



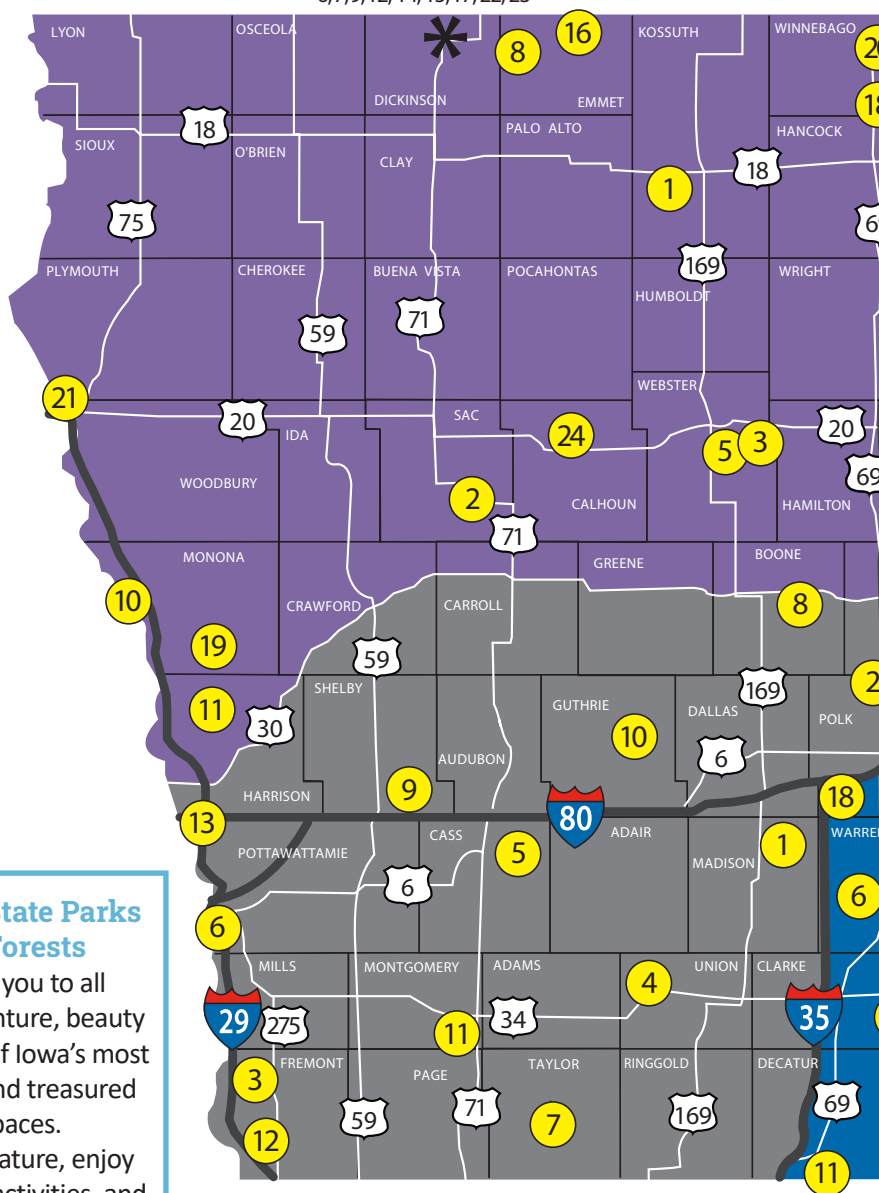
IOWA STATE PARKS & FORESTS



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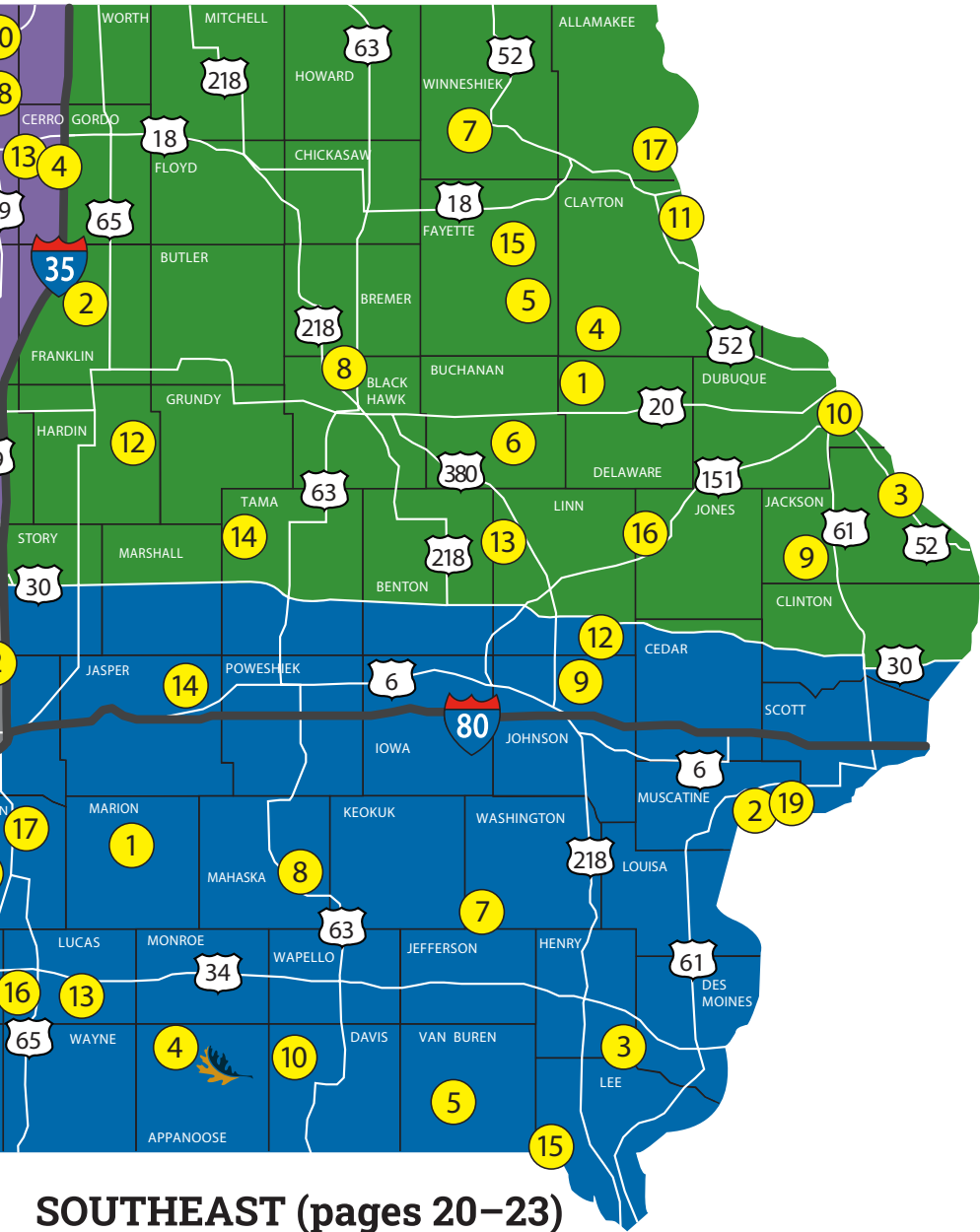


Iowa State Parks and Forests

welcome you to all the adventure, beauty and fun of Iowa's most unique and treasured natural spaces. Explore nature, enjoy outdoor activities, and make memories in Iowa's 69 state parks and 4 state forests.

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PLAN YOUR STAY

The best place to start is the website: iowadnr.gov/stateparks to pick a park, find maps and reserve a cabin, campsite, lodge or shelter. You also can learn about each state park's history, features and amenities.

RESERVATIONS:

Whether you are planning a weekend camping trip, family vacation, wedding or reunion, Iowa state parks and forests offer several facility options to meet your needs.

Cabins: Stay in one of more than 90 cabins, including year-round, rustic camping cabins, yurts and more. Many cabins offer full kitchens and can accommodate varying party sizes. Cabins can be rented for a minimum of a 2-night stay during the off-season, and for a variety of lengths of stays during the summer.

Lodges and Shelters: Reserve a lodge for your next special event. Lodges are enclosed structures, many historic, that normally include electricity, water, restrooms and a kitchen. Or enjoy an open-air shelter for a day-use family gathering. Iowa state parks have 29 lodges and 157 shelters available to reserve.

Campsites: Enjoy an overnight stay in a tent or RV. A few things to know:

- Reservations can be made online for most campsites up to 3 months in advance, with limited walk-in availability on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Facilities vary from park-to-park. Most campsites have picnic tables and fire rings. Many campgrounds offer full-hook up amenities for RVs, pull-through sites, electricity and modern shower facilities.

MAKE A RESERVATION

Go to:

iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com
to make a reservation and
find specific amenities for each
park and facility.



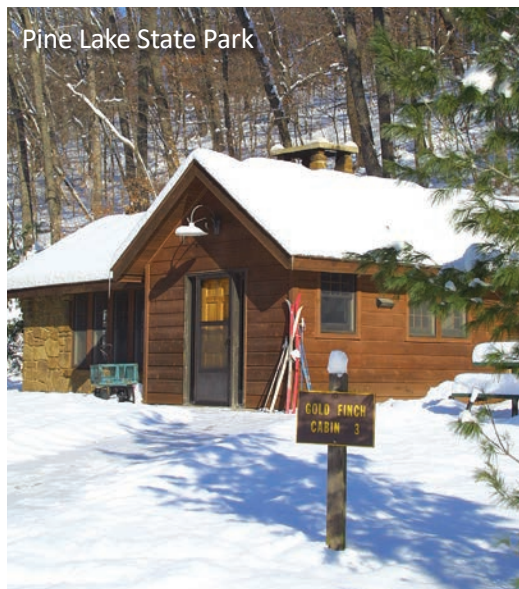
Pikes Peak State Park

Some parks offer a more rustic experience with pit toilets but no shower facilities. Be sure to check the reservation website when planning your visit.

- Other unique camping opportunities include 100 percent reservable/same-day reservation sites.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Iowa state parks want to keep visitors safe and your experience enjoyable. Please follow posted rules and learn more at iowadnr.gov/stateparks.



Pine Lake State Park

HOW DO **YOU** DO THE OUTDOORS?



Whatever your favorite pastime or outdoor pursuit, Iowa state parks are your gateway to fun, adventure and relaxation.

**EXPLORE
IOWA STATE
PARKS YOUR
WAY**

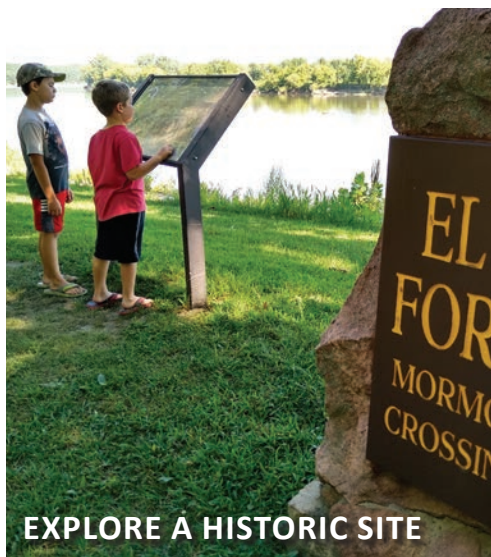




MAKE FAMILY MEMORIES



PADDLE YOUR BOAT



EXPLORE A HISTORIC SITE



DISCOVER WILDLIFE

READY TO GO?

Use this guide to discover
Iowa state parks and their
amenities by region.
Or visit iowadnr.gov/stateparks.

NORTHWEST

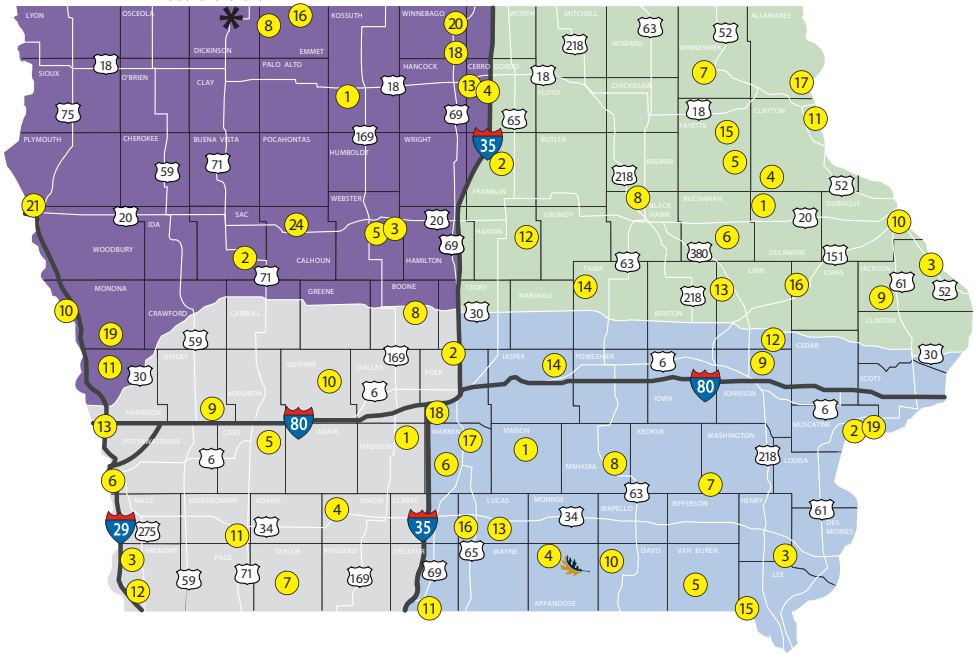


Loess Hills State Forest

Explore the prairies, forests and lakes of northwest Iowa when you visit state parks. One of Iowa's most popular tourist destinations, the Great Lakes region, is home to a dozen state parks and recreation areas, including **Gull Point State Park** on the shore of Lake Okoboji. Travel to the western border to find **Stone State Park** near Sioux City, a natural enclave on the edge of a city, along with **Loess Hills State Forest**, both showcasing the

unique Loess Hills terrain of the region. Iowa's natural lake parks, including **Black Hawk State Park** and **Clear Lake State Park**, offer plentiful boating and fishing opportunities. Climb a CCC-era tower at **Pilot Knob State Park** in northern Iowa. And in the heart of Iowa's prairies, find hidden gems with geological discoveries at **Ledges State Park** and **Dolliver Memorial State Park**. These are just a few of the areas to explore in northwest Iowa.

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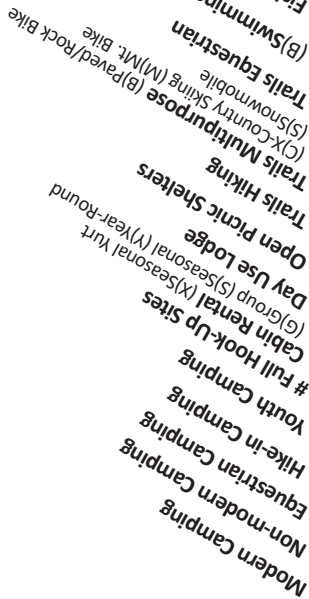


Ledges State Park



Pilot Knob State Park

(P) Playground
(N) Natural
(R) Federal Reservoir
(P) Boat Ramp
(B) Boat Rental
(D) Designated Areas
(A) Artificial



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11	Loess Hills State Forest (11,484 acres) Pisgah. 712-456-2924										4 ●								●
12	Lower Gar Access (7 acres) Arnold's Park. 712-337-3211										●	B			●			273N R	
13	Marble Beach (64 acres) Orleans. 712-337-3211	●						66				●	B,M		B	●		4169N R	●
14	McIntosh Woods (62 acres) Ventura. 641-829-3847	●						1X 1X			5	●	B,C		B,P	●		3684N R	
15	Mini-Wakan (20 acres) Spirit Lake. 712-337-3211									○						●		4169N R	
16	Okamanpedan (19 acres) Dolliver. 712-337-3211										2					●		981N R	
17	Pikes Point (15 acres) Spirit Lake. 712-337-3211										1				B,P	●		3847N	
18	Pilot Knob (528 acres) Forest City. 641-581-4835	●					●				3	●	C,M,S	●	P	●		15A	●
19	Preparation Canyon (344 acres) Moorhead. 712-456-2924						●					●	C						
20	Rice Lake (15 acres) Lake Mills. 641-581-4835										1					●		900N R	
21	Stone (1595 acres) Sioux City. 712-255-4698	●					●				3S	●	C,M,S	●	P	●		3A	
22	Templar Park (10 acres) Spirit Lake. 712-337-3211										3					●		4169N R	
23	Trappers Bay (57 acres) Lake Park. 712-337-3211															●		1041N	
24	Twin Lakes (15 acres) Rockwell City. 712-657-8712										1	○	B,P			●		569N R	

SOUTHWEST

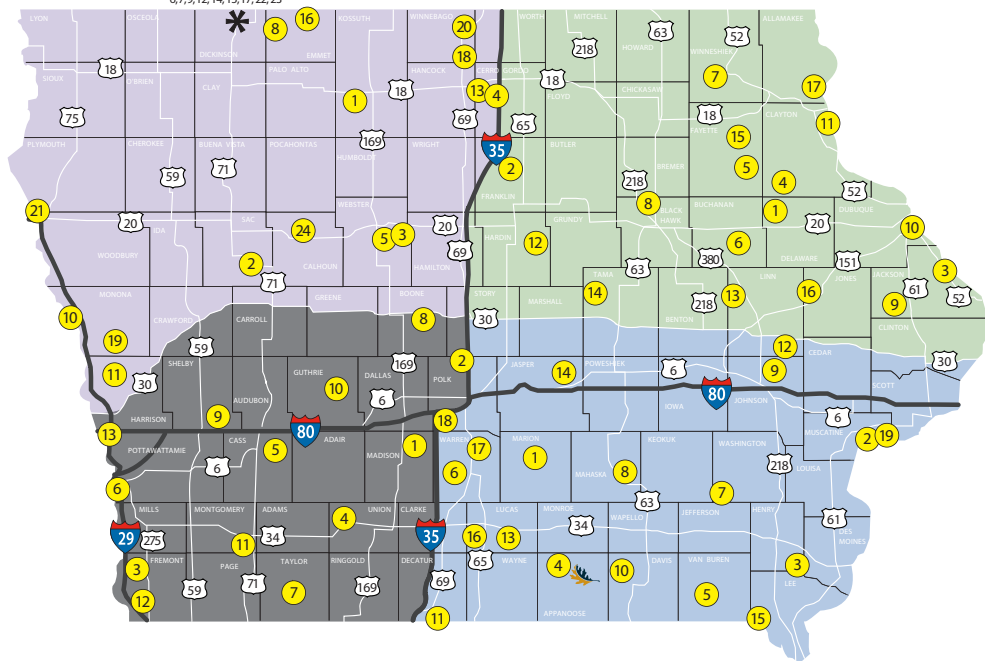


Viking Lake State Park

Enjoy lake recreation, popular campgrounds and scenic hills in the state parks of southwest Iowa. Journey to the farthest corner of the region to explore **Waubonsie State Park**, with some of Iowa's most spectacular Loess Hills trails and views. Fish, boat and enjoy outdoor recreation opportunities at

popular **Green Valley State Park**, **Lake Manawa State Park**, or **Viking Lake State Park**. Experience CCC-era lodges and bridges at **Springbrook State Park** and **Lake of Three Fires State Park**. Travel to central Iowa to visit Iowa's largest beach at **Big Creek State Park**. These are just a few of the areas to visit in southwest Iowa.

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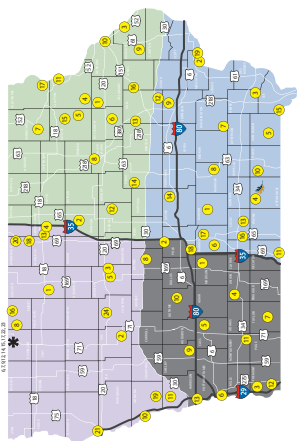


Big Creek State Park



Green Valley State Park

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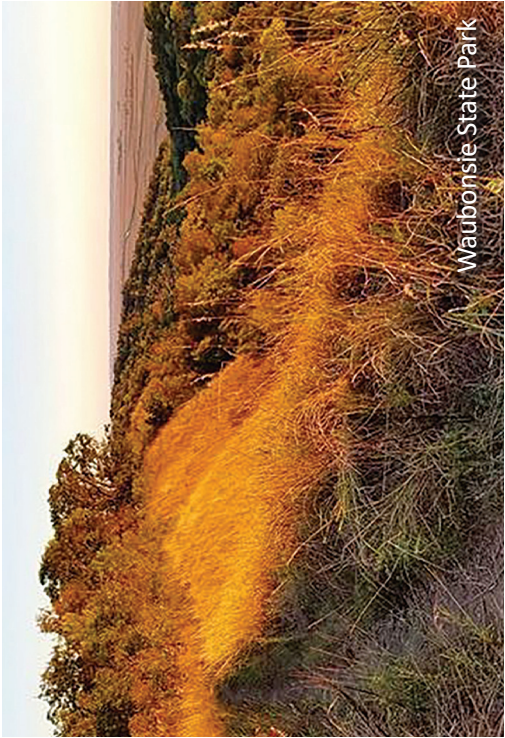
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10	Springbrook (930 acres) Guthrie Center. 641-747-3591	●				●			1Y	2	●	B,C,S	B,P	●	17A	R	●
11	Viking Lake (1000 acres) Stanton. 712-829-2235	●				●		20		●	3	●	C	B,P	●	137A	B,R
12	Waubonsie (2056 acres) Hamburg. 712-382-2786	●	●						1Y, 1Y, 6S	○	1	●	M,S	●	P	●	R
13	Wilson Island (547 acres) Missouri Valley. 712-642-2069	●				●					2	●	C,M,S	P	●		R

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Prairie Rose State Park



Waubonsie State Park

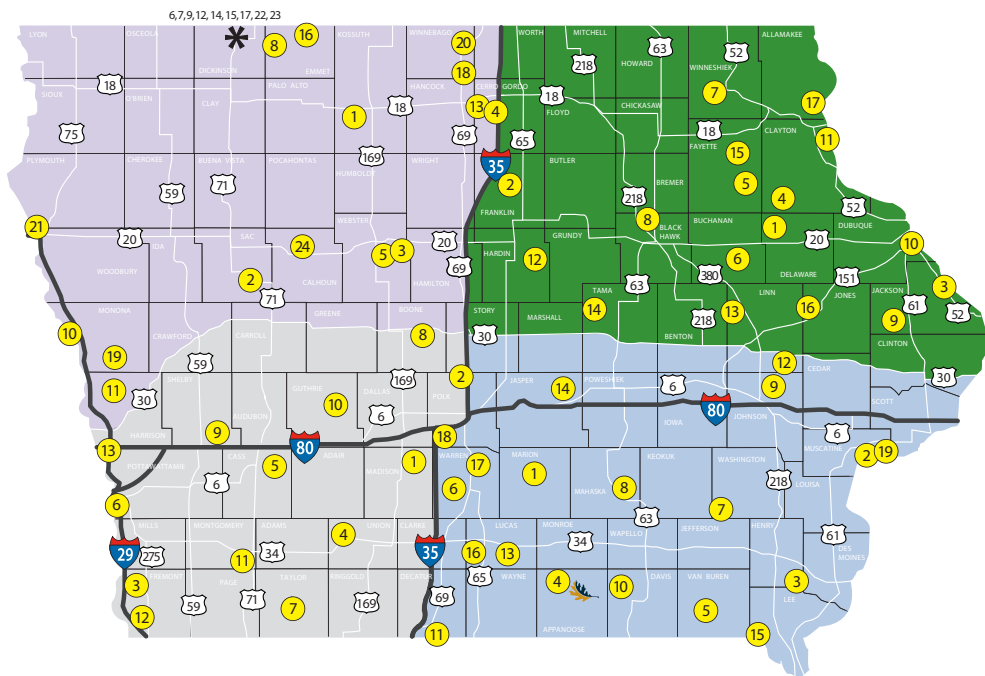
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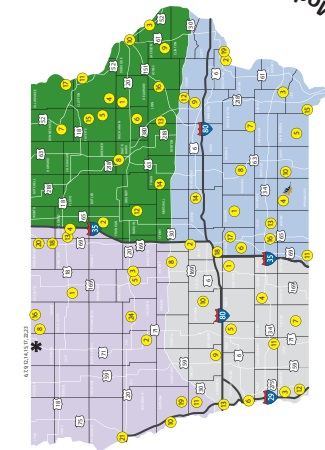
Mines of Spain State Recreation Area

Scenic byways, stunning views and natural wonders mark the state parks and forests of northeast Iowa. **Backbone State Park** is a gem in the park system as the oldest state park, featuring trout streams, trails, rocky terrain, and historic CCC-era structures. Meander to the Mississippi River for breathtaking overlooks at **Pikes Peak State Park** and **Bellevue State Park**. Enjoy a historical monument

at **Mines of Spain State Recreation Area** near Dubuque honoring one of Iowa's earliest settlers. Hike on miles of backcountry trails in **Yellow River State Forest** and **Volga River State Recreation Area**. Stay in a cozy cabin in **Pine Lake State Park**, or trek through **Maquoketa Caves State Park**, home to some of Iowa's most unique caves and rock formations. These are just a few of the areas to discover in northeast Iowa.



NORTHEAST



1	Backbone (2000 acres) Dundee. 563-924-2527	●	●	●	●	5Y, 11Y	○	5	●	C, M, S	●	B, P	●	85A	●	B, R
2	Beeds Lake (319 acres) Hampton. 641-456-2047	●			●		●	2	●	B, C		B, P	●	99A		B, R
3	Bellevue (770 acres) Bellevue. 563-872-4019	●			●		●	3	●	C		P	●			R
4	Bixby Preserve (184 acres) Edgewood. 563-924-2527															
5	Brush Creek Canyon Preserve (217 acres) Arlington. 563-425-4161															
6	Cedar Rock (423 acres) Independence. 319-934-3572															
7	Fort Atkinson Preserve (5 acres) Ft. Atkinson. 563-425-4161															
8	George Wyth Memorial (1200 acres) Cedar Falls. 319-232-5505	●			●		○	3	○	B, C, M		B, P	●	260A		B, R

Rugged woodland with stream, ice cave and trails. No camping.

Forested steep wooded terrain with diversity of habitats, flora and fauna.
No camping. Snowmobile trails available.

Frank Lloyd Wright designed home. Call or email cedar_rock@dnr.iowa.gov to reserve a tour Memorial Day weekend–Oct. **Visitor Center and Walter House are ADA accessible, boat house and council fire are not accessible.**

Reconstructed fort built in 1840.

9	Maquoketa Caves (323 acres) Maquoketa. 563-652-5833	●			●	●				2	●				P			
10	Mines of Spain & E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center (1439 acres) Dubuque. 563-556-0620	Center Hours: April 16–Oct. 15, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays and noon–4:30 p.m. weekends; Oct. 16–April 15, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays, closed weekends.											●	B,C	●		R	●
11	Pikes Peak (970 acres) McGregor. 563-873-2341	●			●					1	○	M			P			
12	Pine Lake (654 acres) Eldora. 641-858-5832	●			●		1Y, 3Y	○		2	○	B			B,P	●	69-50A R	
13	Pleasant Creek (1927 acres) Palo. 319-436-7716	●			●		4S			3	●	C,M,S	●		B,P	●	410A R	
14	Union Grove (282 acres) Gladbrook. 641-473-2556	●				7	2Y			1	●	S			B,P	●	110A R	
15	Volga River (5500 acres) Fayette. 563-425-4161	●	●	●	●	32				1	●	C,M,S	●			○	135A R	
16	Wapsipinicon (390 acres) Anamosa. 319-462-2761	●			●			○		2	●	C,S			P	●	R	
17	Yellow River Forest Camp (8500 acres) Waukon. 563-586-2254	●	●	●	●	1S					●	C,M,S	●			●	R	

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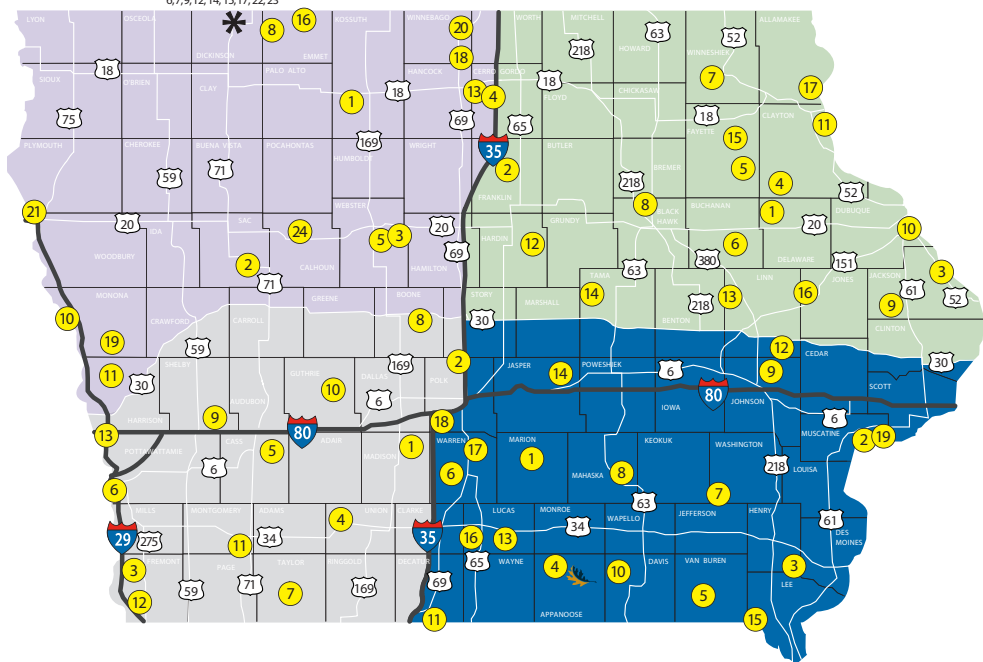


Wildcat Den State Park

The rolling hills of southeast Iowa are home to some of Iowa's oldest and most scenic state parks and forests. **Lacey-Keosauqua State Park** is the site of a river crossing on the Mormon Trek, along with forests and trails to explore. **Wildcat Den State Park** features the oldest-running grist mill west of the Mississippi River. Travel to **Lake Darling State Park** to stay in a cabin, or visit **Lake Wapello** to see a

one-of-a-kind CCC-era beach house. In the central part of the state, explore **Walnut Woods State Park** and **Lake Ahquabi State Park** as easily accessible state parks to the Des Moines metro era. Get lost in the woods in **Stephens and Shimek State Forests**. And for a vacation destination, stay at **Honey Creek Resort** to golf, boat, bike and much more. These are just a few of the areas to enjoy in southeast Iowa.

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Modern Camping

Non-modern Camping

Equestrian Camping

Youth Camping

Full Hook-Up Sites

Cabin Rental (X) Seasonal Yurt

Day Use Lodge

Open Picnic Shelters

Trails Hiking

Trails Multipurpose (X) Country Skiing (N) Mt. Bike (S) Snowmobile

Trails Equestrian

Fishing

Lake Acreage (N) Natural (R) Federal Reservoir (A) Artificial

(R) Boat Ramp (B) Boat Rental

Hunting

(Designated Areas)

Honey Creek Resort For reservations, events and other information call 877-677-3344 or visit honeycreekresort.com.

9	Lake Macbride (2180 acres) Solon. 319-624-2200	●	●			●	10	○	4	●	B,M,S	B,P	●	812A	B,R
10	Lake Wapello (1150 acres) Drakesville. 641-722-3371	●				●	13 1Y, 11S	●	2	●	C,S	B,P	●	289A	B,R
11	Nine Eagles (119 acres) Davis City. 641-442-2855	●	●			●	1S		3	●	C,S	●	●	67A	R
12	Palisades-Kepler (840 acres) Mt. Vernon. 319-895-6039	●				●	1S, 3S	○	2	●			●		R
13	Red Haw (649 acres) Chariton. 641-774-5632	●							2	●	B,S	B,P	●	72A	R
14	Rock Creek (1697 acres) Kellogg. 641-236-3722	●				●			3	●	C,M,S	B,P	●	602A	B,R
15	Shimek Forest Camp (9000 acres) Farmington. 319-878-3811	●	●							●	C,M	●	●	20A	●
16	Stephens Forest Camp (15,000 acres) Lucas. 641-774-5632	●	●			●				●	M		●	10A	●
17	Summerset (222 acres) Des Moines. 515-961-7101									●	B,M		●	80AP	R
18	Walnut Woods (250 acres) West Des Moines. 515-285-4502		●			●	8	○		●	B,C	P	●		R
19	Wildcat Den (423 acres) Muscatine. 563-263-4337		●			●			2	●		P			

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