



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

State Park News

Conservation and Recreation



Reserve a Backbone cabin in summer 2021!

Here's a rare opportunity to [book a weeklong summer stay](#) at one of [Backbone State Park's](#) cabins in 2021! Or reserve a shorter stay (2-night minimum) in the fall. Usually booked months in advance, the cabins are nestled in the woods of one of Iowa's most scenic and historic state parks.

The cabins were scheduled to be closed for several weeks this summer for a road construction project, but a delay in the overall start date means the cabins are back open and available through 2021. The cabins will close March - Summer 2022, until the project is complete.

Choose from 16 cabins with various amenities to meet your family's needs. [Reserve today!](#)

[Make a Reservation >](#)



New prizes for check-ins in 2021! Sign up today!

There's still time! [Sign up for the 2021 Iowa State Park Passport](#), your ticket to earning prizes and exploring the outdoors! Make it a family-friendly challenge to visit parks across the state and track your progress with this personalized passport.

It's free to sign up and the more parks you visit, the more chances for prizes you earn!

In 2021, [AARP Iowa](#) is sponsoring several new prizes, including t-shirts, fit bits, camping gear and more!

- First **1,000 people to 10 check-ins** earn a 2021 Iowa State Park Passport **t-shirt**.
- **Check into 30 parks** for a chance to win one of **four Fitbit** activity trackers.
- And every check-in is an **entry into monthly Endless Adventures Prize Packs**:
 - **June** – Paddleboard and water sport accessories
 - **July** – Camping tent and accessories
 - **August** – Hammock and picnic accessories
 - **September** – Yeti Cooler set
 - **October** - \$500 Bass Pro Shops gift card

The Iowa State Park Passport is offered to you by [Travel Iowa](#) and the [Iowa DNR](#). If you signed up in 2020 for the Passport, your check-ins start over in 2021 -- all new check-ins count toward prizes.

[Sign Up Now >](#)



Visiting a state park? 
Catch some memories!

BUY YOUR IOWA FISHING LICENSE TODAY!

Iowa state parks offer wonderful fishing opportunities for your family and friends. Whether you're a beginner or an avid angler, catch some memories in state park lakes, trout streams and rivers.

Many of the Iowa lakes and streams within state parks are stocked with Iowa's most [popular fish species](#). Find accessible fishing docks and piers, or launch your boat from one of dozens of boat ramps throughout the park system.

[Buy your license today](#), and [find out what's biting](#). You also can get [lake maps](#) and a [complete list of parks](#) to discover your favorite fishing spot.

Catch some memories this summer!

