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State Park News

Conservation and Recreation



Book a state park cabin in January or February, get 20% off your stay!

Promo Code: Cabin2024

Are you ready for a cozy getaway in an Iowa State Park cabin? Get 20% off your stay with Promo Code **Cabin2024** when you [book now](#) for the months of **January or February 2024**. Enjoy the pristine beauty and outdoor fun of winter in an Iowa state park.

This promo applies to the year-round cabins at:

- [Backbone State Park](#) (16 cabins, max occupancy from 4 to 9)
- [Black Hawk State Park](#) (1 cabin, max occupancy 11)
- [Lake Darling State Park](#) (6 cabins, max occupancy 6)
- [Lake Wapello State Park](#) (2 cabins, max occupancy from 6 to 10)
- [Pine Lake State Park](#) (4 cabins, max occupancy from 4 to 6)
- [Springbrook State Park](#) (1 cabin, max occupancy 14)
- [Union Grove State Park](#) (2 cabins, max occupancy 4)
- [Waubonsie State Park](#) (2 cabins, max occupancy from 6 to 12)

Promo code only can be applied for [online reservations](#) for January 1 through February 29, 2024. Note that January 1, 2024 is not an allowed arrival date; reservations may have an arrival date before or after that day. Promo code is good

only for the state parks listed. Two-night minimum. Last day to make a reservations is February 21, 2024. Rules and fees apply.

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Tips to Enjoy a Winter Getaway in a State Park

Winter is a great time to stay in a state park cabin. Here's a few tips for fun activities from DNR park staff:

Winter can be an excellent time to **view wildlife**. You can see much further into the timber after leaves fall; animals are easier to spot against a backdrop of snow; and fewer park visitors means you have a better chance of spotting wildlife.

Many parks have small lakes with **great fishing** through the ice. Always check the ice thickness before you go, and fish with at least one experienced ice angler.

Snow shoeing, cross-country skiing and winter hiking are great cold-weather options, with [hundreds of miles of trails](#) in state parks.

Sometimes just **getting away** from the house for a few days can be rejuvenating. Many state park cabin visitors enjoy turning off their phones and just sitting in the cabin playing board games, watching a snow fall, reading, or catching up with friends and family.

A few safety tips for winter visits:

- Make sure your car has a good battery and a full tank of gas before you leave on your trip. Always let someone know where you're going and when you plan to return. Check the [DNR alert page](#) when planning your trip in case of any winter closures or construction.
- Remember that even in cold weather it is important to stay hydrated. Pack water for longer outdoor activities.
- Snow on popular trails will get packed down and become slippery. A traction aide and hiking stick will help keep you on your feet.
- Dress in appropriate layers for the conditions. Base layers will wick moisture away from your body and help keep you warm.



Finally, the best way to learn about winter activities is to speak with park staff before your trip. Feel free to leave a message and they will be happy to talk to you about your stay. Have fun in the winter in Iowa state parks!

