

PLEASANT CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA

The idea for a state recreation area at Pleasant Creek originated in the early 1960s when the Iowa Conservation Commission (now the Iowa Department of Natural Resources) began investigating the possibility of a large lake to serve the outdoor recreation needs of a multi-county region of northeast Iowa. Today, a 410-acre lake and more than 1,500 acres of land are available to visitors conveniently close to the cities of Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and Waterloo. The area is open year-round and provides a maximum of outdoor recreation activities.

TRAILS

There are 15 miles of trails for the hiker, snowmobiler, cross-country skier and equestrian, with connecting access to many area facilities and scenic overlooks. Pleasant Creek is also a popular site for organized dog field trials.

CAMPING

The Pleasant Creek campground features electrical hook-ups and modern shower and rest room facilities. From the campground, campers have a pleasing view of much of the recreation area.

FISHING

The lake is one of the highest quality fishing lakes in the region and is stocked with largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish and tiger muskie. Shoreline fishing has been enhanced by the construction of jetties. Bait is available for sale at the boat house.

SWIMMING

Pleasant Creek is a relaxing place to spend a day at the beach. A privately operated concession offers supervised swimming and a modern bathhouse where refreshments are available. The Pleasant Creek beach has become one of the most popular in Iowa.

PICNICKING

Pleasant Creek is a great place for a family picnic. Several open shelters may be reserved for \$15 through the park ranger.

BOATING

Pleasant Creek Lake is one of the most popular boating spots in eastern Iowa. Four launching sites are conveniently located around the lake. These sites have a total of seven ramps for fishing, leisure boating and sailboating access. Boats, motors, canoes and paddleboats may be rented at the boat house. Any size boat motor may be operated at "no wake speeds."

HUNTING

A portion of the Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area is open to public hunting. Popular species of game include rabbits, pheasants and quail.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Pleasant Creek lies approximately 15 miles northwest of **Cedar Rapids** and 40 miles southeast of the **Waterloo-Cedar Falls** metropolitan area.

Palo is located 5 miles south.

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. All of the facilities are accessible for persons of varying abilities. For trail accessibility, contact the park ranger.



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