

## LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK

Lake Macbride State Park's 2,180 acres offer much to the outdoor enthusiast: fishing, swimming, hiking, camping, boating, and lots more. The park is located in two units. The northern unit lies at the end of Iowa Highway 382, 4 miles west of Solon. Here you will find a modern campground, boat ramps, beach and boat rental, picnic areas, and the park office. The southern unit is located off County Road F-28 (Fifth Street in Solon), 3 miles west of Solon. The southern unit offers a non-modern campground, boat ramps, picnic areas, a frisbee golf course and a native prairie. The park, dedicated in 1935, is named for Dr. Thomas Huston Macbride, one of the early Iowa conservationists responsible for the establishment of a state park system.

### FISHING

Lake Macbride is an angler's delight! Good catches of walleyes, channel catfish, crappies, and bluegill await the angler in the 812-acre artificial lake. Walleyes, channel catfish and tiger muskies are stocked annually in the lake. Lake Macbride may be the only lake in Iowa in which the prized Kentucky spotted bass can be caught. Good lake access is available for both shoreline and boat fishing.

### TRAILS

Multi-use trails wind for miles around the lake. All park trails offer opportunities for the sights and sounds of Iowa at its best. Birdwatchers will thrill to the sight of nearly every songbird native to the region. During the spring and fall, shorebirds, waterfowl and ospreys are frequent visitors. During winter months, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are popular.

### SWIMMING

Lake Macbride offers supervised swimming as well as refreshments at the beautiful beach area. The Macbride beach is a great place for young and old to cool off on a hot summer day. Swimming is restricted to the designated beach area only.

### BOATING

There are six boat ramps on the lake. Boats are available for rent near the beach. A 10 horsepower motor limit is in effect on Lake Macbride year-round. Pontoon docking spaces are available for rental, as are dry-storage spots for boats.

### CAMPING

Lake Macbride State Park has two campgrounds. The modern campground in the northern unit of the park has 40 sites with electrical hookups and 20 without, a shower and rest room building, and a trailer dump station. The non-modern campground in the southern park unit has 60 campsites and a vault rest room. This campground is located in a beautiful shaded setting near the lake. Both campgrounds have playground equipment nearby. Camping permits are obtained through self-registration at the campgrounds.

### PICNICKING

Lake Macbride State Park is a great place for a family picnic or get-together. Several open picnic shelters are available and may be reserved for \$15.00 through the park ranger.

### NEIGHBORING TOWNS

**Solon**, located 4 miles east of the park, has restaurants, groceries, and churches. **Iowa City**, home of the University of Iowa, is 14 miles south on Highway 1. **Cedar Rapids**, Iowa's second largest city, is just 12 miles north of the park via County Road W6E.

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

