popular in the winter of 1936. Warm shelters are conveniently situated.

STATE PARK RULES

Over 2,400,000 people visited Iowa's State Parks and Preserves in 1936.

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

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



All parks recommended in the list for picnicking are equipped with tables, stoves, pure water, and toilets. Picnic grounds are usually located in shaded, cool sections of the park, offering exceptional vistas over the surrounding terrain. In most parks wood is provided near the stove, but in a few instances a small charge is made for an adequate bundle of wood which may be obtained from the custodian.

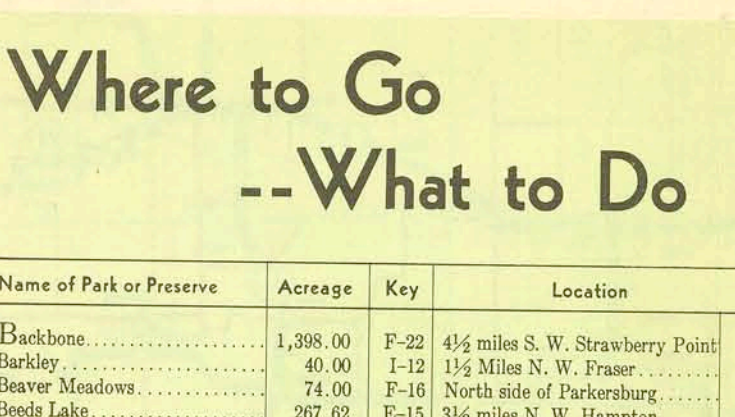


Where to Go --What to Do

Name of Park or Preserve	Acres	Key	Location
Backbone	1,398.00	F-22	4½ miles S. W. Strawberry Point
Barkley	40.00	I-12	1½ Miles N. W. Fraser
Beaver Meadows	74.00	F-16	North side of Parkersburg
Becks Lake	267.62	E-15	3½ miles N. W. Hampton
Bellevue	148.15	H-20	S. side Bellevue
Bixby	69.00	E-23	2 miles N. Edgewood
Black Hawk Lake Area	337.36	H-7	At Lake View
Arrowhead Preserve	160.00		
Black Hawk Preserves	177.56		
Brush Creek Canyon	130.98	E-21	1 mile N. E. Arlington
Call, A. A.	134.00	C-10	1½ miles S. W. Algona
Clark, Thos. F.	24.38	H-18	5 miles N. E. Trar
Clear Lake	27.00	C-14	1 mile S. Clear Lake
Cold Spring	60.00	M-7	1½ miles S. Lewis
Delliver-Memorial	588.67	G-11	12 miles S. E. Fort Dodge
Eagle Lake	27.00	C-12	4 miles N. E. Britt
Echo Valley	107.53	D-21	2 miles S. E. West Union
Farmington & Big Duck Lake	109.17	Q-21	At Farmington W. of river
Flint Hills	110.85	P-24	4 miles N. of Burlington
Fort Atkinson	5.00	C-20	At Fort Atkinson
Fort Defiance	183.70	A-8	West side of Deshlerville
Griehie Manitou	143.50	A-1	N. W. corner of Iowa
Heery Woods	380.38	E-17	S. side of Clarksville
Lacey-Keosauqua	1,706.03	P-20	At Keosauqua S. of river
Lake Ahquabi	560.00	M-13	7 miles S. of Indianola
Lake Kreamer	242.18	M-18	3½ miles E. Okoboji
Lake Macbride	700.05	J-22	3 miles W. of Solon
Lake of Three Fires	504.00	P-9	6½ miles N. E. Bedford
Lake Wapello	1,064.00	P-17	6 miles W. Drakeville
Ledges	684.00	I-12	3½ miles S. Rockwell
Lepley	9.00	H-11	1 mile N. Union
Lewis & Clark on Blue Lake	315.00	I-2	4 miles W. Onawa
Lost Island	27.63	C-8	4 miles N. Rutledge
Maquoketa Caves	85.01	I-25	8 miles N. W. Maquoketa
Mill Creek Area	157.50	D-4	1 mile E. Paullina
Mini-Walk on Spirit Lake	18.50	A-7	N. end of Spirit Lake



YOUR PUBLIC ESTATE . . . consists of 18,500 acres of the finest scenery to be found in the Middle-west, 41,000 acres of beautiful natural lakes, and 800 miles of publicly owned rivers, all for your pleasure and study. Within this 18,500 acre estate are picnic grounds and swimming beaches with ample parking areas, made accessible by 90 miles of roads, 47 major vehicular bridges, and the only highway tunnel within the state, the last being located at Pammel State Park. Boneyard Hollow, the Picture Rocks, the Ice Caves, and many other beautiful works of nature may be seen only by using the 100 miles of foot trails, 18 ledges, which may be reserved for a small fee, and 42 open picnic shelters are available for picnic groups and the casual visitors at all times. For cool and safe bathing there are 12 supervised beaches and both houses. Your family may spend several delightful weeks in any of the 27 cabins within the parks. Your club or organization may utilize the group camps, 28 fulltime conservation officers assigned as park custodians, assisted by 21 part-time caretakers, represent your host. The Iowa Conservation Commission.



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—"Fairland" 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.

GITCHEE MANITOU—Jasper Pool, Sioux Quartzite outcroppings.

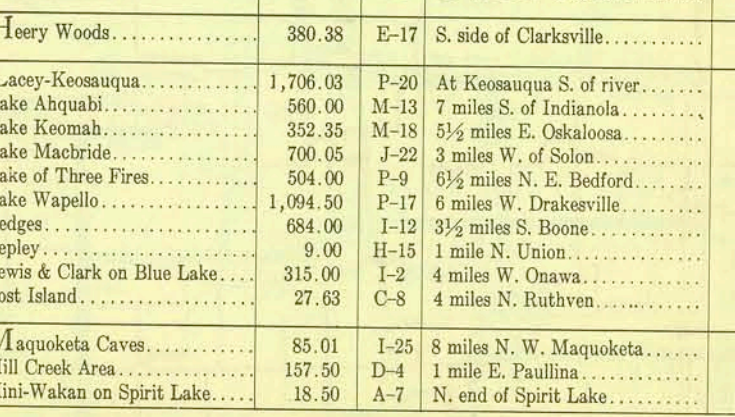
LACEY KEOSAUQUA—Ely's Ford, lodge and cuisine, wild flowers, oak trees, golf course, lake and river.

LAKE WAPELLO—state's largest artificial lake.

LEDGES—Ledges, reindeer moss, zoo, flowers.

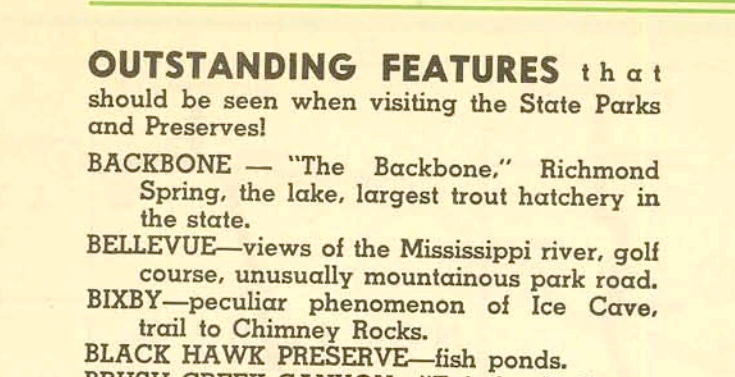
LEWIS AND CLARK—only ox-bow lake in state park.

MAQUOKETA CAVES—caves, natural bridges.



Where to Go --What to Do

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McGregor Areas	544.27	C-23	3 miles S. of McGregor
Pile's Park	140.05		S. side McGregor
Point Amn	152.10		McGregor vicinity
Oak Areas	257.53		Not developed
Oak Grove	101.00	C-1	7 miles N. Hawarden
Oakland Mills	290.00	M-11	N. of Iowa Spirit Lake
Okakanapan on Tuttle Lake	18.00	A-9	3½ miles N. E. Dilworth
Okoboji Region	85.41	A-6	
Old Point	70.91		W. Side W. Okoboji
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Pile's Point	8.51		N. W. side of W. Okoboji
Pilibury Point	2.50		At Arnold Park W. Okoboji
Palisades Kepler	733.89	J-22	14 miles S. E. Cedar Rapids
Pammel	290.00	M-11	6 miles S. W. Winterset
Pilot Knob	375.13	B-13	5 miles E. Forest City
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Sharon Bluffs	142.50	Q-10	4 miles E. Centerville
Sievert Springs	15.00		S. E. Decatur
Silver Lake	23.00	G-23	S. E. side Delhi
Springbrook	637.27	A-9	10 miles N. E. Calhoun Center
Stone Park	785.00	F-1	N. W. Sioux City
Storm Lake	18.00	F-6	E. side of Lake
Swan Lake	230.52	I-8	2½ miles S. E. Carroll
Trappery Bay on Silver Lake	56.00	A-4	W. side Lake
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Wanata Woods	261.37	L-13	8 miles S. W. Des Moines
Walnut Preserve	136.40	D-6	At Peterson S. of river
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McGREGOR AREAS—views along Mississippi river, unusual Indian effigy mounds.

OKOJOI REGION—park lodge and cuisine.

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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.

PILES 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 "Fortyminers" Trail—unusual fall coloring of trees.

SIEVERT'S SPRINGS—springs, fish hatchery.

STONE PARK—yucca and prairie flowers.

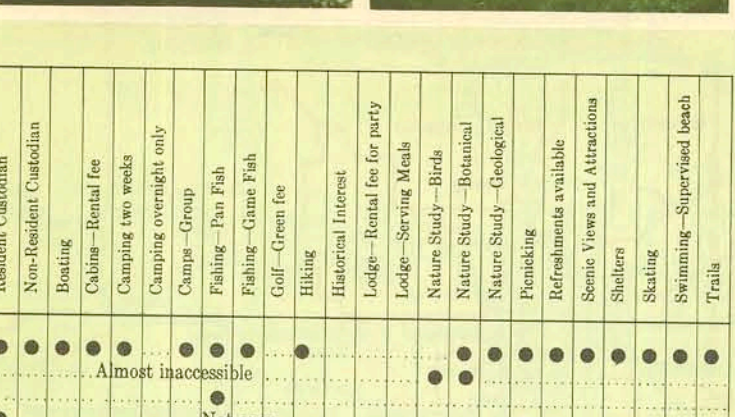
WALNUT WOODS—walnut trees, large elms.

WAPSIPINICON—caves, ledges, dens, golf course.

WAUBESIA—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.

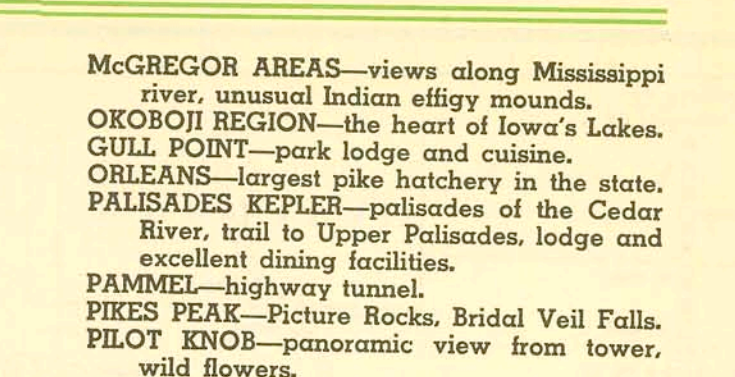


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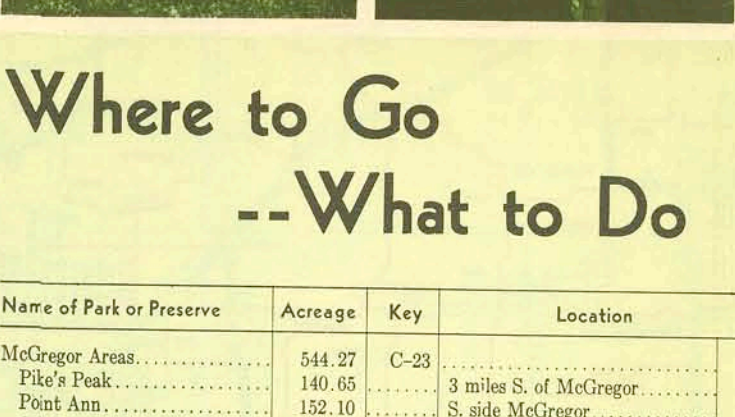
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