

GEORGE WYTH STATE PARK

George Wyth State Park is located on the Cedar River within the Waterloo-Cedar Falls metropolitan area. Its large expanse of woodland is abundant with many varieties of wildlife. Bird-watchers have observed more than 200 different species and white-tailed deer can be seen year-round. At George Wyth, the visitor can truly "get away" from the busy metropolitan area and take advantage of a variety of outdoor recreation activities in a very natural setting.

The park was dedicated in 1940 as "Josh Higgins Parkway," named for a popular radio character of the day. In 1956, it was renamed George Wyth State Park after a well-known Cedar Falls businessman and conservationist. The park offers lake and river fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, hiking, mushroom hunting, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, bicycling and boating — truly something for everyone!

WATER RECREATION

The park is unique in that it has several water areas: Fisher Lake, the Cedar River and George Wyth Lake. George Wyth Lake was constructed in the early 1970s and expanded in 1988 to approximately 99 acres. It is considered one of the best largemouth bass fishing lakes in the area. Sailboating and windsurfing are also popular. George Wyth beach is one of the most popular swimming spots in the area. It offers supervised swimming and the availability of refreshments. Fisher Lake, an oxbow of the Cedar River, provides anglers a variety of fish in a very scenic natural setting. The Cedar River adjoins the park and provides boating and angling opportunities. Boat ramps are available on the river and lakes.

PICNICKING

The scenic beauty of George Wyth State Park makes it a very popular picnic spot. Open shelters near the river and Fisher Lake may be reserved for \$15 through the park ranger. An enclosed shelter with fireplace is available on a reservation basis. It is ideal for group events.

CAMPING

More and more campers are enjoying the experience of camping within a metropolitan area. The campground has 40 camping units (35 with electrical hookups), modern showers, rest rooms and a trailer dump station. Camping permits are obtained by self-registration at the campground.

TRAILS

George Wyth's paved multi-purpose trail is a great place to bicycle in a natural setting. It is linked to the city of Cedar Falls and is scheduled for expansion in the future. The park has a unique "fitness" trail with exercise stations and a self-guided nature trail. In winter, sports such as cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are also popular at George Wyth.

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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