HONEY CREEK STATE PARK

Visitors to Honey Creek State Park return often to enjoy the beautiful setting of 828 acres of rolling, timbered hills against a blue lake background. Others enjoy the miles of multi-use trails and the interpretive trail where one may learn about the early Indians who inhabited the area. Displays on the history of Honey Creek are located in a special shelter at the beginning of the interpretive trail.

BOATING AND FISHING

Of course, the big attraction is Lake Rathbun. The 11,000 acre reservoir is high in popularity with sailboaters, power boaters, water skiers, and fishermen. The park has excellent boat launching ramps, and conveniently located fish cleaning facilities.

PICNICKING

Honey Creek is a great place for picnics and larger gatherings. Shelters are located at scenic points overlooking the lake and may be reserved for \$15 through the park ranger.

CAMPING

There are 165 modern campsites with showers, restrooms, and a trailer dump station. Fourteen of the sites have full recreation vehicle hookups (sewer, water, electricity), and 28 are equipped with electricity only. Electricity is available all year in the campground and the shower building is heated in the winter. However, full hookups are closed during the winter.

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 rearview 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 lowa's great outdoors.

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