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Get excited for spring in Iowa State Parks!

Iowa state parks are getting ready for you -- here's three reasons to enjoy spring in an Iowa state park. Visit soon to hike, fish or picnic -- or [make your camping or cabin reservation](#) for an overnight stay!



Camping amenities open Mid-April

Most Iowa state parks turn on water and provide campground amenities for the season in mid-April. Check before you go on the [state park alerts page](#) or by calling the park. Campgrounds tend to be a little quieter this time of year, and rates are also slightly lower during the off-season. [Make your reservation today](#) and enjoy April overnights in a state park!



Spring flowers are blossoming

Iowa's trees are starting to bud and bloom. One example is [Red Haw State Park](#) in southern Iowa, known for its redbud trees, which are beginning to blossom right now. Find your [favorite state park](#) for a spring hike or drive.



Seasonal cabins open their doors April 15

Most Iowa state park's seasonal cabins are available for rental starting April 15. Reserve a cabin for a minimum of a two-night stay during the off-season, or start planning a spring or summer vacation now. [Find a cabin on the state park reservation system.](#)



One more thing...register now for wildlife camps

The University of Iowa is again hosting day camps at several state parks this summer. The camps are geared toward 3rd - 7th graders and will include recreation and environmental activities to learn about animals, habitats and ecology in each park. [Learn more and register today](#) to secure your child's spot!



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