

## GULL POINT STATE PARK

The "lakes area" of northwest Iowa offers a tremendous array of outdoor recreation opportunities, year-round. The unique setting of beautiful and clear Lakes East and West Okoboji, Big Spirit Lake, and other water bodies truly provides wonderful opportunities for outdoor recreation. The focal point for state parks and recreation areas in this region is beautiful Gull Point State Park, established in 1933. Gull Point provides a pleasing, shaded setting on West Okoboji Lake and offers a well-rounded variety of outdoor recreation facilities.

## CAMPING

The Gull Point campground is one of the most popular in the lakes area. The campground is well shaded and features paved roads, modern restroom and shower facilities, as well as a sanitary dump station. There are a total of 122 campsites, 60 with electrical hookups. Camping permits are obtained through self-registration at the campground.

## PICNICKING

Gull Point is a great place for a family picnic. Several open shelters are available and may be reserved for \$15.00 through the park ranger.

## SWIMMING, FISHING AND BOATING

Gull Point's beach provides a fine place for young and old to sunbathe and splash in the crystal clear water. West Okoboji and the other many lakes are some of the prime fishing spots in Iowa. Anglers will find challenging sport pursuing a variety of game fish, including walleyes, northern pike, smallmouth bass, white bass, perch, bluegills, crappies, crayfish, and bullheads. Boating is also very popular on the lakes using everything from canoes to sailboats and ski rigs.

## LODGE

The Gull Point lodge, built during the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corp, is the largest such facility in the state. It features kitchen facilities and will seat 140 people - the lodge is a wonderful setting for group activities such as wedding receptions and family reunions. The Lodge is available on a reservation basis through the park ranger.

## TRAILS

The western portion of Gull Point State Park is a hiker's delight, with a fine self-guided interpretative trail. On the 1-3 mile trail, visitors can identify a variety of natural features by using a brochure. Walkers have a choice of either a one mile or 3 mile jaunt. This area of the park is an excellent place to observe a wide variety of wildlife from songbirds to white-tailed deer. In the winter, the area is open for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling on designated trails.

## OTHER STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS IN THE LAKES REGION

The lakes area offers a tremendous number of settings for outdoor recreation. Although space does not permit a detailed description of all the sites in this brochure, the following description and table provide a good capsule view of what is available.

## MARBLE BEACH AND EMERSON BAY CAMPGROUNDS

The Marble Beach and Emerson Bay Recreation Areas provide true quality camping on the shores of Spirit Lake and West Okoboji, respectively. At Marble Beach, a total of 224 campsites are available, 100 with electric hookups. Modern rest room and shower facilities are present, as is a sanitary dump station. The nearby boat ramp, parking area, and fish cleaning station provide quality lake access and angling convenience.

Emerson Bay provides a beautiful camping setting located on West Okoboji Lake. The paved campground features 127 campsites, 60 with electric hookups. A sanitary dumping station is located in the campground. Adjacent to the campground is a modern boat ramp and a large paved parking area for vehicles and trailers. Just north of Emerson Bay is the Lighthouse Point Area, which features not only beautiful views of the lake but also quality picnicking opportunities. A shelter with rest room and observation platform is present at Lighthouse Point, as well as a fishing pier accessible to the mobility impaired.

## PIKES POINT AND MINI-WAKAN STATE PARKS

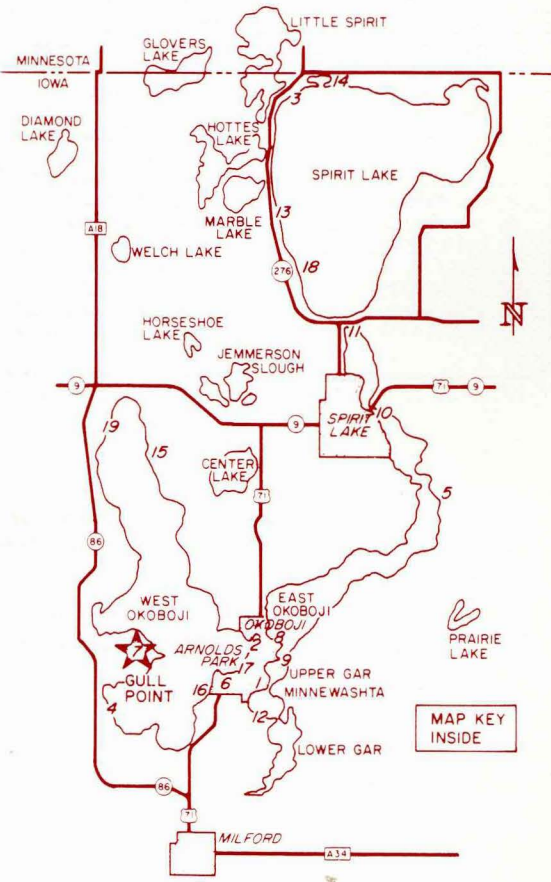
Excellent day-use outdoor recreation opportunities are available at Pikes Point and Mini-Wakan State Parks. Pikes Point features great picnicking as well as an unsupervised beach. Mini-Wakan has a scenic stone shelter as well as a modern boat ramp. Other recreation areas are also present in the lakes region and their locations are briefly described in the table and map.

## 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.

The shower buildings at Marble Beach, Gull Point, and Emerson Bay are accessible to the mobility impaired. The rest room facilities at Lighthouse Point, Marble Beach, and Templar Park Recreation Area are accessible to the mobility impaired. The fishing piers at Clare Wilson, Lighthouse Point, Mini-Wakan, and Templar Park Recreation Area are accessible to the mobility impaired. The picnic shelters at Gull Point, Lighthouse Point, Pikes Point, Templar Park Recreation Area, and Trappers Bay are accessible to the mobility impaired.

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Including the  
IOWA GREAT LAKES REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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NAME	LOCATION/HIGHWAY	Modern Campsites - Non-electric												Modern Campsites - Electric												Dump Station for Trailer												Cable TV Sites												Picnic Shelters												Hiking Trails												Fishing Shoreline - unsupervised												Swimming Beach												Snowmobiling												Boat 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Park User Permits are required in the following lakes area parks: Gull Point, Emerson Bay, Marble Beach, and Pikes Point.

Annual permits are available at Gull Point State Park office. Daily permits are available at posted locations in the park.

# IOWA GREAT LAKES REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS LOCATIONS AND FACILITIES

