

WAPSIPINICON STATE PARK

Wapsipinicon State Park lies just south of Anamosa on the Wapsipinicon River. The sandstone and limestone bluffs in the 251 acre park are covered with moss and columbine. Hiking through a multitude of flowers, trees and wildlife leads one to splendid views from the bluffs.

The quiet walker along the Wapsi or Dutch Creek, which runs through the park, will often see a deer stop to drink, a beaver ambitiously constructing a dam, or a wild turkey strutting through the forest. Mushrooms, nuts, and berries may be harvested in the park.

There are unforgettable views from the road that winds between the river and bluffs. The white pine forest, the oldest planting in Iowa, creates a feeling of being "way out west" or in Paul Bunyan's "far north" territory.

CAVES

Hiking along the bluffs reveals rocky staircases, caverns, and numerous caves. A trip to Wapsipinicon isn't complete without visiting bowl-shaped Horse Thief Cave. The excitement of years past exists in the legend of the two horse thieves who used the cave for their camp. In Ice Cave, visitors can crawl back into cool temperatures during the height of summer's heat.

FISHING

The Wapsi River has long been famous for its channel and flathead catfish, spring crappies, bullheads, and smallmouth bass, especially below the dam near the park entrance. Dutch Creek meanders through the park and empties into the Wapsi. At its mouth, fishing is good almost anytime. This is also a feeding area for walleye and northern, providing anglers with a great challenge.

LODGE

An enclosed shelter, ideal for group events, is available by reservation from the park ranger. A gas stove, refrigerator, tables and running water are included.

CAMPING

There are 30 campsites (15 with electrical hookups), modern restrooms and showers. Camping permits are obtained by self-registration at the campground.

PICNICKING

Wapsipinicon is a great place for a family picnic. Several open shelters are available and may be reserved for \$15 through the park ranger.

GOLF

Don't forget your golf clubs. There is a nine hole golf course maintained by the Wapsipinicon Country Club in the park.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Anamosa is immediately north of the park. The State Men's Reformatory is here.

Cedar Rapids is 20 miles southwest on U.S. 151. This is Iowa's second largest city and is the home of Coe College.

Mount Vernon, Monticello and Stone City, birthplace of the artist Grant Wood, are all close to the park.

STATE PARK USER PERMIT

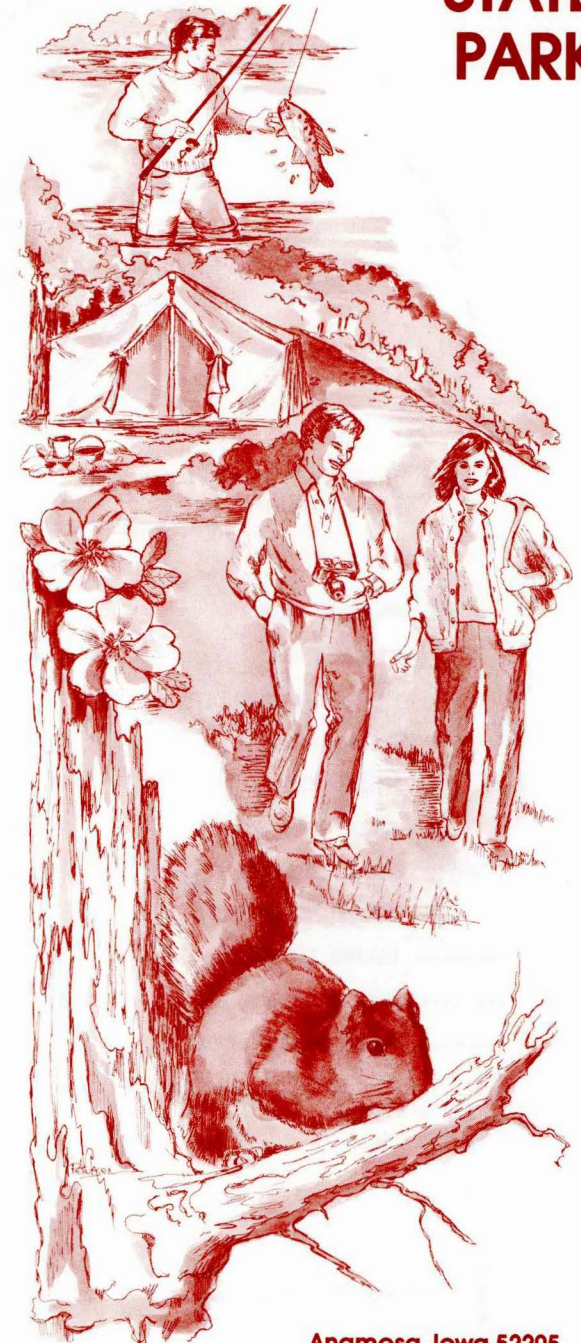
Motorized vehicles parked in state parks, recreation areas, and state forest campgrounds are required to have either annual or daily user permits on display. Annual permits are available at the park rangers' offices, county recorders, state park concessions, and other locations. Daily permits, good through 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

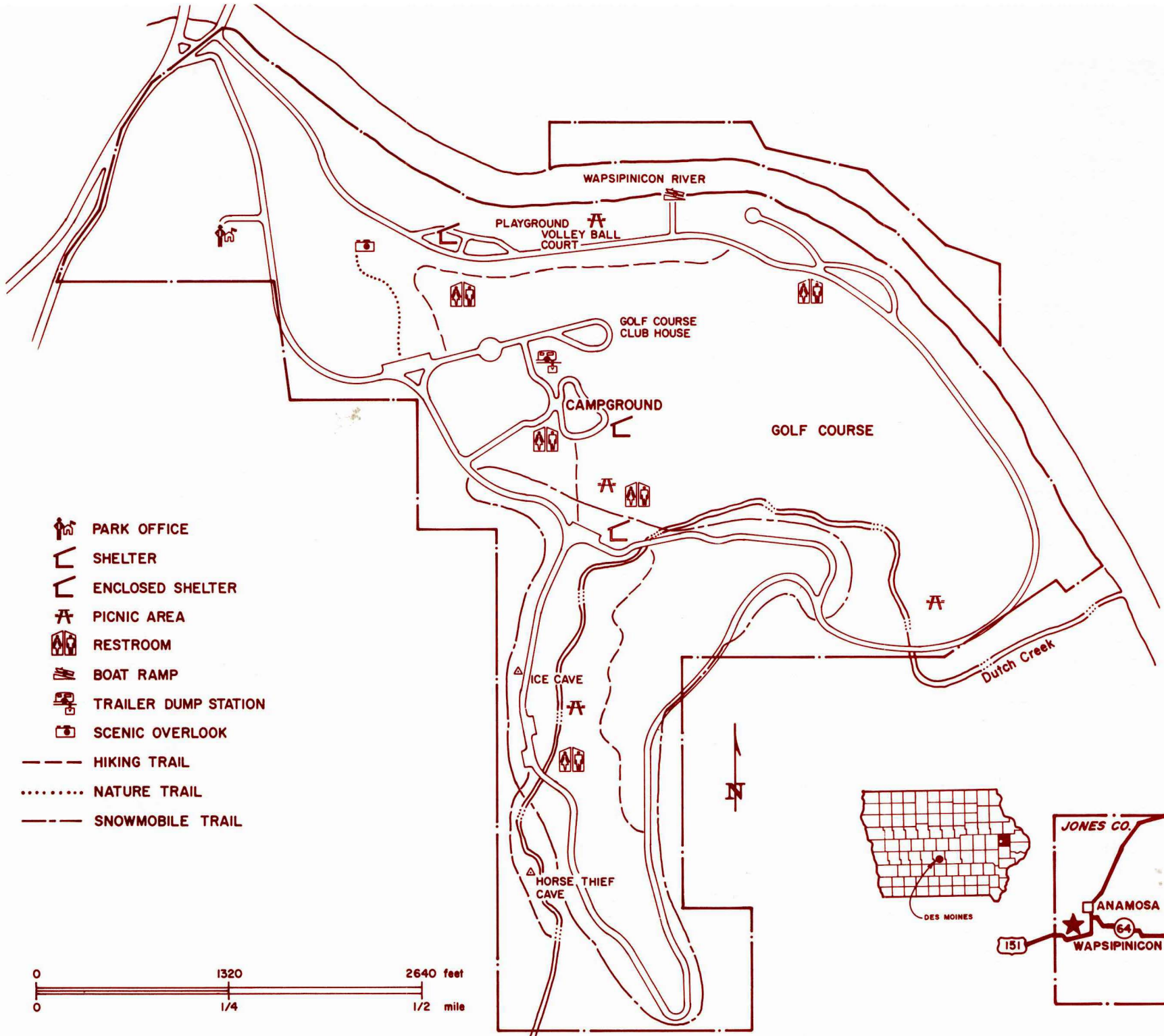
All persons are entitled to full and equal enjoyment of the recreational opportunities, privileges and advantages available in Iowa's great outdoors.

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-  PICNIC AREA
-  RESTROOM
-  BOAT RAMP
-  TRAILER DUMP STATION
-  SCENIC OVERLOOK
-  HIKING TRAIL
-  NATURE TRAIL
-  SNOWMOBILE TRAIL

