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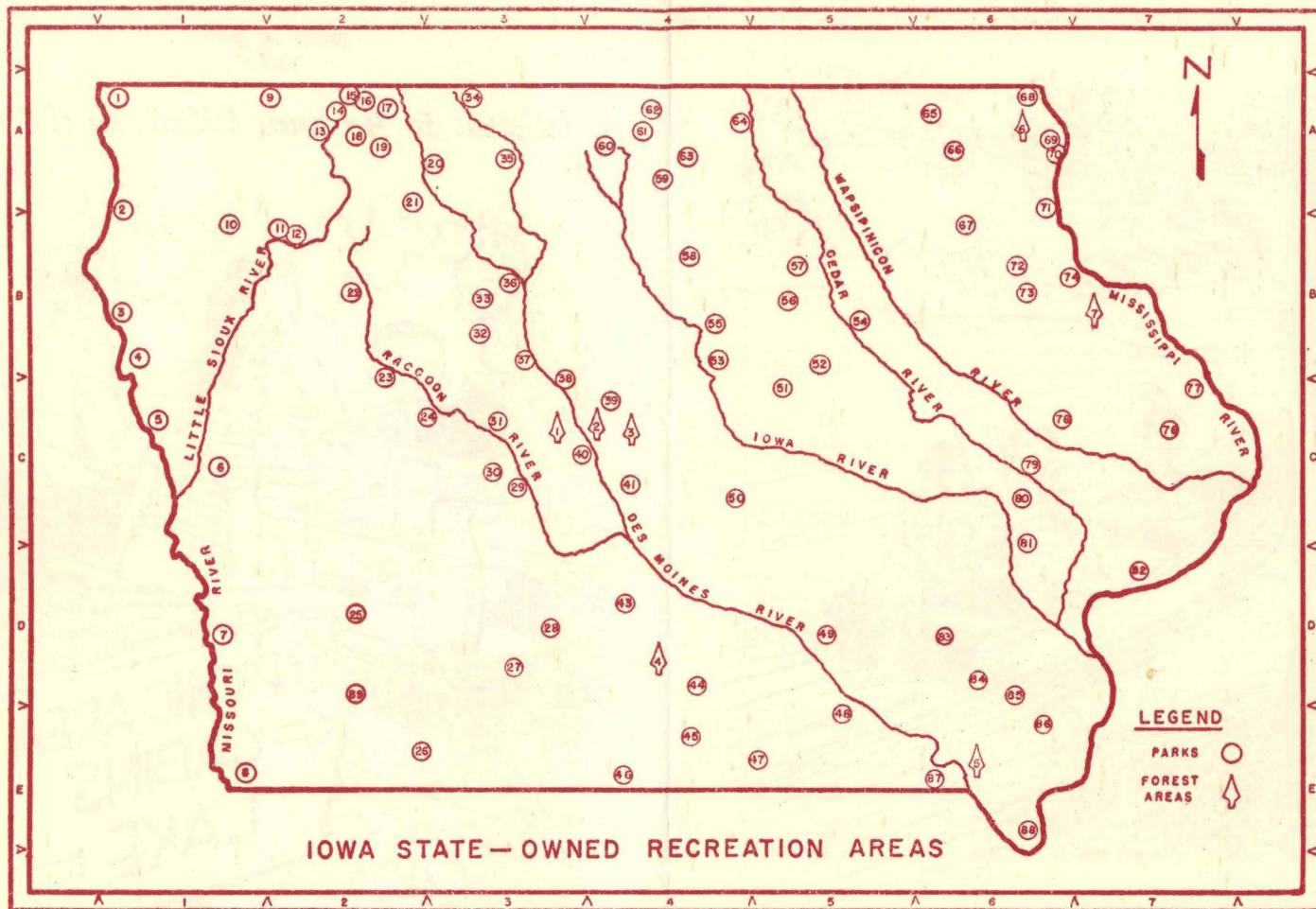
Where to Go and What to Do in



IOWA'S STATE OWNED
**RECREATION
AREAS**

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
East 7th and Court Avenue
Des Moines 19, Iowa

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IOWA STATE—OWNED RECREATION AREAS

LIST OF RECREATIONAL AREAS

Name	Number in Table	Location on Map	Name	Number in Table	Location on Map	Name	Number in Table	Location on Map	Name	Number in Table	Location on Map
Ahquabi, Lake	43	D-4	Geode	86	E-6	Mill Creek	10	B-2	Springbrook	30	C-3
Allerton	45	E-4	Geo. Wyth Memorial	54	B-5	Mini-Wakan	15	A-2	Spring Lake	31	C-3
Ambrose A. Call	35	A-3	Gitchie Manitou	1	A-1	Nine Eagles	46	E-4	State Forest Nursery	3	C-4
Backbone	73	B-6	Gotch, Frank A.	36	B-3	Nursery, State Forest	4	C-4	Steamboat Rock	55	B-4
Barkley	39	C-4	Green Valley	27	D-3	Oak Grove	2	A-1	Stephens Forest	4	D-4
Beaver Meadows	56	B-5	Gull Point	13	A-2	Oakland Mills	85	D-6	Stone	3	B-1
Beeds Lake	58	B-4	Heery Woods	57	B-5	Okamanpedan	34	A-3	Storm Lake	22	B-2
Bellevue	77	C-7	Holst Forest	2	C-3	Palisades-Kepler	79	C-6	Swan Lake	24	C-2
Bixby	72	B-6	Indian Village	11	B-2	Pammel	28	D-3	Three Fires, Lake of	26	E-3
Black Hawk	23	B-2	Inn Area	16	A-2	Pikes Peak	71	A-6	Trappers Bay	9	A-2
Brown's Lake	4	B-1	Kalsow Prairie	33	B-3	Pikes Point	14	A-2	Turkey River Mounds	74	B-6
Brush Creek Canyon	67	B-6	Kearny	19	A-2	Pilot Knob	61	A-4	Twin Lakes	32	B-3
Clark, T. F.	52	C-5	Keoman, Lake	49	D-5	Pilot Mound Forest	1	C-3	Union Grove	51	C-5
Clear Lake	63	A-4	Lacey-Keosauqua	87	E-5	Pine Lake	53	B-4	Viking Lake	99	D-2
Cold Springs	25	D-2	Ledges	40	C-3	Pioneer	64	A-5	Wanata	12	B-2
Darling, Lake	83	D-6	Lennon Mill	29	C-3	Plum Grove	81	D-6	Wapello, Lake	48	E-5
Dolliver Memorial	37	B-3	Lewis and Clark	5	C-1	Point Ann	70	A-6	Wapispinicon	78	C-6
Eagle Lake	60	A-4	Lost Island	20	A-3	Preparation Canyon	6	C-1	Waubonsie	8	E-1
Echo Valley	66	A-6	Macbride, Lake	80	C-6	Red Haw Lake	44	D-4	White Pine Hollow Forest	7	B-6
Fish Farm Mounds	68	A-6	Manawa Lake	7	D-1	Rice Lake	62	A-4	Wild Cat Den	62	D-7
Fort Atkinson	65	A-5	Maquoketa Caves	76	C-6	Rush Lake	50	C-4	Woodman Hollow	38	B-3
Fort Defiance	17	A-3	Margo Frankel Woods	41	C-4	Rush Lake	21	B-2	Woodthrust	84	D-6
Galland School	88	E-6	McGregor Heights	69	A-6	Sharon Bluffs	47	E-5	Yellow River Forest	6	A-6
Gardner Sharp Cabin	18	A-2	McIntosh Woods	59	A-4	Shimek Forest	5	E-6			

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Map Number	Name of Area	County Location	Nearest Town to Entrance	Custodian's Post Office	Facilities Available
1	Gitchie Manitou.....	Lyon.....	County road, 9 mi. NW. Larchwood.....	.....	Geological monument.
2	Oak Grove.....	Sioux.....	County road, 4 mi. NW. Hawarden.....	Hawarden.....	Resident custodian. Camping two weeks. Fishing, game fish. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Scenic.
3	Stone.....	Woodbury.....	NW. section Sioux City.....	Sioux City.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Fishing, panfish. Lodge. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Motoring. Historic interest. Scenic.
4	Brown's Lake.....	Woodbury.....	4 mi. W. of Salix on county road.....	.....	Swimming. Boating. Fishing. Picnicking.
5	Lewis and Clark.....	Monona.....	Iowa 165, 2 mi. W. Onawa.....	Onawa.....	Resident custodian. Boating. Camping two weeks. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Lodge. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Historic interest. Swimming, supervised beach.
6	Preparation Canyon.....	Monona.....	Iowa 372, 5 mi. SW. Moorhead.....	Moorhead.....	Picnicking. Hiking. Historic interest.
7	Lake Manawa.....	Pottawattamie.....	Iowa 192, 1 mi. S. Council Bluffs.....	Council Bluffs.....	Resident custodian. Boating. Swimming, supervised beach. Fishing. Golf, green fee. Refreshments available. Picnicking. Hiking.
8	Waubonsie.....	Fremont.....	U. S. 275, Ia. 2, 239, 7 mi. SW. Sidney	Hamburg.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Scenic. Historic interest.
9	Trappers Bay.....	Dickinson.....	Adjoins town of Lake Park.....	Lake Park.....	Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking.
10	Mill Creek.....	O'Brien.....	Iowa 10, 1 mi. E. Paullina.....	Paullina.....	Swimming, supervised beach. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Golf, green fee. Lodge. Refreshments available. Picnicking.
11	Indian Village.....	O'Brien.....	County road, 4 mi. SE. Sutherland.....	.....	Historic interest. Inaccessible.
12	Wanata.....	Clay.....	Iowa 10, 1/2 mi. S. Peterson.....	Peterson.....	Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking.
13	Gull Point.....	Dickinson.....	West side of Lake Okoboji.....	Milford.....	Resident custodian. Camping, overnight only. Swimming, beach. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Lodge. Shelter. Refreshments available. Picnicking.
14	Pike's Point.....	Dickinson.....	East side of West Okoboji.....	Spirit Lake.....	Swimming, beach. Picnicking. Boating. Shelter. Fishing, panfish and game fish.
15	Mini-Wakan.....	Dickinson.....	Iowa 276, 6 mi. NE. Orleans.....	Spirit Lake.....	Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking.
16	Inn Area.....	Dickinson.....	East shore West Okoboji.....	Milford.....	Public access to lake.
17	Fort Defiance.....	Emmet.....	Iowa 9 & 245, 1 mi. SW. Estherville	Estherville.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Lodge. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Historic interest.
18	Gardner Sharp Cabin..	Dickinson.....	In Arnolds Park.....	.....	Historic interest. Grounds only. Cabin not open to public.
19	Keerny.....	Palo Alto.....	Adjoins Emmetsburg.....	Emmetsburg.....	Resident custodian. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Golf, green fee. Picnicking. Historic interest.
20	Lost Island Lake.....	Palo Alto.....	County road, 2 1/2 mi. NE. Ruthven.....	Ruthven.....	Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking.
21	Rush Lake.....	Palo Alto.....	County road 6 mi. N. Laurens.....	.....	Picnicking.
22	Storm Lake.....	Buena Vista.....	Adjoins town of Storm Lake.....	Storm Lake.....	Boating. Bathing. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Picnicking.

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23	Black Hawk.....	Sac.....	In town of Lake View.....	Lake View.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Swimming, supervised beach. Boating. Fishing, panfish & game fish. Shelter. Picnicking. Hiking. Motoring.
24	Swan Lake.....	Carroll.....	County road, 3 mi. SE. Carroll.....	Carroll.....	Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking.
25	Cold Spring.....	Cass.....	U. S. 6, Iowa 92, 2 mi. S. Lewis.....	.....	Picnicking. Swimming. Fishing. Boating.
26	Lake of Three Fires.....	Taylor.....	Iowa 49, 3 mi. NE. Bedford.....	Bedford.....	Resident custodian. Cabins. Swimming, supervised beach. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Refreshments available. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Camping, two weeks.
27	Green Valley.....	Union.....	2½ mi. NW. Creston on County road.....	.....	Picnicking. Boating. Fishing. Refreshments available.
28	Pammel.....	Madison.....	Iowa 92 & 162, 5 mi. SW. Winterset.....	Winterset.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Lodge. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Historic interest. Scenic.
29	Lennon Mill.....	Guthrie.....	Adjoins Panora.....	.....	Historic interest.
30	Springbrook.....	Guthrie.....	Iowa 25 & 384, 7 mi. N. Guthrie Center.....	Guthrie Center.....	Resident custodian. Cabins. Camping, two weeks. Group camping. Swimming, supervised beach. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking.
31	Spring Lake.....	Greene.....	2 mi. W. & 4 mi. N. of Grand Jct.....	Grand Junction.....	Picnicking. Boating. Swimming. Fishing.
32	Twin Lakes.....	Calhoun.....	Iowa 17-124, 4 mi. N. Rockwell City.....	Rockwell City.....	Swimming. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking.
33	Kalsow Prairie.....	Pocahontas.....	County road, 2 mi. N. Manson.....	.....	Biologic monument.
34	Okamanpedan.....	Emmet.....	County road, 3 mi. NE. Dolliver.....	Dolliver.....	Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking. Historic interest.
35	Ambrose A. Call.....	Kossuth.....	Adjoins Algona.....	Algona.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Lodge. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking.
36	Frank A. Gotch.....	Humboldt.....	Forks of Des Moines River, 2 mi. SE. of Humboldt.....	.....	Fishing access, panfish and game fish. Picnicking.
37	Dolliver Memorial.....	Webster.....	Iowa 50 & 121, 4 mi. N. Lehigh.....	Lehigh.....	Resident custodian. Cabins. Camping, two weeks. Group camping. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Lodge. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking.
38	Woodman Hollow.....	Webster.....	County road, 3 mi. N. Lehigh.....	.....	Hiking. Inaccessible. Fishing.
39	Barkley.....	Boone.....	County road, 2 mi. NE. Fraser.....	.....	Inaccessible.
40	Ledges.....	Boone.....	Iowa 164, 3 mi. S. Boone.....	Boone.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Fishing, game fish. Shelter. Refreshments available. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Scenic.
41	Margo Frankel Wds....	Polk.....	2 mi. N. of Des Moines on Hwy. 60.....	.....	Picnicking. Hiking.
43	Lake Ahquabi.....	Warren.....	Iowa 349, 5½ mi. SW. Indianola.....	Indianola.....	Resident custodian. Cabins. Camping, two weeks. Group camping. Swimming, supervised beach. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Lodge. Shelter. Refreshments available. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking.
44	Red Haw Lake.....	Lucas.....	U. S. 34, 1 mi. E. Chariton.....	Chariton.....	Resident custodian. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Swimming. Camping, two weeks.

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45	Allerton Reservoir.....	Wayne.....	1 mi. W. of Allerton on Co. road.....	Fishing. Boating. Picnicking. Swimming.
46	Nine Eagles.....	Decatur.....	County road, 3½ mi. SE. Davis City.....	Davis City.....	Resident custodian. Picnicking. Hiking. Boating. Fishing. Camping, two weeks. Swimming.
47	Sharon Bluffs.....	Appanoose.....	Iowa 2, 3½ mi. SE. Centerville.....	Centerville.....	Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Scenic.
48	Lake Wapello.....	Davis.....	Iowa 273, 6 mi. W. Drakesville.....	Drakesville.....	Resident custodian. Cabins. Camping, two weeks. Swimming, supervised beach. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Lodge, serving meals. Shelter. Refreshments available. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking.
49	Lake Keomah.....	Mahaska.....	Iowa 371, 6 mi. SE. Oskaloosa.....	Oskaloosa.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Group camping. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Lodge. Shelter. Refreshments available. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Swimming.
50	Rock Creek.....	Jasper.....	3½ mi. NE. Kellogg on County road....	Grinnell.....	Res. cust. Camping, 2 weeks. Picnicking. Fishing. Boating. Refreshments available. Swimming.
51	Union Grove.....	Tama.....	County road, 3 mi. SW. Gladbrook.....	Gladbrook.....	Res. cust. Boating. Fishing, panfish. Picnicking, Swimming. Refreshments available. Camping, two weeks.
52	T. F. Clark.....	Tama.....	U. S. 63, 4 mi. NE. Traer.....	Traer.....	Shelter. Picnicking.
53	Pine Lake.....	Hardin.....	Iowa 118, ½ mi. NE. Eldora.....	Eldora.....	Resident custodian. Cabins. Camping, two weeks. Swimming, supervised beach. Boating. Golf, green fee. Lodge. Refreshments available. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Fishing, panfish & game fish.
54	Geo. Wyth Memorial	Black Hawk.....	U. S. 20, adjoins town of Cedar Falls....	Cedar Falls.....	Resident custodian. Fishing, game fish. Picnicking. Hiking. Motoring.
55	Steamboat Rock.....	Hardin.....	Adjoins town of Steamboat Rock.....	.....	Fishing, panfish and game fish. Picnicking.
56	Beaver Meadow.....	Butler.....	Iowa 14, ½ mi. N. Parkersburg.....	.....	Fishing, panfish. Shelter. Picnicking.
57	Heery Woods.....	Butler.....	Iowa 188, ½ mi. S. Clarksville.....	Clarksville.....	Fishing, panfish and game fish. Lodge. Picnicking. Hiking.
58	Beeds Lake.....	Franklin.....	3 mi. NW. Hampton.....	Hampton.....	Res. custodian. Camping two weeks. Swimming supervised beach. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Shelter. Picnicking.
59	McIntosh Woods.....	Cerro Gordo....	U. S. 18, ¾ mi. E. Ventura.....	Ventura.....	Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Picnicking.
60	Eagle Lake.....	Hancock.....	County road, 4 mi. NE. Britt.....	Britt.....	Boating. Fishing, game fish. Shelter. Picnicking.
61	Pilot Knob.....	Hancock.....	4 mi. E., 1 mi. S. of Forest City.....	Forest City.....	Resident custodian. Camping, two weeks. Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking. Motoring. Historic interest.
62	Rice Lake.....	Winnebago.....	County road, 2½ mi. SW. Lake Mills....	Lake Mills.....	Boating. Fishing, panfish. Golf, green fee. Shelter. Picnicking. Swimming.
63	Clear Lake.....	Cerro Gordo...	Iowa 106, 2 mi. S. Clear Lake.....	Clear Lake.....	Res. custodian. Camping, two weeks. Boating. Fishing, panfish and game fish. Swimming. Lodge. Picnicking.
64	Pioneer.....	Mitchell.....	County road, 7 mi. SW. Riceville.....	.....	Lodge. Picnicking.
65	Fort Atkinson.....	Winneshiek.....	Iowa 24, NE. edge Fort Atkinson.....	Fort Atkinson.....	Historic interest.
66	Echo Valley.....	Fayette.....	Iowa 56 3 mi. SE. West Union.....	West Union.....	Shelter. Picnicking. Hiking.
67	Brush Creek Canyon....	Fayette.....	Iowa 154, 2 mi. N. Arlington.....	.....	Shelter. Picnicking. Trails. Hiking.

OVERNIGHT CABINS

All reservations must be made through park custodian. Advance reservations for one and two week periods only.

Area	County	No. of Cabins	Address—State Park Custodian
Pine Lake.....	Hardin	4	Eldora
Dolliver Memorial.....	Webster	2	Lehigh

RATES

Rate for a maximum of four persons. Cots where available are supplied for additional guests at a charge of 50c a day per cot.

Cabins accommodate four comfortably. Renter must provide own bedding, pillows and linens. The rental of cabins does not entitle tenant to free use of beach or boating privileges. Where these facilities are available arrangements may be made with the concessionaire. Electricity is included in the above rates with the exception of 25c meter charge on refrigerator for each 24-hour period.

Daily rate	\$ 5.00 per cabin
Weekly rate	30.00 per cabin

MODERN OVERNIGHT CABINS

All reservations must be made through park custodian. Advance reservations for one and two week periods only:

Area	County	No. of Cabins	Address—State Park Custodian
Backbone.....	Delaware	18	Strawberry Point
Lake Wapello.....	Davis	12	Drakesville
Springbrook.....	Guthrie	6	Guthrie Center
Lake of Three Fires.....	Taylor	6	Bedford
Lacey-Keosauqua.....	Van Buren	6	Keosauqua

RATES

Rates for a maximum of four persons. Cots where available are supplied for additional guests at a charge of 50c a day per cot.

Cabins accommodate four comfortably. Renter must provide own bedding, pillows and linens. The rental of cabins does not entitle tenant to free use of beach or boating privileges. Where these facilities are available, arrangements may be made with the concessionaire. Electricity is included in the above rates with the exception of 25c meter charge on refrigerator for each 24-hour period.

Daily rate	\$ 6.00 per cabin
Weekly rate	35.00 per cabin

PALISADES-KEPLER CABINS ONLY

All reservations must be made through park custodian.

Special rates for cabins at Palisades-Kepler State Park. Address State Park Custodian, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Stone cabins (accommodate 8).....	\$ 8.00 per day
	40.00 per week

FAMILY CABINS

Daily rates	\$ 6.00 per cabin
Weekly rates	35.00 per cabin

STATE PARK LODGE RENTALS

Rates given are per reservation.

State Park	Rate
Ahquabi	\$10.00
Bellevue	8.50
Call, A. A.	5.00
Clear Lake	12.50
Dolliver Memorial—Central Lodge	6.00
South Lodge	7.00
North Lodge	3.00
Fort Defiance	7.00
*Gull Point	15.00
Heery Woods	8.50
Keomah	10.00
Lacey-Keosauqua	10.00
Lewis and Clark	8.50
Mill Creek	8.50
Pammel	4.00
Pine Lake	8.50
Stone Park	12.50
Wapsipinicon	5.00
Palisades-Kepler	12.50 Without kitchen
Palisades-Kepler	15.00 With kitchen

No charges made for electricity or fuel on lodge rentals.

Lodges will be closed during winter.

ALL RESERVATIONS TO BE MADE WITH PARK CUSTODIAN

* Open to public Sundays and holidays.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions for bait, boats, bathing, and miscellaneous refreshments are operated by private individuals under contract to the State Conservation Commission.

Bathing concessions are operated at Lake Ahquabi, Backbone, Beeds Lake, Lake Keomah, Lacey-Keosauqua, Lewis and Clark, Lake Macbride, Lake Manawa, Pine Lake, Springbrook, Lake of Three Fires, and Lake Wapello.

Boat and bait concessions are operated at Lake Ahquabi, Beeds Lake, Lake Darling, Lake Keomah, Lacey-Keosauqua, Lewis and Clark, Pine Lake, Red Haw Lake, Springbrook, Lake of Three Fires, Lake Wapello, Nine Eagles, Rock Creek, Geode, Green Valley, Backbone, Viking Lake and Union Grove.

Miscellaneous refreshments may be secured at Gull Point, Pikes Peak, Black Hawk Lake, Lodges, Maquoketa Caves, Brown's Lake and Mill Creek in addition to the above listed parks.

Dining room open at Lake Wapello.



MOTORBOATS ON ARTIFICIAL LAKES

State law prohibits the use of motorboats on any state-owned artificial lakes of less than 100 acres in size. Outboard motors not to exceed six horsepower are permitted on state-owned artificial lakes of more than 100 acres in size.

STATE-OWNED ARTIFICIAL LAKES OVER 100 ACRES

Swan Lake	Carroll County	130 acres
Lake Wapello	Davis County	287 acres
Backbone	Delaware County	125 acres
Beeds Lake	Franklin County	130 acres
Geode	Henry County	205 acres
Rock Creek	Jasper County	640 acres
Lake Machride	Johnson County	950 acres
Viking Lake	Montgomery County	150 acres
Union Grove	Tama County	152 acres
Lake of Three Fires	Taylor County	125 acres
Green Valley Lake	Union County	390 acres
Lake Darling	Washington County	400 acres
Lake Ahquabl	Warren County	130 acres
Allerton Reservoir	Wayne County	108 acres

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