

GREEN VALLEY STATE PARK

Green Valley's 390 acre lake draws hundreds of visitors on hot summer days. Not only does it offer excellent fishing, boating and swimming, it is also the focal point for a great variety of other outdoor recreation pursuits.

PICNICKING

Green Valley is a popular family picnic spot. Its open shelters may be reserved for \$15 through the park ranger.

HIKING

A self-guided nature trail and multi-purpose trails, many bordering the lake, provide visitors excellent opportunities to investigate the 990 acre park and enjoy its wildlife and plants.

SWIMMING AND FISHING

The swimming beach is a great place to cool off on a hot summer day for both kids and grown-ups. Green Valley has long been a popular "fishing hole" for both bank and boat anglers. A number of fishing jetties are available, as well as two fishing piers for persons with varying ability. Two modern fish cleaning stations are located in the campground and adjacent to the beach.

BOATING AND WATER SKIING

Green Valley Lake is used for all types of boating; water skiing is allowed in a designated area. For safety reasons, there are special regulations governing water skiing. All other boats must keep out of the general traffic pattern of boats pulling skiers and must not operate at speeds greater than five miles per hour when within 50 feet of another craft or person. All water skiers, including those using surfboard-type devices, must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life-saving jackets. No boat is allowed to be operated within 100 feet of shore at speeds greater than five miles per hour. Boats must also maintain a "no wake" speed when outside the ski zone. Four boat ramps on Green Valley Lake provide convenient lake access.

CAMPING

There are 140 campsites (47 with electrical hook-ups), modern rest rooms and showers, and a trailer dump station. Camping permits are obtained by self-registration at the campground.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Creston is two and one-half miles southeast on State Route 186.

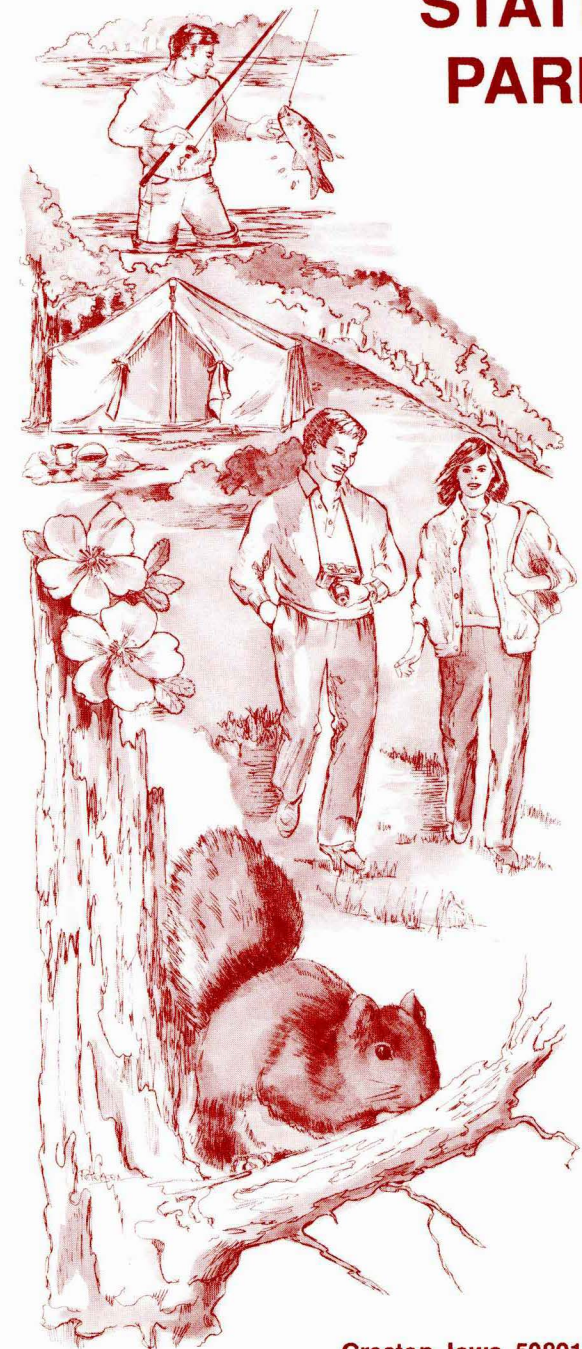
Alton, Orient and **Greenfield** are also close by.

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.

Two fishing piers on both the north and south shorelines are accessible to persons with varying abilities.

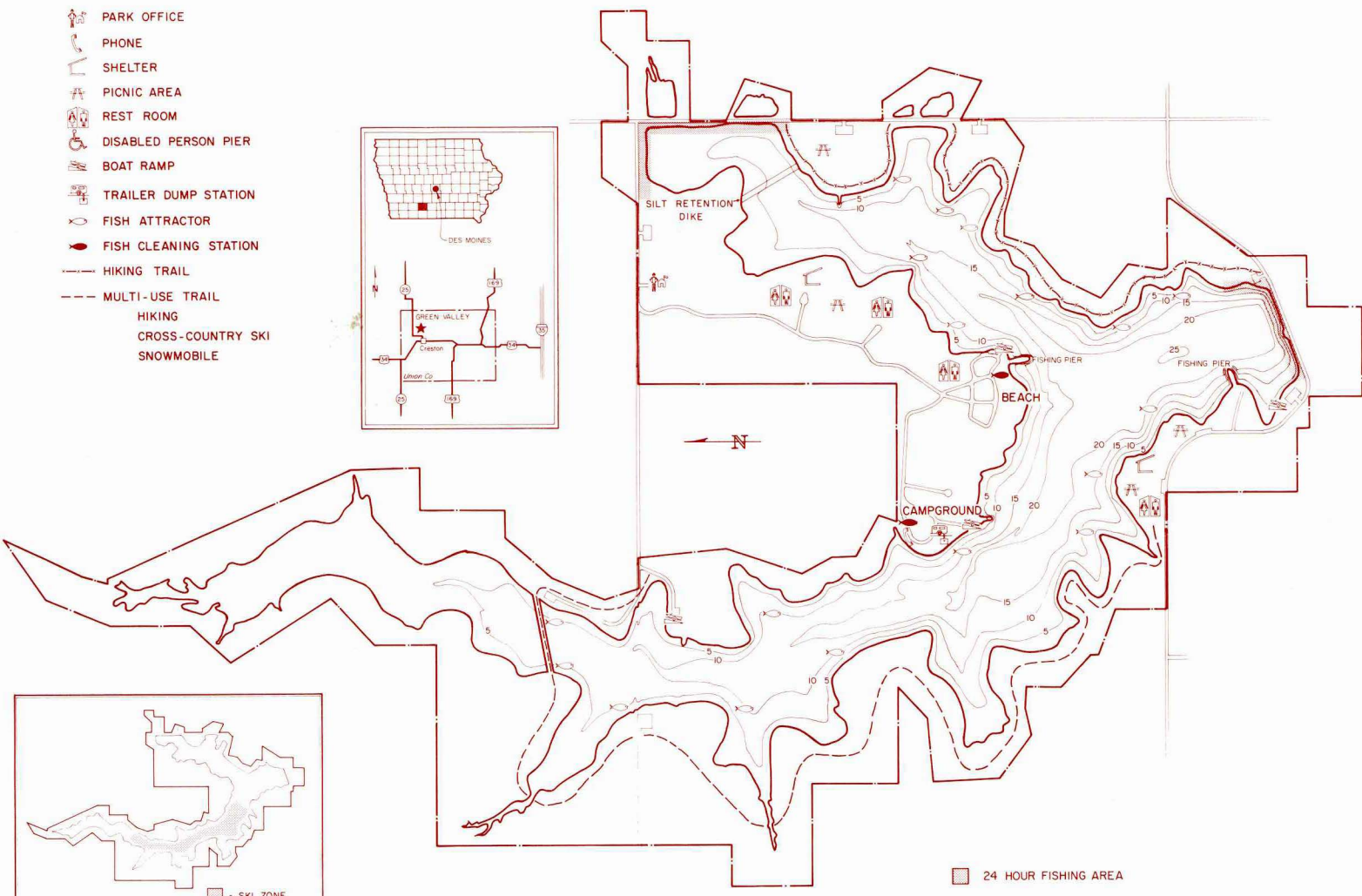
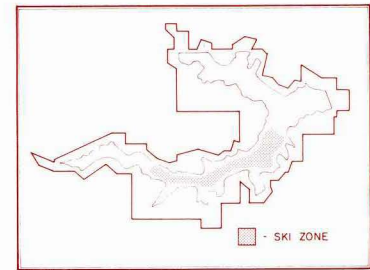
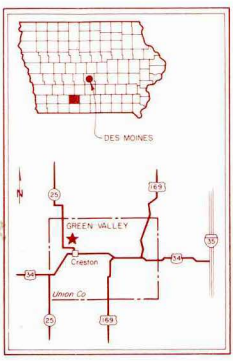
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-  PARK OFFICE
-  PHONE
-  SHELTER
-  PICNIC AREA
-  REST ROOM
-  DISABLED PERSON PIER
-  BOAT RAMP
-  TRAILER DUMP STATION
-  FISH ATTRACTOR
-  FISH CLEANING STATION
-  HIKING TRAIL
-  MULTI-USE TRAIL
-  HIKING
-  CROSS-COUNTRY SKI
-  SNOWMOBILE



 24 HOUR FISHING AREA

A Park User Permit is required. Annual permits are available at the park office or at county recorders' offices. Daily permits are available at posted locations in the park.