

## PRAIRIE ROSE STATE PARK

Prairie Rose State Park is one of the most attractive outdoor recreation areas in western Iowa. The 422-acre park lies in a region of scenic hills, six miles east of Harlan. The park received its name from a small town called Village of Prairie Rose which was once located near the present park location. Plans for Prairie Rose were initiated in the 1930s. However, the park was not actually opened until 1962.

### PICNICKING

Prairie Rose State Park provides a number of beautiful picnic areas with excellent views of the 218-acre lake. These are ideal places for family cookouts. Two open picnic shelters are available and may be reserved for \$15.00 through the park ranger.

### CAMPING

Camping at Prairie Rose, whether for a weekend or a family vacation, is delightful. There are 112 campsites, 61 with electric hookups. Two campgrounds are available. The larger one features electrical hookups and modern shower and rest room facilities. The other campground, with non-modern rest room facilities, is popular with tenters. Camping permits are obtained by self-registration at the campground.

### SWIMMING, FISHING AND BOATING

The lake is the real focal point of the park. The Prairie Rose beach provides swimming and sunbathing fun for young and old. A concession is available for the purchase of refreshments.

The lake is popular for all types of boating, from canoes and sailboats to motor boats and, in the winter, ice boats. Any size boat motors may be used at "no wake" speeds. Two modern boat ramps provide easy access to the lake.

Anglers of all ages will find a challenge at Prairie Rose. The lake provides excellent bass, channel catfish, bluegill, and crappie fishing from boat or shoreline.

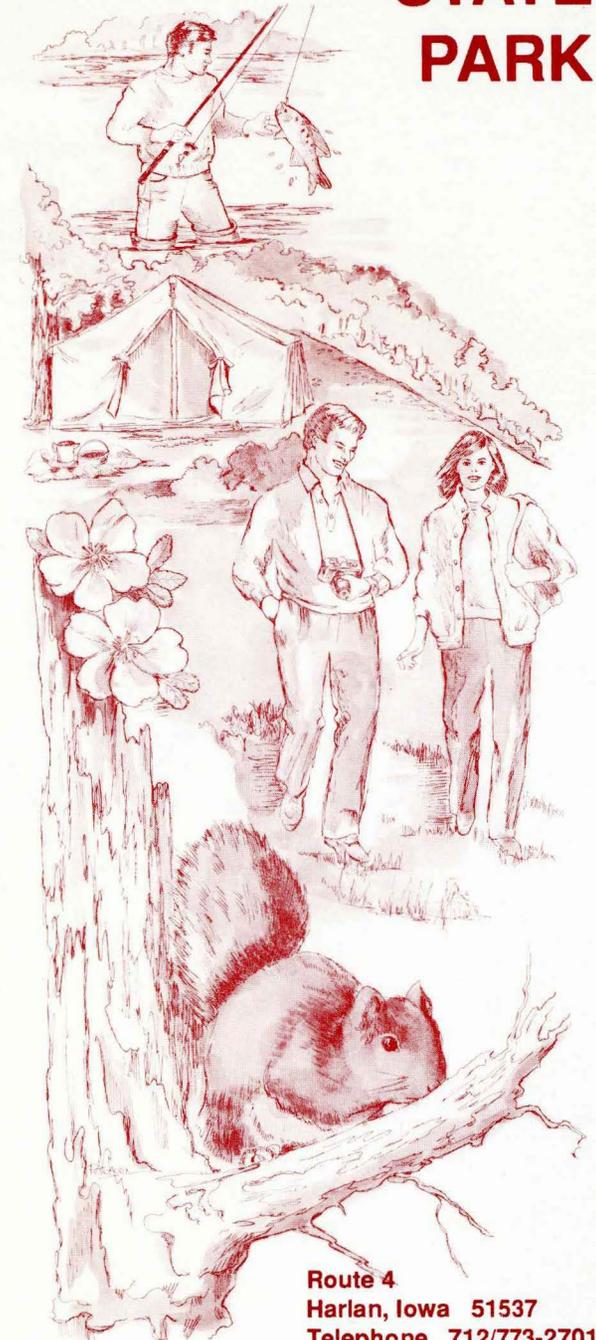
## TRAILS

The nature trail is located in the northwest corner of the park, starting from near the beach area. It winds along the shoreline and around the re-established prairie and is a great place to observe a variety of plants and wildlife. The snowmobile trail is located in the western portion of the park and provides excellent winter-time fun.

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

