

Red Haw Lake State Park is so named because of the red haw trees growing naturally in the area. Red Haw is one of Iowa's most lovely state parks.

Stands of oak, maple, elm and pine trees add to the beauty of this 420 acre park. The hills are sights worth seeing at any season. In the spring, the red haws, wildflowers and shrubs clothe the hills with their soft spring bloom. Summertime, the shades of green against the sparkling lake make Red Haw a cool, relaxing place to spend a summer outing. Autumn, when the slopes are painted in fall brilliance by the first frost, it's worth driving to see. In winter, the snow makes this park a fairyland. Ice fishing is popular and large catches of bluegills and crappies are common. All year around, Red Haw Lake State Park is well worth seeing.

Located just two miles from Chariton, in Lucas County, it is a popular weekend picnic resort. The addition of a shower house and flush toilets for the campgrounds, plus the fact the park is located on U.S. Highway 34, makes it an excellent spot to spend part or all of a two week vacation.

Both the campground and picnic areas offer a splendid view of the lake and are well equipped with fireplaces and picnic tables. Many tables are right by the lake and the whole area is carpeted with well-kept and mowed grass to the water's edge. Trees line the lake as well as throughout the park making the park cool even in the heat of summer.

The rustic shelter located atop a hill provides a view of another lake across the highway as well as Red Haw. The shelter is in great demand for family reunions. Its use is free of charge and is on a first come, first served basis.

The lake is exceptionally clear and its curves and bends make it an enchanting hiking area. It was formed by a dam built between two of the hills at the north end of the park. This 76 acre lake is inhabited by panfish, particularly bluegills and crappies. It's so clear a fisherman can see the fish take the hook. Only electric trolling motors are allowed on Red Haw Lake making it especially popular for fishermen and sailboaters.

A state operated concession rents boats and sells bait and tackle.

A boat ramp provides easy access.

The sandy bathing beach has a roped off swimming area, diving raft and a concession building where refreshments are available. A registered lifeguard is on duty during the season.

Mushroom hunting is allowed in the park.

Red Haw Hill has a full time park ranger who resides just inside the park entrance off Highway 34.

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CAMPING INFORMATION

Red Haw State Park will accommodate 80 camping units. There are electrical hook-ups available for those who prefer the modern touch. Red Haw 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.

SURROUNDING TOWNS

CHARITON: This town is two miles from the park with a population of around 5,000. Conveniences include two laundramats, ice house and churches.

RUSSELL: Off highway 34, just southeast of the park about five miles.

DES MOINES: Iowa's capitol is fifty miles northwest of the park.



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.

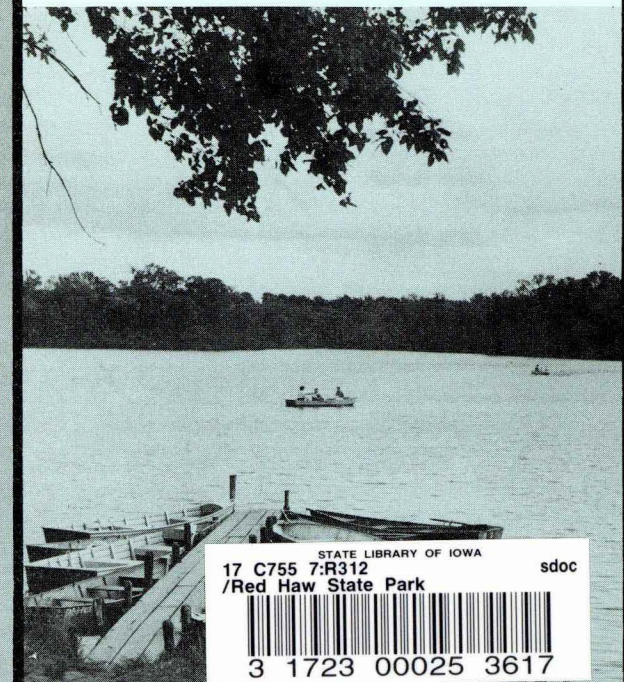
State park maintenance and operation funds are derived solely from legislative appropriation and receipts from camping and concession revenue, cabin and lodge rental and boat dock fees.

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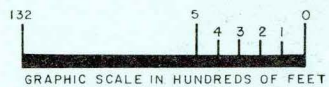
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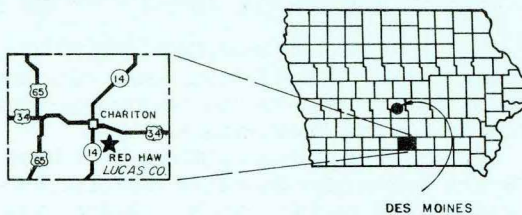
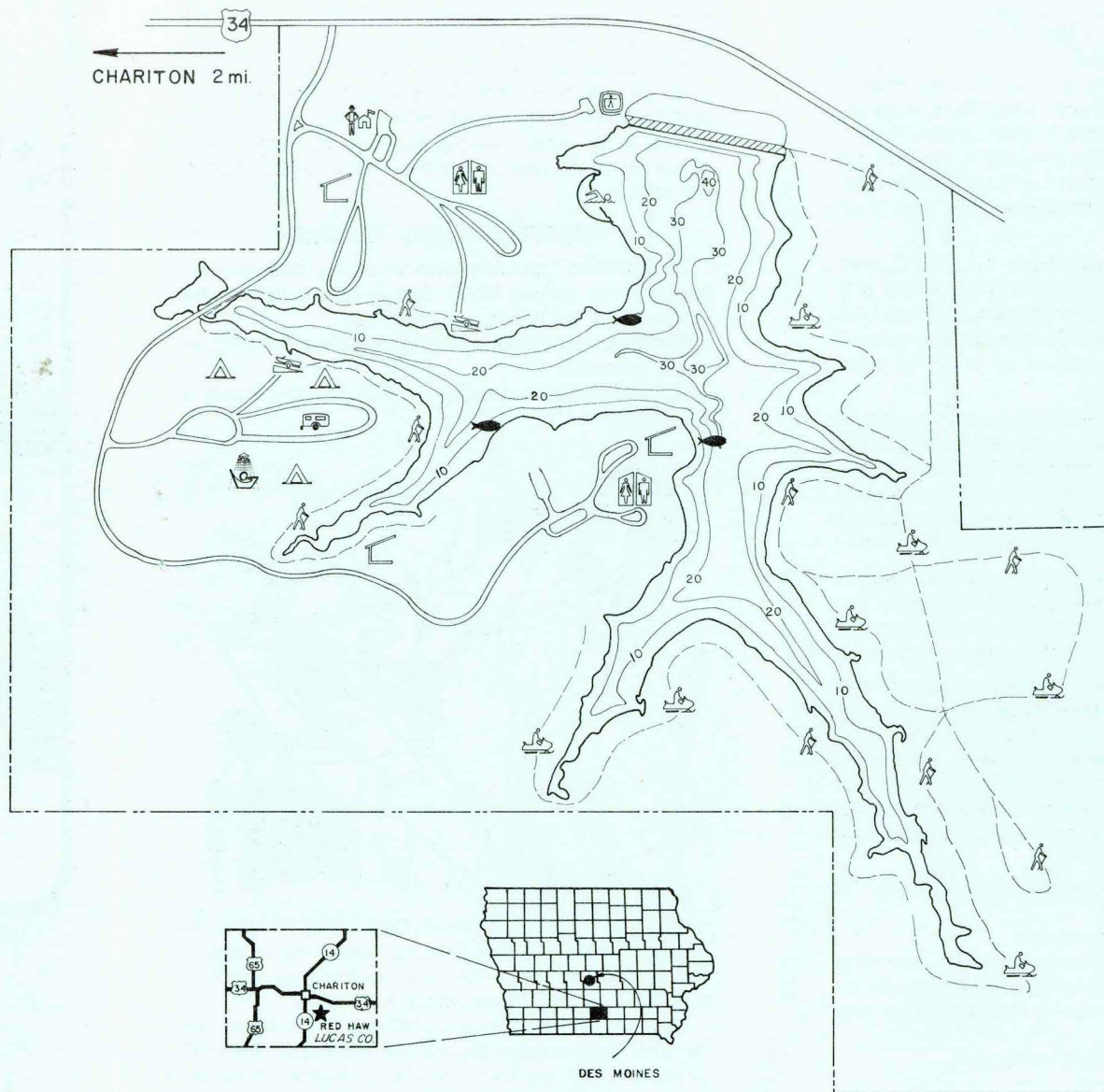


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-  FOOT TRAIL
-  BOAT RAMP
-  SNOWMOBILE TRAIL
-  BEACH
-  CAMPING AREA
-  CAMPING AREA WITH ELECTRICITY
-  SHOWER & TOILET
-  ENVIROMENTAL RESEARCH LAB
-  FISH SHELTER
-  PARK RANGER



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