BEED'S LAKE STATE PARK

Beed's Lake State Park has everything one could wish for in a state park and then some. The "then some" includes a causeway that crosses the lake from southeast to northwest and provides over one-third mile of great shoreline fishing opportunity as well as a convenient pathway for hikers and joggers. Another focal point of the park which is important to visitors is the unusual 170 foot-long spillway of multi-colored stone in horizontal layers that drop abruptly 40 feet to the rock foundation. Water cascading over the spillway is a beautiful sight. In 1987, T.K. Hansbury built the first dam and a grist mill. William Beed put in the long causeway when he bought the property in 1864. The State of Iowa retained the area for development as a state park in 1934.

PICNICKING

Beed's Lake is an ideal place for a family cook-out. Its grassy and shaded picnic areas provide many opportunities for relaxation. A rustic shelter is available and may be reserved for $15.00 through the park ranger.

SWIMMING

The sandy beach is located on the west side of the causeway. It is a great place for young and old to enjoy the water on a hot summer day.

FISHING AND BOATING

The beautiful lake, fed by Spring Creek, is a popular destination for anglers, year-round. Walleyes, bass, catfish, panfish and tiger muskies are available to challenge anglers young and old. A fishing jetty and dock are located on the south shore of the lake. These are accessible to mobility impaired visitors.

Beed's Lake is a popular boating spot due to its scenic beauty. Motors of up to 10 horsepower may be used. A modern boat ramp is located on the southern shore of the lake near the beach area.

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CAMPING

Beed's Lake has a very popular campground. Seventy of the 144 sites have electrical hookups. Modern rest room and shower facilities are available, as is a sanitary dump station. Camping permits are obtained by self-registration at the campground.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

The City of **Hampton** is located three miles from Beed's Lake.

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.

The fishing jetty, fishing dock, and causeway are accessible to persons with varying abilities.

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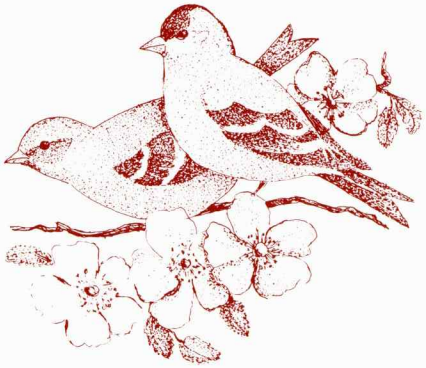

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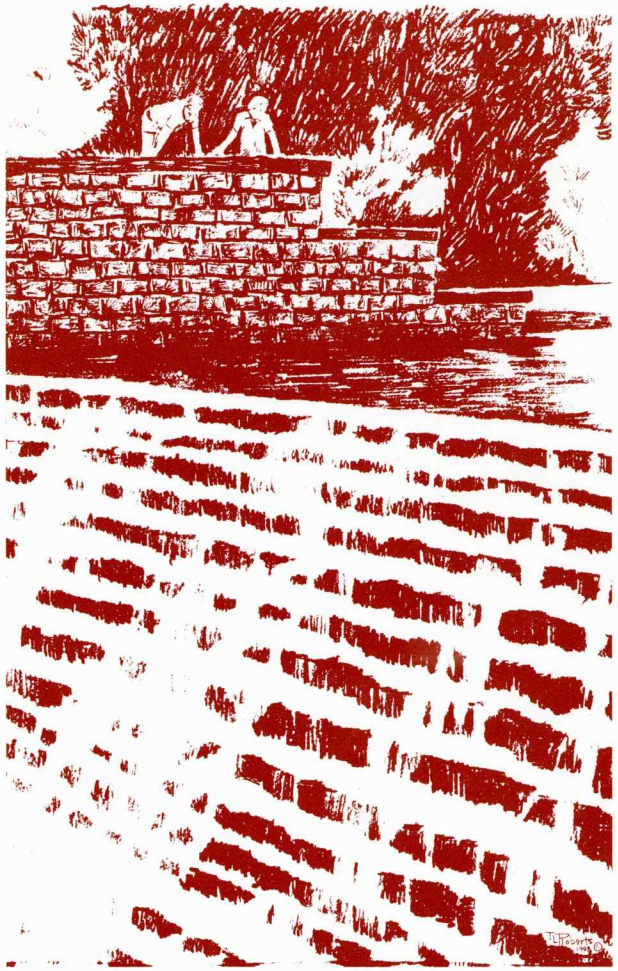

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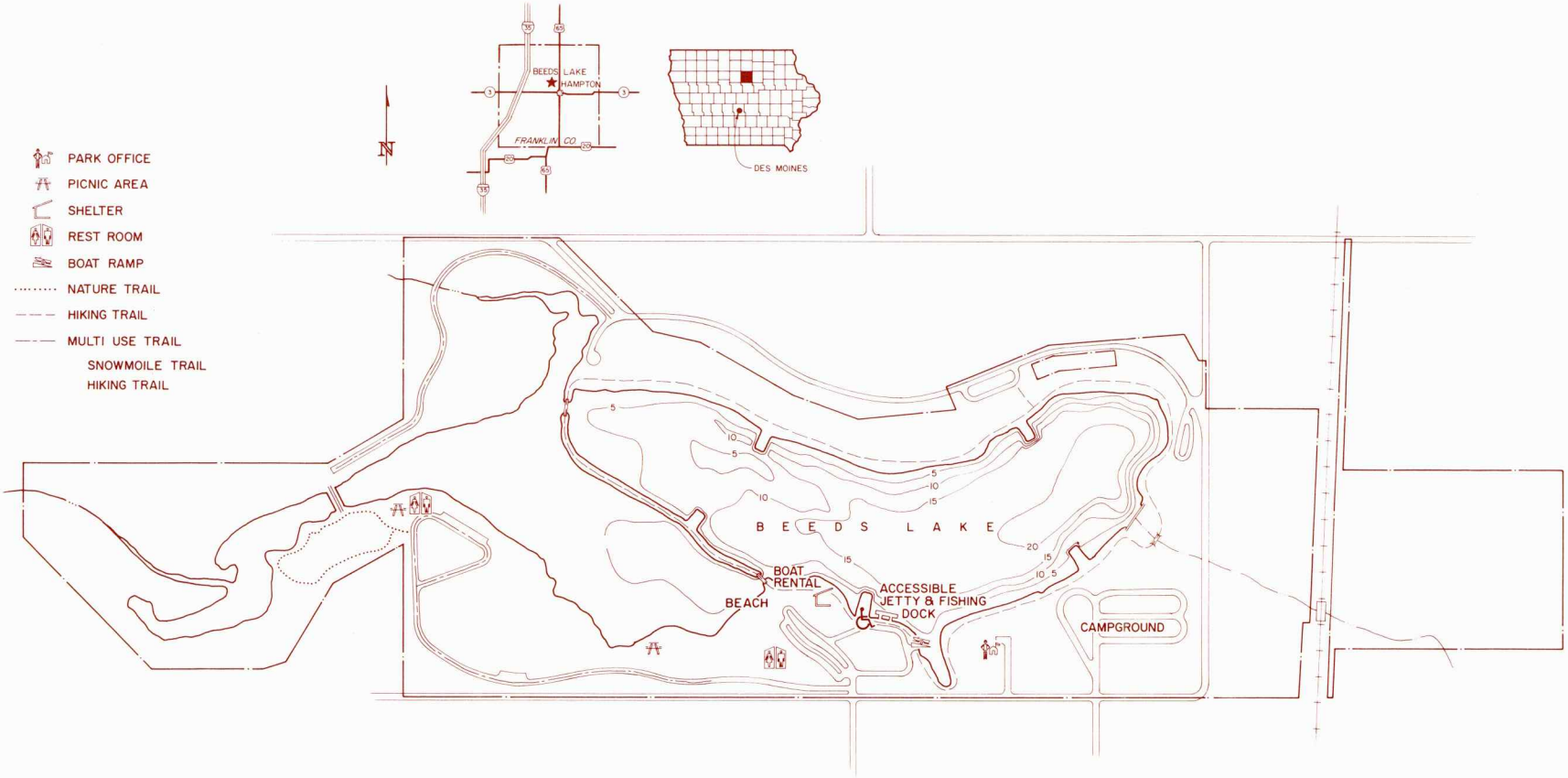
A Park User Permit is required. Annual permits are available at the park office. Daily permits are available at posted locations in the park.



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