

## CLEAR LAKE STATE PARK

Clear Lake State Park is located on the southeast shore of beautiful 3,643-acre Clear Lake, one of the major outdoor recreation features of northern Iowa. Although the state park is only 55 acres in size, it offers a tremendous diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities due to its location on the lake as well as its natural beauty. The park is characterized by gently rolling ground with open, mature groves of oak trees. Several small draws and thickets provide habitat for owls, squirrels, opossums, raccoons, rabbits, many species of songbirds and an occasional deer. Scenic Woodford Island is located just off the park shoreline. This 3-acre island is managed primarily for wildlife habitat and is an excellent spot for fishing.

## HISTORY

Clear Lake State Park began in 1924 with the acquisition of land now occupied by the picnic area. In the following year, the remaining area of the present beach was purchased. In the 1960s and 1970s, additional property was acquired in order to provide enhanced outdoor recreation opportunity and visitor enjoyment. Woodford Island was donated to the state in 1971 by the Woodford family.

## CAMPING

Clear Lake State Park has one of the most popular campgrounds in the Iowa state park system. The campground encompasses 215 campsites, 95 with electric hookups. Modern rest room and shower facilities and a trailer dump station are present for camper convenience and enjoyment. Camping permits are obtained through self-registration at the campground.

## PICNICKING

Clear Lake State Park contains more than 20 acres of picnic grounds with tables and grills. The shady picnic areas provide a great place for a family cookout. An open picnic shelter, constructed through donations in 1986, is available and may be reserved for \$15.00 through the park ranger.

## SWIMMING

A 900-foot sandy beach is located in close proximity to the picnic area and campground. The beach, which offers unsupervised swimming, is a great place for swimmers and sunbathers, young and old. A concrete path runs the length of the beach and is accessible for the mobility impaired.

## LODGE

An enclosed shelter or lodge is located near the picnic area and beach. The lodge features a stove, refrigerator and rest rooms along with a rustic fireplace. It was built by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s and is a great place for such group events as wedding receptions and family reunions. It may be reserved through the park ranger.

## FISHING AND BOATING

Clear Lake is a mecca for fishermen. The lake offers good fishing for walleyes, bass, crappies, northern pike, panfish and bullheads. Boaters also enjoy skiing, sightseeing, wind surfing and sailing.

## AREA ATTRACTIONS

The park lies adjacent to the town of **Clear Lake** which contains a thriving business and civic community. A short distance away lies **Mason City**, one of the largest retail centers in northern Iowa. The town of **Ventura** lies several miles away to the northwest.

## EQUAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

All persons are entitled to full and equal enjoyment of the recreational opportunities, privileges and advantages available in Iowa's great outdoors.

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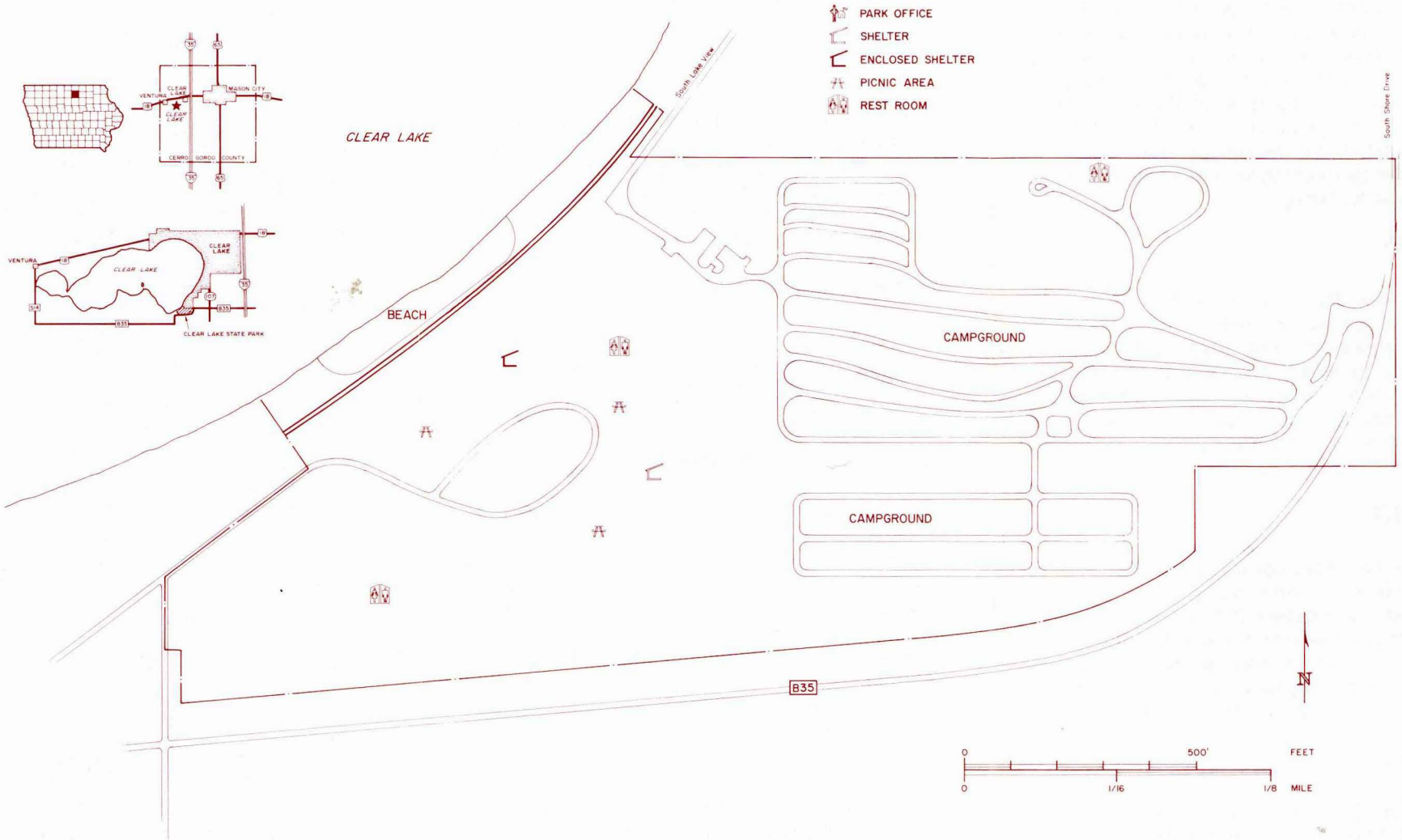
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**A Park User Permit is required. Annual permits are available at the park office. Daily permits are available at posted locations in the park.**



- PARK OFFICE
- SHELTER
- ENCLOSED SHELTER
- PICNIC AREA
- REST ROOM

