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Marble Beach State Recreation Area to open July 1 after two-year renovation project

SPIRIT LAKE – With \$3.2 million in improvements to campground facilities and roadways, Marble Beach State Recreation Area will open its doors to campers on July 1.

“We are excited to unveil the work that’s been taking place here at Marble Beach,” said Frank Rickerl, northwest Iowa supervisor for Iowa State Parks, Forests and Preserves.

The popular park was closed for two years while renovations took place, including constructing a new shower building, new camp pads, upgraded sewer and electric, and more. Electrical hook-ups have been upgraded to 50 amps from 30 amps, and the campground offers a new class of campsites, which provide standard electric with water.

“We believe campers will enjoy the upgrades to campsites and amenities,” said Rickerl. “We really appreciate the patience and support from the local community, and think the renovations will provide long-lasting benefits that will draw visitors to the area.”

Along with infrastructure upgrades, the roadways through the park have been re-designed to improve traffic flow and create pull-through sites. Campsites also have been enlarged and spaced further apart to accommodate larger campers. Additionally, the swimming beach at the park has been relocated to the north side of the campground, away from the boat ramp, to improve safety.

Marble Beach State Recreation Area is the only public campground on Spirit Lake and is part of the Great Lakes region in northwest Iowa. With 75 percent of campsites reservable, campers can start making reservations on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 1 p.m. for Wednesday, July 1 arrival dates or after. Reservations can be made online at <https://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

The \$3.2 million project was funded through federal funding sources, marine fuel tax dollars and state infrastructure funds.

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