

Rock Creek State Park separates itself by the fact that it is listed as the 2nd largest artificial lake in Iowa, excluding reservoirs. The 602 acres of water offer a variety of outdoor sports to the visitor who wishes to take advantage of them. Visitors to the park may choose to travel Highway 6 or Interstate - 80, turning off at the Kellogg exit.

Rock Creek, which empties into the lake, gave Rock Creek Lake its name. The lake area officially became a state park, August 24, 1952.

The dam impounding the water is 1,650 feet long, 34 feet high and 450 feet wide at the base.

Since the lake is large, Rock Creek has the reputation of being an excellent fishing lake and fishermen are in abundance along the 15 mile shoreline to try their hand at catching bass, bluegills, crappies, catfish, and bullheads. While many prefer the shoreline, others take to the deeper areas of the lake where trolling and casting provide great sport. The deepest water is approximately 22 feet while the average depth is 10 feet.

Ice fishing on the lake's main body is a popular winter sport which offers the wintertime fisherman an abounding supply of king-sized bluegills and crappies.

Swimming is restricted to the supervised beach marked on the map. Sandy beaches enhance the area and affords the sunbather a valuable opportunity to take advantage of the water's edge. A modern bathhouse, completed in 1963, makes swimming that much more enjoyable.

A camping area and picnic areas line the water's edge. Campers enjoy being lulled to sleep by the waves gently lapping against the shore, then awakening in the morning to catch some fresh fish for the breakfast skillet.

For the convenience of the park visitor a concession is located near the swimming area where snack items may be purchased. A concession is also located at the north end of the lake where groceries, ice, snack items, bait and tackle may be purchased. Also at this area boats and motors may be rented, first aid and resuscitation equipment are available. For those who own their own boats, five concrete boat ramps may be found in convenient locations around the lake. (See map) Due to the size of the lake, boats with motors more than six horse power will not be permitted.

Rock Creek State Park sports many different species of wildlife — a pleasure to observe. At the far north end of the park, the State Conservation Commission maintains a hunting and fishing area which serves as a haven for Iowa wildlife, as does the whole park.

Thousands of ducks migrating to their summer breeding grounds take refuge in the solitude of Rock Creek. The concentrations, mostly teal, bluebills, and mallards offer an excellent opportunity to all bird watchers. In the spring, ducks in their full plumage are performing their courtship flights. Even in winter, mallards may be seen on the south end of the lake where the spillway keeps it relatively free of ice.

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## Camping Information

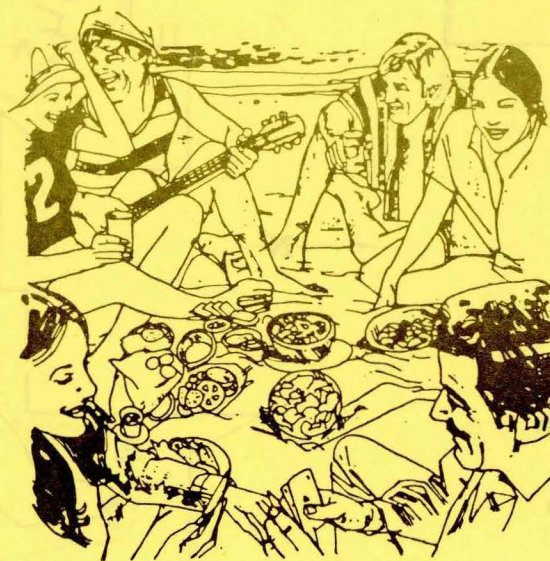
Rock Creek State Park will accommodate 280 camping units. There are electrical hook-ups available for those who prefer the modern touch. Rock Creek camp sites are classified as modern as there are flush toilets and shower facilities available. All camping permits are issued by the park ranger. For camping rates, see the enclosed insert.

A basic camping unit is the portable shelter used by one to six persons. Only one vehicle may be used for transportation in the camp area. All other motor vehicles will be parked in the visitor parking area and so marked. Any persons over the basic unit of six will be charged 25 cents per person.

**NEWTON**, 4 miles south and 10 miles west on Highway 6, is the county seat.

**GRINNELL**, 7 miles east of Rock Creek, is the home of Grinnell College. All denominations of churches, grocery stores and various forms of recreation are found at both Newton and Grinnell.

**KELLOGG**, is the nearest town to the park being 3 miles west and 2 miles south. Groceries, ice, etc. are also found here.



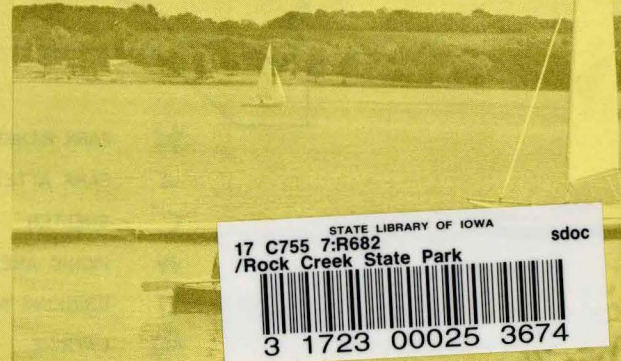
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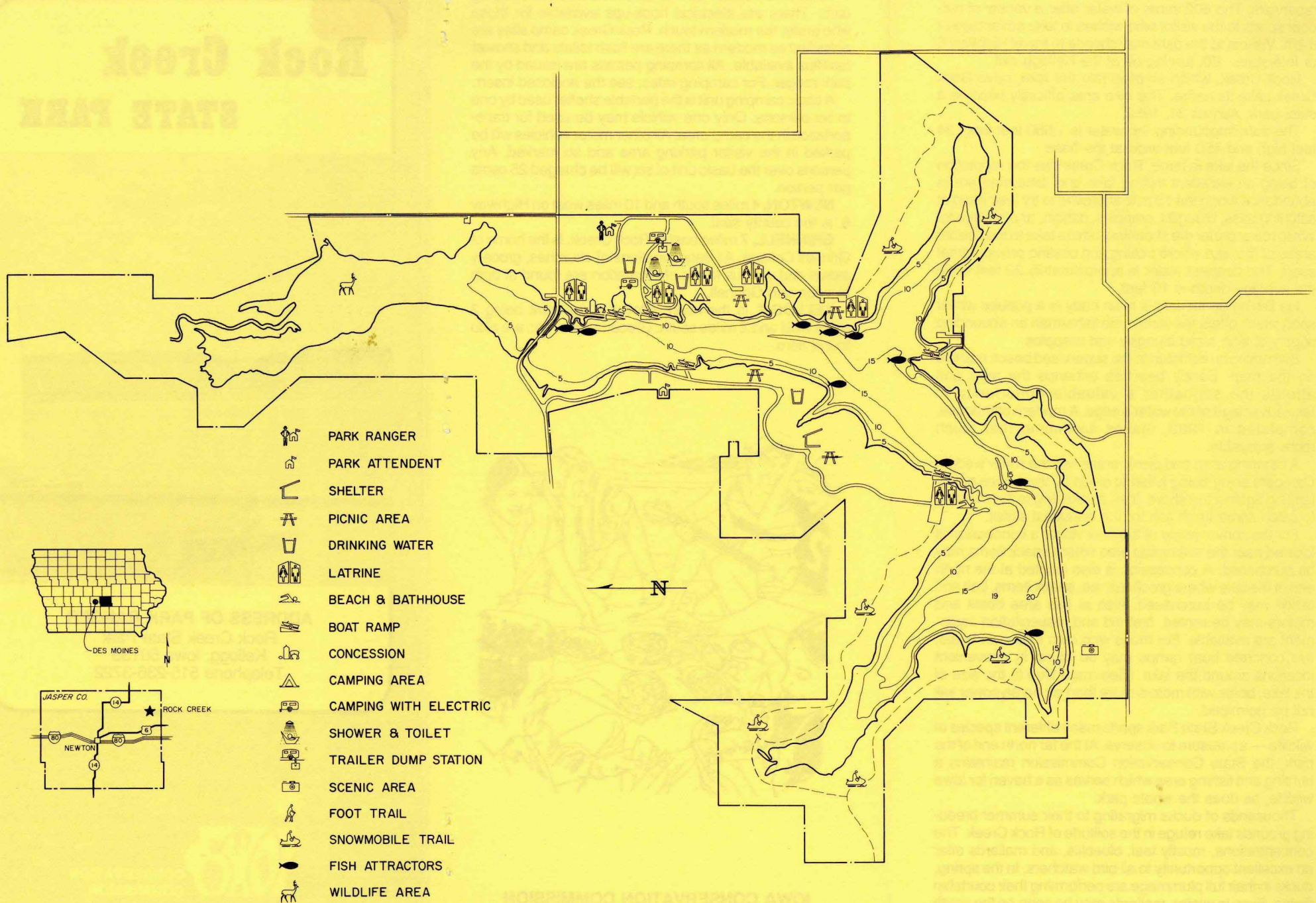
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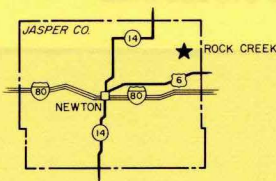
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-  PARK ATTENDANT
-  SHELTER
-  PICNIC AREA
-  DRINKING WATER
-  LATRINE
-  BEACH & BATHHOUSE
-  BOAT RAMP
-  CONCESSION
-  CAMPING AREA
-  CAMPING WITH ELECTRIC
-  SHOWER & TOILET
-  TRAILER DUMP STATION
-  SCENIC AREA
-  FOOT TRAIL
-  SNOWMOBILE TRAIL
-  FISH ATTRACTORS
-  WILDLIFE AREA



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