

PINE LAKE STATE PARK

Pine Lake State Park provides a pleasing mix of woodland and lake in the midst of rolling prairie farmland. The 572-acre park encompasses two lakes: 50-acre Lower Pine Lake and 69-acre Upper Pine Lake. Of special appeal to nature enthusiasts are the ancient white pine, the white-barked birch trees, and the rare ferns found along the Iowa River. The pine-scented air of the campgrounds and picnic areas is a pleasing rarity in Iowa.

PICNICKING AND LODGE

There are several beautiful picnic spots at Pine Lake. One is a quiet river setting near both Pine Creek and the Iowa River. The "Hogsback bluffs picnic area" overlooks the lower lake. Others are located at the upper lake boat ramp and circle drive. All picnic areas have fireplaces, tables and restroom facilities. Several open picnic shelters may be reserved for \$15 through the park ranger.

A beautiful lodge is located high on a hill overlooking Lower Pine Lake. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's, it is popular for reunions and other groups and may be rented through the park ranger.

SWIMMING, BOATING AND FISHING

A pleasant beach is located on the lower lake, with refreshments available. Both lakes are stocked with bass, crappies, bluegills, northerns and catfish. The Iowa River borders a portion of the park and is noted for its fine angling for channel catfish and smallmouth bass.

A boat rental concession is on the upper lake. Boat ramps are on both lakes and only electric motors may be used.

HIKING

There are over 10 miles of well developed trails, with rougher trails for the more adventurous hikers. On the southern shore of Lower Pine, one can walk under 250 year old pine trees. A self-guided nature trail begins at Upper Pine Lake and follows the northern shore of Lower Pine ending near the beach area. Another self-guided nature trail starting in the Hogsback Picnic Area ends near the beach. Both trails are marked with points of interest that correspond with trail brochures available in the park.

GOLF COURSE

A golf course, managed by the Eldora Country Club, and open to all visitors lies just past the lodge road. The picturesque and challenging course meanders over rolling bluffs above both lakes, and is considered by many as "Iowa's most beautiful nine-hole golf course."

CAMPING

There are 128 modern camping units with electrical hook-ups, modern shower and restroom facilities and a trailer dump station. Camping permits are available through self-registration at the campground.

IN THE VICINITY

Pine Ridge County Park is four miles northeast on Highway 118, with a shelter, camping and fishing. Tower Rock, between Pine Lake and Steamboat Rock, is a county conservation area with primitive camping and fishing on the Iowa River.

Marshalltown is 40 miles away. Eldora is immediately west of 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.

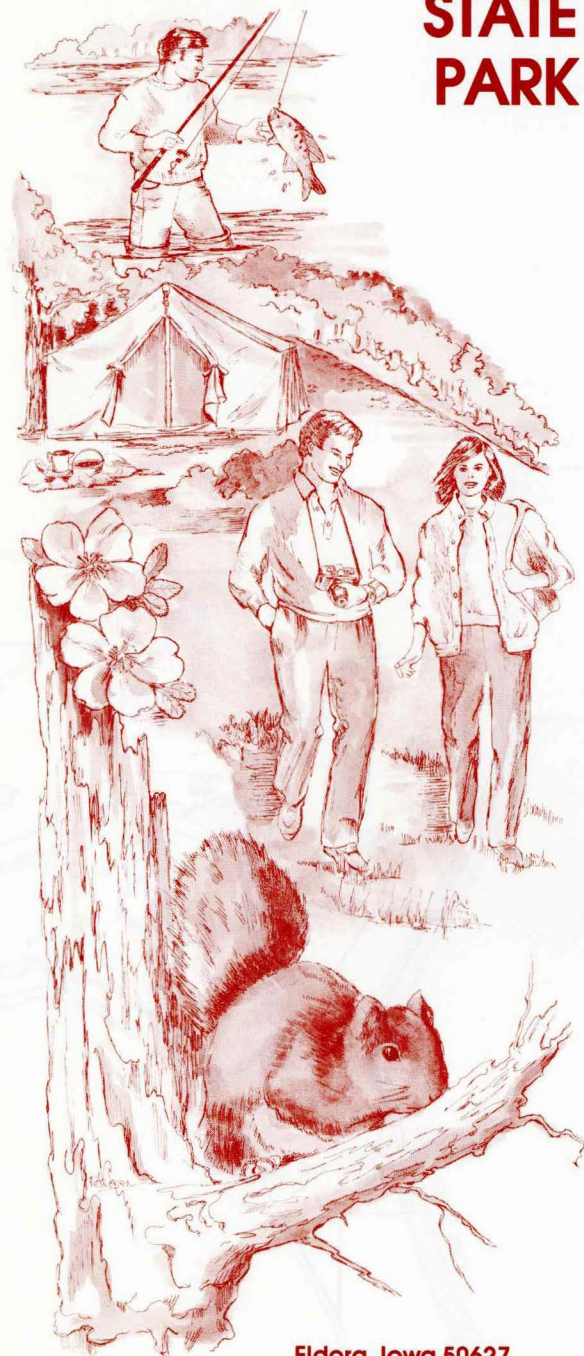
All funds raised through the sale of user permits are deposited in a trust fund to be utilized solely for the renovation and replacement of state park facilities.

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.

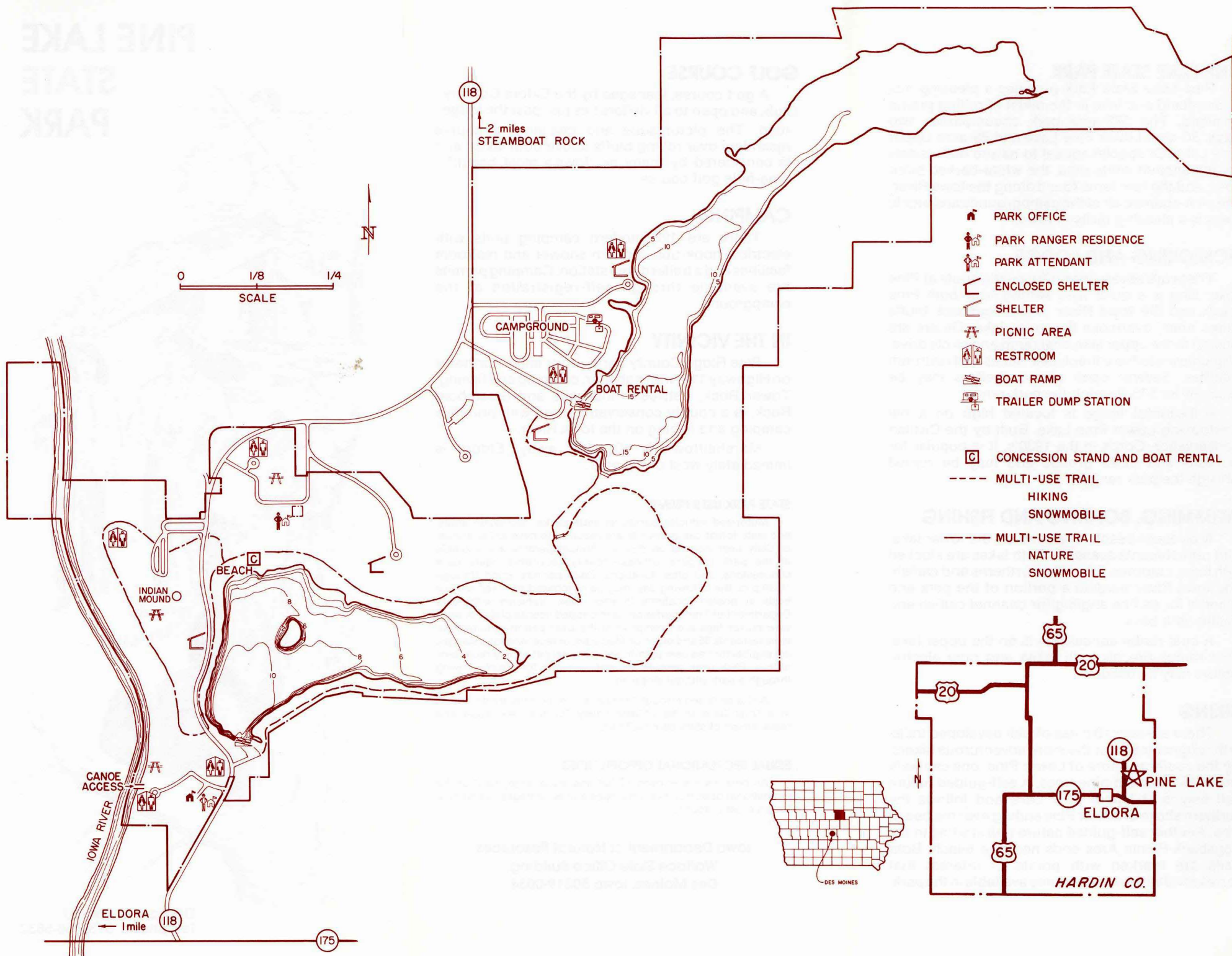
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- PARK ATTENDANT
- ENCLOSED SHELTER
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- PICNIC AREA
- RESTROOM
- BOAT RAMP
- TRAILER DUMP STATION
- CONCESSION STAND AND BOAT RENTAL
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