

PLEASANT CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA

The idea for a state recreation area at Pleasant Creek originated in the early 1960's when the Iowa Conservation Commission (now the Iowa Department of Natural Resources) began investigating the possibility of a large lake to serve the outdoor recreation needs of a multi-county region of northeast Iowa. Today, a 410-acre lake and over 1,500 acres of land are available to visitors conveniently close to the cities of Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and Waterloo. The area is open year-round and provides a maximum of outdoor recreation activities.

TRAILS

There are 15 miles of trails for the pedestrian, hiker, snowmobiler, cross-country skier and equestrian, with connecting access to many area facilities and scenic overlooks. Pleasant Creek is also a popular site for organized field trials.

CAMPING

The Pleasant Creek campground features electrical hook-ups and modern shower and restroom facilities. From the campground, campers have a pleasing view of much of the recreation area.

FISHING

The lake is one of the highest quality fishing lakes in the region and is stocked with largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, tiger muskie and walleye. Shoreline fishing has been enhanced by the construction of jetties. Bait is available for sale at the boat house.

SWIMMING

Pleasant Creek is a relaxing place to spend a day at the beach. A privately operated concession offers supervised swimming and a modern bath-house with refreshments available.

PICNICKING

Pleasant Creek is a great place for a family picnic. Several open shelters may be reserved for \$15 through the park ranger.

BOATING

Pleasant Creek Lake is one of the most popular boating spots in eastern Iowa. Four launch sites are conveniently located around the lake. These sites have a total of seven ramps for fishing, leisure boating and sailboating access. Boats, motors, canoes and paddleboats may be rented at the boat house.

HUNTING

A portion of the Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area is open to public hunting. Popular species of game include rabbits, pheasants and quail.

STATE PARK USER PERMIT

Motorized vehicles parked in state parks, recreation areas, and state forest campgrounds are required to have either annual or daily user permits on display. Annual permits are available at the park rangers' offices, county recorders, state park concessions, and other locations. Daily permits, good through 10:30 p.m. the following day, may be purchased on a self-service basis at posted locations in each park. Vehicles with Iowa Department of Transportation handicapped license plates or rear-view mirror tags are exempt from the user permit requirement. Iowa residents 65 and older, on Medicaid, or receiving food stamps, are eligible for free user permits available only at county recorders' offices. Park user permits are not required for simply driving through a park without stopping.

All funds raised through the sale of user permits are deposited in a trust fund to be utilized solely for the renovation and replacement of state park facilities.

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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-  PARK OFFICE
-  SHELTER
-  PICNIC AREA
-  RESTROOM
-  BOAT RAMP
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-  FISH ATTRACTORS
- NATURE TRAIL
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 - HIKING
 - EQUESTRIAN
 - SNOWMOBILE

