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State Parks, Forests and Recreation Areas 2023 Annual Pricing Report

As required in Iowa Code section 455A.14, the Department offers the following report which summarizes parks pricing fees and occupancy rates for 2023.

Fees and Occupancy Rates Summary

1. Campsites Peak Season

Peak season of May 1 - October 15. Fees are per night and include sales tax.

CAMPSITES	2023 PEAK SEASON FEES				PEAK SEASON OCCUPANCY		
	Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun
TIER 1							
Backbone	--	--	\$20	\$14	22%	55%	36%
Brushy Creek Nonequestrian	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	33%	66%	47%
Clear Lake	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	31%	57%	42%
Elinor Bedell	\$26	--	--	--	51%	70%	59%
Emerson Bay	\$26	--	\$20	--	55%	71%	62%
Green Valley	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	35%	62%	47%
Lake Ahquabi*	\$26	--	\$20	--	27%*	63%*	43%*
Lake Anita	\$26	\$23	\$20	\$14	19%	43%	29%
Lake Darling	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	27%	58%	40%
Lake Macbride North	\$26	--	\$20	--	39%	71%	53%
Lake Manawa	\$26	--	--	--	89%	95%	92%
Ledges	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	54%	83%	66%
Lewis & Clark	\$26	--	\$20	--	37%	65%	49%
Maquoketa Caves	--	--	\$20	\$14	72%	89%	79%
Marble Beach	\$26	\$23	\$20	\$14	29%	52%	39%
Palisades-Kepler	--	--	\$20	\$14	31%	69%	47%
Pikes Peak*	\$26	--	\$20	--	44%*	69%*	55%*
Pleasant Creek	--	--	\$20	\$14	41%	74%	55%
Prairie Rose	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	29%	61%	43%
Rock Creek	--	--	\$20	\$14	21%	48%	33%
Viking Lake	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	25%	52%	36%
Walnut Woods	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	95%	98%	96%
Wilson Island	--	--	\$20	\$14	23%	54%	36%

CAMPSITES	2023 PEAK SEASON FEES				PEAK SEASON OCCUPANCY		
Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
TIER 2							
Bellevue	--	--	\$18	\$12	19%	51%	33%
Black Hawk	\$24	\$21	\$18	\$12	23%	43%	31%
Elk Rock Nonequestrian	--	--	\$18	\$12	22%	58%	38%
Fairport	--	--	\$18	--	31%	52%	40%
Geode	\$24	--	\$18	\$12	18%	45%	30%
George Wyth	--	--	\$18	\$12	32%	65%	46%
Lacey-Keosauqua	\$24	\$21	\$18	\$12	22%	50%	34%
Lake Macbride South	--	--	--	\$12	8%	32%	18%
Lake of Three Fires Equestrian	--	--	\$22	\$16	4%	17%	10%
Lakes of Three Fires Nonequestrian	--	--	\$18	\$12	9%	21%	14%
Lake Wapello	\$24	--	\$18	\$12	21%	44%	31%
McIntosh Woods	--	--	\$18	\$12	24%	50%	35%
Pine Lake	\$24	--	\$18	\$12	25%	58%	39%
Springbrook	--	--	\$18	\$12	12%	37%	22%
Stone	--	--	\$18	\$12	21%	40%	29%
Union Grove	\$24	--	\$18	\$12	13%	26%	18%
Volga River Equestrian	-	--	\$22	--	19%	59%	36%
Volga River Nonequestrian	\$24	\$21	\$18	\$12	29%	62%	43%
Waubonsie Nonequestrian	--	--	\$18	\$12	21%	53%	35%
Yellow River Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$16	9%	41%	23%
Yellow River Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$12	23%	57%	38%
TIER 3							
AA Call	--	--	\$16	\$10	Not on reservation system		
Beeds Lake	--	--	\$16	\$10	11%	26%	18%
Brushy Creek Equestrian	\$26	--	\$20	\$14	10%	31%	19%
Dolliver Memorial	--	--	\$16	\$10	22%	62%	39%
Elk Rock Equestrian	--	--	\$20	\$14	15%	38%	25%
Fort Defiance	--	--	\$16	\$10	Not on reservation system		
Gull Point	--	--	\$16	\$10	17%	39%	27%
Honey Creek	\$22	--	\$16	\$10	11%	26%	17%
Lake Keomah	--	--	\$16	\$10	11%	33%	20%
Nine Eagles Equestrian	--	--	--	\$14	3%	12%	7%
Nine Eagles Nonequestrian	--	--	\$16	\$10	10%	25%	16%
Pilot Knob	--	--	\$16	\$10	12%	29%	19%
Red Haw*	--	--	\$16	\$10	Closed*		
Wapsipinicon	--	--	\$16	\$10	17%	49%	30%

CAMPSITES		2023 PEAK SEASON FEES				PEAK SEASON OCCUPANCY		
Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total	
TIER 4								
Shimek Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$13	7%	25%	15%	
Shimek Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$9	8%	16%	11%	
Stephens Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$13	2%	13%	7%	
Stephens Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$9	3%	12%	7%	
Waubonsie Equestrian	--	--	--	\$13	2%	11%	6%	
Wildcat Den	--	--	--	\$9	17%	51%	31%	

*Lake Ahquabi campground was closed for a portion of the 2023 peak season due to lake restoration and campground renovation projects. The renovated campground opened on July 20, 2023, and was re-closed on October 8, 2023 for re-seeding.

*Pikes Peak campground was closed for a portion of the 2023 peak season for a campground renovation project. The renovated campground opened on July 27, 2023.

*Red Haw campground remained closed in 2023 following damages from the March 5, 2022 tornado.

2. Campsites Off-Season

Fees lower from peak season annually for the off-season of October 16 - April 30. All tiers are priced the same in the off-season. The below off-season data includes January 1 - April 30, 2023, and October 16 - November 30, 2023. December 2023 data is not yet available.

CAMPSITES		2023 OFF-SEASON FEES				OFF-SEASON OCCUPANCY		
Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total	
TIER 1								
Backbone	--	--	\$12	\$6	2%	7%	4%	
Brushy Creek Nonequestrian	\$22	--	\$16	\$10	4%	9%	6%	
Clear Lake	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	2%	3%	2%	
Elinor Bedell	\$18	--	--	--	0%	0%	0%	
Emerson Bay	\$18	--	\$12	--	1%	2%	1%	
Green Valley	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	4%	8%	6%	
Lake Ahquabi*	\$18	--	\$12	--	Closed in 2023*			
Lake Anita	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$6	2%	4%	3%	
Lake Darling	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	6%	11%	8%	
Lake Macbride North	\$18	--	\$12	--	10%	18%	13%	
Lake Manawa*	\$18	--	--	--	Closed in off-season*			
Ledges	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	13%	29%	19%	
Lewis & Clark	\$18	--	\$12	--	4%	10%	7%	
Maquoketa Caves*	--	--	\$12	\$6	10%*	26%*	16%*	
Marble Beach	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$6	0%	1%	1%	
Palisades-Kepler	--	--	\$12	\$6	6%	13%	9%	
Pikes Peak*	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	9%*	11%*	10%*	
Pleasant Creek	--	--	\$12	\$6	6%	12%	8%	

CAMPSITES		2023 OFF-SEASON FEES				OFF-SEASON OCCUPANCY		
Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total	
Prairie Rose	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	4%	9%	6%	
Rock Creek	--	--	\$12	\$6	2%	6%	4%	
Viking Lake	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	2%	4%	2%	
Walnut Woods	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	53%	66%	58%	
Wilson Island	--	--	\$12	\$6	Closed in off-season			
TIER 2								
Bellevue	--	--	\$12	\$6	3%	7%	5%	
Black Hawk	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$6	1%	2%	2%	
Elk Rock Nonequestrian	--	--	\$12	\$6	3%	9%	5%	
Fairport	--	--	\$12	--	6%	8%	7%	
Geode	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	3%	9%	6%	
George Wyth	--	--	\$12	\$6	7%	11%	9%	
Lacey-Keosauqua	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$6	6%	12%	8%	
Lake Macbride Nonmodern	--	--	--	\$6	2%	5%	3%	
Lake of Three Fires Equestrian	--	--	\$16	\$10	1%	2%	1%	
Lake of Three Fires Nonequestrian	--	--	\$12	\$6	1%	2%	2%	
Lake Wapello	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	3%	6%	4%	
McIntosh Woods	--	--	\$12	\$6	3%	4%	3%	
Pine Lake	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	3%	6%	4%	
Springbrook	--	--	\$12	\$6	1%	5%	2%	
Stone	--	--	\$12	\$6	2%	3%	3%	
Union Grove	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	4%	7%	5%	
Volga River Equestrian	-	--	\$16	--	2%	8%	4%	
Volga River Nonequestrian	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$6	3%	7%	5%	
Waubonsie Nonequestrian	--	--	\$12	\$6	7%	17%	11%	
Yellow River Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$10	2%	12%	6%	
Yellow River Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$6	7%	16%	11%	
TIER 3								
AA Call	--	--	\$12	\$6	Not on reservation system			
Beeds Lake	--	--	\$12	\$6	<1%	1%	1%	
Brushy Creek Equestrian	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	1%	3%	2%	
Dolliver Memorial	--	--	\$12	\$6	3%	9%	6%	
Elk Rock Equestrian	--	--	\$16	\$10	1%	3%	2%	
Fort Defiance	--	--	\$12	\$6	Not on reservation system			
Gull Point	--	--	\$12	\$6	<1%	<1%	<1%	
Honey Creek	\$18	--	\$12	\$6	2%	4%	3%	
Lake Keomah	--	--	\$12	\$6	3%	4%	4%	
Nine Eagles Equestrian	--	--	--	\$10	2%	3%	2%	
Nine Eagles Nonequestrian	--	--	\$12	\$6	3%	4%	4%	

CAMPsites	2023 OFF-SEASON FEES				OFF-SEASON OCCUPANCY		
	Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun
Pilot Knob	--	--	\$12	\$6	2%	3%	3%
Red Haw*	--	--	\$12	\$6	Closed in 2023*		
Wapsipinicon	--	--	\$12	\$6	4%	6%	5%
TIER 4							
Shimek Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$10	3%	7%	5%
Shimek Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$6	4%	5%	4%
Stephens Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$10	2%	8%	4%
Stephens Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$6	3%	6%	4%
Waubonsie Equestrian	--	--	--	\$10	<1%	1%	1%
Wildcat Den	--	--	--	\$6	5%	9%	7%

*Lake Ahquabi campground was closed in the 2023 off-season months due to lake restoration and campground renovation projects.

*Lake Manawa campground season is April 15 – October 15.

*Maquoketa Caves campground closes annually from December – February, and was closed in March of 2023.

*Pikes Peak campground was closed for a portion of the off-season months in 2023 for a campground renovation project. The renovated campground opened on July 27, 2023.

*Red Haw State campground was closed in 2023 following damages from the March 5, 2022 tornado.

3. Youth Group Campsites Peak Season

Peak season of May 1 - October 15. Fees are per night and include sales tax.

YOUTH GROUP CAMPING	2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY		
	Park	Youth Site Fees	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
TIER 1					
Backbone		\$25	5%	20%	12%
Lake Ahquabi		\$25	<1%	26%	11%
Lake Macbride		\$25	3%	21%	11%
Ledges		\$25	5%	40%	20%
Maquoketa Caves		\$25	7%	50%	25%
Walnut Woods		\$25	2%	31%	14%
Wildcat Den		\$25	0%	29%	13%
TIER 2					
Bellevue		\$20	4%	13%	8%
Brushy Creek		\$20	4%	15%	9%
Elk Rock		\$20	0%	21%	9%
Geode		\$20	1%	8%	4%
George Wyth		\$20	5%	21%	12%
Green Valley		\$20	2%	11%	6%
Lake Manawa		\$20	7%	24%	14%
Palisades-Kepler		\$20	3%	26%	13%
Pikes Peak		\$20	<1%	10%	4%
Pine Lake		\$20	1%	8%	4%

YOUTH GROUP CAMPING		2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY	
Park	Youth Site Fees	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total	
Pleasant Creek	\$20	0%	11%	5%	
Prairie Rose	\$20	<1%	13%	5%	
Rock Creek	\$20	1%	20%	9%	
Springbrook	\$20	4%	26%	14%	
Stone	\$20	<1%	4%	2%	
Viking Lake	\$20	<1%	<1%	<1%	
Wilson Island	\$20	<1%	5%	2%	
Yellow River Forest	\$20	12%	20%	15%	
TIER 3					
Beeds Lake	\$15	0%	7%	3%	
Black Hawk	\$15	2%	4%	3%	
Dolliver Memorial	\$15	<1%	10%	4%	
Honey Creek	\$15	1%	1%	1%	
Lacey-Keosauqua	\$15	2%	4%	3%	
Lake Anita	\$15	<1%	19%	8%	
Lake Darling	\$15	<1%	15%	7%	
Lake of Three Fires	\$15	2%	3%	2%	
Lake Wapello	\$15	0%	1%	1%	
Lewis & Clark	\$15	1%	5%	2%	
Nine Eagles	\$15	0%	6%	3%	
Pilot Knob	\$15	0%	7%	3%	
Stephens Forest	\$15	0%	14%	6%	
Volga River	\$15	0%	6%	2%	

4. Cabins

Fees do not include local and state hotel tax. A refundable damage deposit equal to the daily rate or \$50, whichever is greater, is required for each cabin rental. Occupancy shown is for the rental season of each facility, excluding December 2023 as data for the current month is not yet available.

CABINS			2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY		
Park	Cabin Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekly	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Backbone*	Modern Deluxe	Year-Round	\$200	\$1,200	8%*	35%*	19%*
Backbone*	Modern 2-BR	Year-Round	\$150	\$900	7%*	43%*	22%*
Backbone*	Modern 1-BR	Year-Round	\$100	\$600	13%*	43%*	25%*
Black Hawk	Modern Deluxe	Year-Round	\$150	\$900	28%	48%	37%
Dolliver	Basic Family	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	54%	80%	66%
Green Valley	Camping	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$75	\$450	51%	78%	63%
Honey Creek	Camping	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	35%	52%	42%
Lacey-Keosauqua	Modern Studio	Apr 1-Oct 31	\$75	\$450	31%	58%	43%
Lake Darling	Camping	Apr 1-Oct 31	\$50	\$300	17%	45%	29%
Lake Darling	Modern 2-BR	Year-Round	\$110	\$660	54%	76%	63%

CABINS			2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY		
Park	Cabin Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekly	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Lake of Three Fires	Modern Studio	Apr 1-Jan 15	\$75	\$450	40%	61%	49%
Lake Wapello	Modern 1-BR	Apr 1-Oct 31	\$75	\$450	52%	71%	60%
Lake Wapello	Modern 2-BR	Year-Round	\$100	\$600	54%	78%	64%
McIntosh Woods	Yurt	May 1 - Sep 30	\$60	\$360	58%	86%	70%
Nine Eagles	Modern 1-BR	Apr 1-Oct 31	\$75	\$450	60%	77%	67%
Palisades-Kepler	Modern 1-BR	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$80	\$480	51%	71%	60%
Pine Lake	Modern Family	Year-Round	\$90	\$540	66%	92%	77%
Pine Lake	Modern Studio	Year-Round	\$75	\$450	58%	88%	71%
Pleasant Creek	Camping	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$60	\$360	26%	72%	49%
Prairie Rose	Camping	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	69%	87%	77%
Springbrook	Multi-family	Year-Round	\$200	\$1,200	27%	75%	48%
Stone	Camping	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	32%	76%	52%
Union Grove	Modern 1-BR	Year-Round	\$90	\$540	42%	74%	56%
Waubonsie	Modern 3-BR	Year-Round	\$110	\$660	32%	72%	50%
Waubonsie	Modern Studio	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$70	\$420	23%	43%	32%
Waubonsie	Modern 2-BR	Year-Round	\$100	\$600	39%	63%	50%
Waubonsie	Camping	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$60	\$360	27%	66%	44%
Waubonsie	Camping	Apr 15-Nov 30	\$50	\$300	28%	72%	47%
Waubonsie	Camping 2-BR	Apr 15-Nov 30	\$70	\$420	20%	72%	43%
Waubonsie	Camping	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$30	\$180	24%	50%	36%
Waubonsie	Camping	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$40	\$240	23%	66%	43%
Yellow River	Camping	Apr 1-Oct 31	\$75	\$450	82%	93%	87%

*Backbone cabins were closed for most of the 2023 season due to a road construction project and re-opened on October 11, 2023.

5. Day-Use Lodges

Fees do not include sales tax. The weekend daily rate applies to New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day even when the holiday falls on a weekday. A refundable damage deposit equal to the weekend daily rental is also required. Occupancy shown is for the rental season of each facility, excluding December 2023 as data for the current month is not yet available.

DAY-USE LODGES		2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY		
Park	Rental Season	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
AA Call Lodge	May 1-Sep 30	\$50	\$100	6%	38%	20%
Backbone Auditorium	May 1-Oct 15	\$75	\$150	1%	24%	11%
Backbone Beach Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$125	\$250	8%	40%	36%
Beeds Lake Lodge	May 15-Oct 1	\$40	\$80	<1%	36%	15%
Bellevue Lodge	May 1-Oct 31	\$100	\$200	5%	49%	25%
Clear Lake Lodge	May 1-Sep 30	\$100	\$200	10%	58%	31%
Dolliver Center Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$30	\$60	2%	52%	23%
Dolliver South Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$38	\$75	0%	50%	21%
Fort Defiance Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$100	1%	51%	23%
George Wyth Lodge	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$35	\$70	12%	76%	39%

DAY-USE LODGES		2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY		
Park	Rental Season	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Gull Point Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$200	\$400	16%	82%	45%
Lacey-Keosauqua Beach Lodge	Apr 15-Oct 31	\$35	\$70	2%	16%	8%
Lacey-Keosauqua Main Lodge	Year-Round	\$40	\$80	3%	32%	16%
Lake Ahquabi Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$45	\$90	Closed in 2023*		
Lake Darling Lodge	Year-Round	\$150	\$300	8%	42%	23%
Lake Keomah Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$63	\$125	5%	53%	26%
Lake Macbride Main Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$100	\$200	10%	51%	29%
Lake of Three Fires Lodge	May 15-Sep 30	\$35	\$70	0%	42%	18%
Lake Wapello Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$100	2%	25%	12%
Lewis & Clark Visitor Center	Year-Round	\$75	\$150	<1%	17%	7%
Lewis & Clark Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$100	8%	48%	25%
Mini-Wakan Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$100	\$200	3%	32%	15%
Palisades-Kepler Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$150	\$300	9%	66%	35%
Pine Lake Lodge	Apr 15-Oct 15	\$40	\$80	4%	41%	20%
Stone Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$113	\$225	3%	57%	26%
Viking Lake Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$100	\$100	1%	29%	13%
Walnut Woods Lodge	Year-Round	\$150	\$300	21%	79%	48%
Wapsipinicon Rotary Lodge	Year-Round	\$40	\$80	4%	45%	22%
Waubonsie Washawtee Lodge	Year-Round	\$100	\$200	5%	43%	21%

*Lake Ahquabi day-use facilities were closed in 2023 for lake restoration and construction projects.

6. Day-Use Shelters

Fees do not include sales tax. Occupancy is for reserved days during the facility rental season.

DAY-USE SHELTERS			2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY	
Park	Shelter Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Backbone	Open Shelters	May 1-Oct 15	\$25	1%	15%	7%
Beed's Lake	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	5%	2%
Bellevue	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	1%	1%
Big Creek	Beach Cabana	May 1-Sep 30	\$15	2%	22%	11%
Big Creek	Large Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$75	7%	40%	21%
Big Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	16%	8%
Black Hawk	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	2%	1%
Brushy Creek	Beach Cabanas	May 1-Sep 30	\$15	1%	1%	1%
Brushy Creek	Large Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$75	1%	20%	9%
Brushy Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	3%	1%
Clear Lake	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	2%	11%	6%
Dolliver	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	8%	4%
Elinor Bedell	Shelter - Kitchenette	May 1-Sep 30	\$75	3%	13%	7%
Elk Rock	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	3%	1%
Emerson Bay	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	9%	4%

DAY-USE SHELTERS			2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY	
Park	Shelter Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Geode	Open - Kitchenette	May 1-Sep 30	\$75	0%	0%	0%
Geode	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	0%	3%	1%
George Wyth	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	2%	20%	10%
Green Valley	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	2%	1%
Gull Point	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	1%	1%
Honey Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	2%	1%
Lacey-Keosauqua	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	5%	2%
Lake Ahquabi*	Beach Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$40	Closed in 2023*		
Lake Ahquabi*	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	Closed in 2023*		
Lake Anita	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	3%	2%
Lake Darling	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	12%	6%
Lake Darling	Large Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$75	1%	12%	6%
Lake Keomah	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	2%	1%
Lake Macbride	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	12%	6%
Lake Manawa	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	3%	26%	13%
Lake Manawa	Large Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$75	6%	44%	22%
Lake Manawa	Open - Kitchenette	May 1-Sep 30	\$75	10%	47%	26%
Lake of Three Fires	Open Shelters	May 15-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	7%	3%
Lake Wapello	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	3%	1%
Ledges	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	13%	57%	32%
Nine Eagles	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	4%	2%
Palisades- Kepler	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	15%	7%
Pikes Peak	Open Shelter	May 1-Oct 31	\$25	3%	20%	10%
Pikes Point	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	3%	13%	7%
Pilot Knob	Open Shelters	Apr 1-Oct 31	\$25	<1%	3%	2%
Pine Lake	Open Shelters	May 1- Oct 15	\$25	<1%	2%	1%
Pleasant Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	7%	3%
Prairie Rose	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	9%	5%
Red Haw	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	7%	3%
Rice Lake	Open Shelter	Apr 1-Oct 31	\$25	0%	0%	0%
Rock Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	5%	2%
Springbrook	Beach Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$40	<1%	14%	6%
Springbrook	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	14%	6%
Stone	Open Shelters	May 1-Oct 15	\$25	1%	20%	9%
Templar	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	1%	<1%
Union Grove	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	3%	1%
Viking Lake	Open - Kitchenette	May 1-Sep 30	\$75	1%	19%	9%
Viking Lake	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	2%	1%
Volga	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	3%	1%
Wapsipinicon	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	13%	6%

DAY-USE SHELTERS			2023 FEES		2023 OCCUPANCY	
Park	Shelter Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Waubonsie	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	8%	4%
Wildcat Den	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	<1%	18%	8%
Wilson Island	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	0%	0%	0%

*Lake Ahquabi day-use facilities were closed in 2023 for lake restoration and construction projects.

7. Wet/Dry Storage

Fees do not include sales tax.

WET/DRY STORAGE		
Park	Type	2023 Fees
Big Creek	Dry Storage - Pontoon	\$300.00
Big Creek	Dry Storage - Other Boats	\$225.00
Lake Anita	Wet Storage	\$175 - \$200
Lake Keomah	Wet Storage	\$175 - \$200
Lake Macbride	Wet Storage	\$300.00
Lake Macbride	Dry Storage - Pontoon	\$50.00
Lake Macbride	Dry Storage - Sailboat - 8 months	\$175.00
Lake Macbride	Dry Storage - Sailboat - 4 months	\$50.00
Lake Wapello	Wet Storage	\$175.00
Pleasant Creek	Dry Storage	\$150.00
Prairie Rose	Wet Storage	\$200.00
Rock Creek	Wet Storage	\$275.00
Viking Lake	Wet Storage	\$200.00

2023 Special Promotions

Parks pricing legislation creates the opportunity for special promotions and sales. In 2021, the Department implemented a series of pricing promotional campaigns, reducing fees at certain campsites and rental facilities for certain periods of time to increase overall occupancy and revenue with application of a promo code when making an online reservation. In 2022 and 2023, these promotional campaigns were continued, encouraging customer retention, longer stays and stays at less-used parks or during less-used times.

2023 PROMOTIONAL DETAILS

Promo Code	Fees Collected	Fees Discounted
CozyCabin23	\$1,950.00	\$390.00
Deal	Book a state park cabin stay in January or February, get 20% off your stay.	
Details	Promoted to general audience for stays at year-round cabins during the off-season months of January and February, 2023.	
Results	Promotional code was applied to 9 reservations.	
GoFish23	\$512.00	\$102.40
Deal	Save 20% on your campsite reservation made for April 15 – May 15, 2023.	
Details	Promoted to avid fishing license customers for any campsite reservation made for April 15 – May 15, 2023, during the spring fishing season.	
Results	Promotional code was applied to 12 reservations.	
Welcome23	\$34,499.00	\$3,365.00
Deal	Iowa State Parks want to welcome you back! Stay in any Iowa state park campground through October 31, 2023 and save \$5.00.	
Details	Promoted to customers that were new in 2022 and had not yet booked in 2023, along with customers that were new in 2021 and hadn't booked since for use at any reservable campsite between May - October, 2023.	
Results	Promotional code was applied to 673 reservations.	
TEN4U	\$11,508.00	\$1,150.80
Deal	We know you love state parks, and now we invite you to visit mid-week. Book a three-night stay for any nights Sunday-Thursday at any state park and save \$10 on your booking.	
Details	Promoted to avid campers for weeknight stays between June-October, 2023.	
Results	Promotional code was applied to 167 reservations.	
FLASH23	\$4,278.00	\$720.00
Deal	Stay in any campground now through August 31 and save \$10.00.	
Details	Promoted to DNR general audience for \$10 off any campsite reservation in the month of August.	
Results	Promotional code was applied to 72 reservations.	
FALL50	\$19,000	\$4,800.00
Deal	Save big on your fall getaway at a state park cabin. Get \$50 off a mid-week stay between September 5 – October 31.	
Details	Promoted to general DNR audience for fall stays.	
Results	Promotional code was applied to 96 reservations.	
Cabin2024	\$20,360.00	\$4,126.00
Deal	Book a state park cabin for a January or February 2024 stay, get 20% off.	
Details	Promoted to general audience for stays at year-round cabins in the months of January and February.	
Results	Promotional code was applied to 79 reservations.	

2023 Parks Pricing Work

1. Continued monitoring facility occupancy and evaluating occupancy data from two full years of new campground rates and five full years of usage data.
2. Continued planning promotional campaigns and exploring approaches to promotional audiences, goals and distribution channels.
3. Collected and analyzed comparable data sets (federal, city and county) for similar facilities within sixty miles of the perimeter of each state park or recreation area.

2024 Parks Pricing Work Plan

1. Roll out new rates for camping, day-use lodges, and open shelters, effective February/March 2024. See “2024 Rate Changes” below. The DNR is not raising cabin, youth group campsite, or group camp rates in 2024, but will review wet/dry storage rates.
2. Implement an adjusted parks tier chart with certain campgrounds moved to higher or lower tiers following usage analysis and threshold evaluation.
3. Continue monitoring facility usage and revenue data following rate changes.
4. Continue planning promotional campaigns and exploring approaches to promotional audiences, goals and distribution channels.

2024 Rate Changes

PEAK SEASON CAMPING RATES - May 1 - October 15

Rates are per night and include sales tax.

Park/Forest/Recreation Area Name	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Youth Group Site
AA Call	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Backbone	--	--	\$23	\$15	\$25
Beeds Lake	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$15
Bellevue	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Black Hawk	--	\$28	\$23	\$15	\$15
Brushy Creek Equestrian Campgrounds	\$34	--	\$24	\$16	\$20
Brushy Creek Nonequestrian Campground	\$35	--	\$25	--	--
Clear Lake	\$35	--	\$25	\$17	--
Dolliver Memorial	--	--	\$20	--	\$15
Elinor Bedell	\$35	--	--	--	--
Elk Rock Equestrian Campground	--	--	\$24	\$16	\$20
Elk Rock Nonequestrian Campground	--	--	\$23	\$15	--
Emerson Bay	\$35	--	\$25	--	--
Fairport	--	--	\$23	--	--
Fort Defiance	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Geode	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
George Wyth	--	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
Green Valley	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
Gull Point	--	--	\$20	\$12	--
Honey Creek	\$30	--	\$20	\$12	\$15
Lacey-Keosauqua	\$33	\$28	\$23	\$15	\$15

Park/Forest/Recreation Area Name	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Youth Group Site
Lake Ahquabi	\$35	--	\$25	--	\$25
Lake Anita	\$33	\$28	\$23	\$15	\$15
Lake Darling	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	\$15
Lake Keomah	--	--	\$20	\$12	--
Lake Macbride Modern Campground	\$35	--	\$25	--	--
Lake Macbride Nonmodern Campground	--	--	--	\$12	\$25
Lake Manawa	\$38	--	--	--	\$20
Lake of Three Fires Equestrian Campground	--	--	\$24	\$16	--
Lake of Three Fires Nonequestrian Campground	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$15
Lake Wapello	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	\$15
Ledges	\$35	--	\$25	\$17	\$25
Lewis & Clark	\$35	--	\$25	--	\$15
Maquoketa Caves	--	--	\$28	\$20	\$25
Marble Beach	\$33	\$28	\$23	\$15	--
McIntosh Woods	--	--	\$20	\$12	--
Nine Eagles Equestrian Campground	--	--	--	\$16	--
Nine Eagles Nonequestrian Campground	--	--	\$20	\$10	\$15
Palisades-Kepler	--	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
Pikes Peak	\$35	--	\$25	--	\$20
Pilot Knob	--	--	\$18	\$10	\$15
Pine Lake	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
Pleasant Creek	--	--	\$25	\$17	\$20
Prairie Rose	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
Red Haw	--	--	\$20	\$12	--
Rock Creek	--	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
Shimek Forest Equestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$14	--
Shimek Forest Nonequestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$10	--
Springbrook	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Stephens Forest Equestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$14	--
Stephens Forest Nonequestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$10	\$15
Stone	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Union Grove	\$30	--	\$20	--	--
Viking Lake	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
Volga River Equestrian Campground	--	--	\$24	--	--
Volga River Nonequestrian Campgrounds	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$12	\$15
Walnut Woods	\$38	--	\$28	--	\$25
Wapsipinicon	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Waubonsie Equestrian Campground	--	--	--	\$14	--
Waubonsie Nonequestrian Campground	--	--	\$23	\$15	--
Wildcat Den	--	--	--	\$12	\$25

Park/Forest/Recreation Area Name	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Youth Group Site
Wilson Island	--	--	\$23	\$15	\$20
Yellow River Forest Equestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$19	--
Yellow River Forest Nonequestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$15	\$20

NOTE: A \$4/night equestrian fee is included in the equestrian campground rates except for youth group campsites.

OFF-SEASON CAMPING RATES - October 16 - April 30

Rates are per night and include sales tax.

Park/Forest/Recreation Area Name	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Youth Group Site
AA Call	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Backbone	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$25
Beeds Lake	--	--	\$18	\$10	\$15
Bellevue	--	--	\$18	\$10	\$20
Black Hawk	--	\$20	\$20	\$12	\$15
Brushy Creek Equestrian Campgrounds	\$22	--	\$22	\$14	\$20
Brushy Creek Nonequestrian Campground	\$20	--	\$20	--	--
Clear Lake	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	--
Dolliver Memorial	--	--	\$18	--	\$15
Elinor Bedell	\$20	--	--	--	--
Elk Rock Equestrian Campground	--	--	\$22	\$14	\$20
Elk Rock Nonequestrian Campground	--	--	\$20	\$12	--
Emerson Bay	\$20	--	\$20	--	--
Fairport	--	--	\$20	--	--
Fort Defiance	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Geode	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
George Wyth	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Green Valley	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Gull Point	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Honey Creek	\$18	--	\$18	\$10	\$15
Lacey-Keosauqua	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$12	\$15
Lake Ahquabi	\$20	--	\$20	--	\$25
Lake Anita	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$12	\$15
Lake Darling	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	\$15
Lake Keomah	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Lake Macbride Modern Campground	\$20	--	\$20	--	--
Lake Macbride Nonmodern Campground	--	--	--	\$10	\$25
Lake Manawa	\$23	--	--	--	\$20
Lake of Three Fires Equestrian Campground	--	--	\$22	\$14	--
Lake of Three Fires Nonequestrian Campground	--	--	\$18	\$10	\$15
Lake Wapello	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	\$15
Ledges	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	\$25

Park/Forest/Recreation Area Name	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Youth Group Site
Lewis & Clark	\$20	--	\$20	--	\$15
Maquoketa Caves	--	--	\$23	\$15	\$25
Marble Beach	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$12	--
McIntosh Woods	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Nine Eagles Equestrian Campground	--	--	--	\$14	--
Nine Eagles Nonequestrian Campground	--	--	\$18	\$10	\$15
Palisades-Kepler	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Pikes Peak	\$20	--	\$20	--	\$20
Pilot Knob	--	--	\$18	\$10	\$15
Pine Lake	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Pleasant Creek	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Prairie Rose	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Red Haw	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Rock Creek	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Shimek Forest Equestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$14	--
Shimek Forest Nonequestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$10	--
Springbrook	--	--	\$18	\$10	\$20
Stephens Forest Equestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$14	--
Stephens Forest Nonequestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$10	\$15
Stone	--	--	\$18	\$10	\$20
Union Grove	\$18	--	\$18	--	--
Viking Lake	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Volga River Equestrian Campground	--	--	\$22	--	--
Volga River Nonequestrian Campgrounds	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$10	\$15
Walnut Woods	\$23	--	\$23	--	\$25
Wapsipinicon	--	--	\$18	\$10	--
Waubonsie Equestrian Campground	--	--	--	\$14	--
Waubonsie Nonequestrian Campground	--	--	\$20	\$12	--
Wildcat Den	--	--	--	\$10	\$25
Wilson Island	--	--	\$20	\$12	\$20
Yellow River Forest Equestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$16	--
Yellow River Forest Nonequestrian Campgrounds	--	--	--	\$12	\$20

NOTE: A \$4/night equestrian fee is included in the equestrian campground rates except for youth group campsites. Youth group campsite rates do not change from the peak season rate.

DAY-USE LODGE RATES

Rates do not include sales tax.

Park	Per Weekday Mon - Thu	Per Weekend Day Fri - Sun
Ambrose A. Call	\$62.50	\$125.00
Backbone Auditorium	\$87.50	\$175.00
Backbone Beach Lodge	\$137.50	\$275.00
Beeds Lake	\$50.00	\$100.00
Bellevue	\$137.50	\$275.00
Clear Lake	\$137.50	\$275.00
Dolliver Center Lodge	\$37.50	\$75.00
Dolliver South Lodge	\$37.50	\$75.00
Fort Defiance	\$50.00	\$100.00
George Wyth	\$62.50	\$125.00
Gull Point	\$250.00	\$500.00
Lacey-Keosauqua Beach Lodge	\$50.00	\$100.00
Lacey-Keosauqua Main Lodge	\$50.00	\$100.00
Lake Ahquabi	\$50.00	\$100.00
Lake Darling	\$200.00	\$400.00
Lake Keomah	\$87.50	\$175.00
Lake Macbride	\$125.00	\$250.00
Lake of Three Fires	\$50.00	\$100.00
Lake Wapello	\$50.00	\$100.00
Lewis & Clark Lodge	\$62.50	\$125.00
Lewis & Clark Visitor Banquet Room	\$75.00	\$150.00
Mini-Wakan	\$100.00	\$200.00
Palisades-Kepler	\$175.00	\$350.00
Pine Lake	\$50.00	\$100.00
Stone	\$137.50	\$275.00
Viking Lake	\$50.00	\$100.00
Walnut Woods	\$250.00	\$500.00
Wapsipinicon Rotary Lodge	\$50.00	\$100.00
Waubonsie	\$150.00	\$300.00

NOTE: Due to the 12-month rolling reservation window, the full impact of the new rates will not occur until 2024. A refundable damage deposit equal to the weekend daily rental is also required. The weekend daily rate applies to major holidays that fall on weekdays.

DAY-USE OPEN SHELTER RATES

Rates do not include sales tax.

Shelter Type	Park	Daily Rate
Open Shelter with Kitchenette	Elinor Bedell Geode Lake Manawa Viking Lake	\$125.00
Large Open Shelters	Big Creek Brushy Creek Lake Darling Lake Manawa	\$125.00
Historic Beach House Shelters	Lake Ahquabi Springbrook	\$50.00
General Open Shelters with Electricity	Statewide	\$35.00
General Open Shelter without Electricity	Statewide	\$30.00
Beach Cabanas	Big Creek Brushy Creek	\$25.00