



State Parks, Forests and Recreation Areas 2025 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 2025.

2025 Fees and Occupancy Rates Summary

1. Campsites Peak Season

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

CAMPsites	2025 PEAK SEASON FEES				PEAK SEASON OCCUPANCY			
	Park/Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Premium Tier								
Lake Manawa	\$38	--	--	--		84%	95%	89%
Maquoketa Caves	--	--	\$28	\$20		88%	96%	91%
Walnut Woods	\$38	--	\$28	--		80%	91%	85%
Tier 1								
Brushy Creek Nonequestrian*	\$35	--	\$25	--		25%*	52%*	38%*
Clear Lake*	\$35	--	\$25	\$17		30%*	58%*	42%*
Elinor Bedell	\$35	--	--	--		40%	61%	49%
Emerson Bay	\$35	--	\$25	--		46%	67%	55%
Lake Ahquabi	\$35	--	\$25	--		30%	71%	48%
Lake Macbride North	\$35	--	\$25	--		39%	81%	57%
Ledges	\$35	--	\$25	\$17		46%	80%	61%
Lewis & Clark*	\$35	--	\$25	--		23%*	50%*	35%*
Pikes Peak	\$35	--	\$25	--		57%	82%	68%
Pleasant Creek*	--	--	\$25	\$17		35%*	74%*	52%*
Volga River Nonequestrian*	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$12		25%*	53%*	37%*
Tier 2								
Backbone	--	--	\$23	\$15		19%	57%	36%
Black Hawk	--	\$28	\$23	\$15		19%	36%	26%
Brushy Creek Equestrian	\$37	--	\$27	\$19		11%	31%	20%
Elk Rock Nonequestrian	--	--	\$23	\$15		16%	44%	28%
Fairport	--	--	\$23	--		22%	43%	31%
Geode	\$33	--	\$23	\$15		22%	52%	35%
George Wyth*	--	--	\$23	\$15		29%*	56%*	41%*
Green Valley	\$33	--	\$23	\$15		35%	60%	46%
Lacey-Keosauqua	\$33	\$28	\$23	\$15		18%	42%	28%
Lake Anita	\$33	\$28	\$23	\$15		16%	34%	24%
Lake Darling	\$33	--	\$23	\$15		23%	52%	36%

CAMPsites	2025 PEAK SEASON FEES				PEAK SEASON OCCUPANCY		
	Park/Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun
Lake Wapello	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	16%	39%	26%
Marble Beach	\$33	\$28	\$23	\$15	25%	48%	34%
Palisades-Kepler	--	--	\$23	\$15	37%	78%	55%
Pine Lake	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	17%	49%	31%
Prairie Rose	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	25%	55%	38%
Rock Creek	--	--	\$23	\$15	18%	45%	30%
Viking Lake	\$33	--	\$23	\$15	23%	47%	33%
Waubonsie Nonequestrian	--	--	\$23	\$15	15%	37%	24%
Wilson Island	--	--	\$23	\$15	18%	46%	30%
Yellow River Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$19	9%	38%	21%
Yellow River Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$15	22%	52%	35%
Tier 3							
Beeds Lake	--	--	\$20	\$12	8%	21%	14%
Bellevue	--	--	\$20	\$12	19%	49%	32%
Dolliver Memorial	--	--	\$20	--	18%	56%	35%
Elk Rock Equestrian	--	--	\$24	\$16	10%	30%	18%
Gull Point	--	--	\$20	\$12	12%	26%	18%
Honey Creek	\$30	--	\$20	\$12	10%	27%	17%
Lake Keomah	--	--	\$20	\$12	10%	24%	17%
Lake Macbride South	--	--	--	\$12	10%	42%	24%
Lake of Three Fires Equestrian	--	--	\$24	\$16	4%	19%	11%
Lakes of Three Fires Nonequestrian	--	--	\$20	\$12	13%	28%	20%
McIntosh Woods	--	--	\$20	\$12	27%	55%	39%
Nine Eagles Equestrian	--	--	--	\$16	2%	13%	7%
Nine Eagles Modern	--	--	\$20	--	7%	20%	13%
Red Haw*	--	--	\$20	\$12	12%*	37%*	22%*
Springbrook	--	--	\$20	\$12	10%	31%	19%
Stone	--	--	\$20	\$12	23%	36%	29%
Union Grove	\$30	--	\$20	--	32%	67%	47%
Volga River Equestrian*	-	--	\$24	--	8%*	38%*	21%*
Wildcat Den	--	--	--	\$12	13%	45%	27%
Tier 4							
Ambrose A Call	--	--	\$18	\$10	4%	10%	7%
Fort Defiance	--	--	\$18	\$10	Not on reservation system		
Nine Eagles Nonmodern	--	--	--	\$10	4%	17%	10%
Pilot Knob	--	--	\$18	\$10	11%	25%	17%
Shimek Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$14	11%	27%	18%
Shimek Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$10	4%	8%	6%
Stephens Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$14	1%	15%	7%

CAMPSITES		2025 PEAK SEASON FEES				PEAK SEASON OCCUPANCY		
Park/Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total	
Stephens Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$10	3%	10%	6%	
Wapsipinicon	--	--	\$18	\$10	17%	44%	28%	
Waubonsie Equestrian	--	--	--	\$14	2%	9%	5%	

*Campsites Peak Season Chart Notes: Brushy Creek State Recreation Area North Equestrian Campground, South Equestrian Campground and Beach Campground had closures in place due to a construction renovation project. Clear Lake State Park Campground was partially closed due to an ongoing construction renovation project. George Wyth State Park Campground had intermittent closures due to flooding. Lewis & Clark State Park Campground closed early for the season due to a hazard tree removal project. McIntosh Woods State Park Campground had closures in place due to severe storm damage. The Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area Campground was partially closed due to a construction renovation project. Red Haw State Park Campground reopened July 1, 2025 following a renovation project and repairs from the 2022 tornado damage. Volga River State Recreation Area Albany Campground and Lakeview Campground were closed for a portion of the peak season due to road bridge construction.

2. Campsites Off-Season

Fees lower from peak season for the off-season of October 16 - April 30. The below off-season occupancy data includes January 1 - April 30, 2025 and October 16 - November 30, 2025 (December 2025 data is not yet available). Campground operating schedules vary within this timeframe, with many sites closed for some or all of these months, so occupancy data reflects the open timeframes at each location. Fees are per night and include sales tax.

CAMPSITES		2025 OFF SEASON FEES				OFF SEASON OCCUPANCY		
Park/Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total	
Premium Tier								
Lake Manawa	\$23	--	--	--	61%	85%	70%	
Maquoketa Caves	--	--	\$23	\$15	21%	41%	30%	
Walnut Woods	\$23	--	\$23	--	32%	44%	37%	
Tier 1								
Brushy Creek Nonequestrian	\$20	--	\$20	--	7%	8%	8%	
Clear Lake*	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	5%	10%	7%	
Elinor Bedell	\$20	--	--	--	2%	2%	2%	
Emerson Bay	\$20	--	\$20	--	1%	2%	2%	
Lake Ahquabi	\$20	--	\$20	--	13%	27%	19%	
Lake Macbride North	\$20	--	\$20	--	26%	48%	36%	
Ledges	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	14%	38%	24%	
Lewis & Clark	\$20	--	\$20	--	6%	10%	7%	
Pikes Peak	\$20	--	\$20	--	19%	28%	23%	
Pleasant Creek	--	--	\$20	\$12	13%	27%	19%	
Volga River Nonequestrian	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$10	9%	23%	17%	
Tier 2								
Backbone	--	--	\$20	\$12	2%	8%	5%	
Black Hawk	--	\$20	\$20	\$12	1%	3%	2%	
Brushy Creek Equestrian	\$24	--	\$24	\$16	2%	6%	6%	

CAMPsites	2025 OFF SEASON FEES				OFF SEASON OCCUPANCY		
	Park/Campground	Sewer Water Electric Site	Water Electric Site	Electric Site	Non-Electric Site	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun
Elk Rock Nonequestrian	--	--	\$20	\$12	4%	7%	6%
Fairport	--	--	\$20	--	2%	6%	4%
Geode	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	12%	28%	19%
George Wyth	--	--	\$20	\$12	3%	5%	4%
Green Valley	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	4%	8%	5%
Lacey-Keosauqua	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$12	4%	9%	7%
Lake Anita	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$12	3%	5%	4%
Lake Darling	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	5%	13%	8%
Lake Wapello	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	3%	6%	4%
Marble Beach	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$12	<1%	1%	<1%
Palisades-Kepler	--	--	\$20	\$12	33%	55%	42%
Pine Lake	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	2%	5%	4%
Prairie Rose	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	4%	10%	8%
Rock Creek	--	--	\$20	\$12	3%	9%	5%
Viking Lake	\$20	--	\$20	\$12	3%	7%	5%
Waubonsie Nonequestrian	--	--	\$20	\$12	7%	16%	12%
Wilson Island	--	--	\$20	\$12	5%	22%	12%
Yellow River Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$16	3%	10%	6%
Yellow River Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$12	7%	17%	11%
Tier 3							
Beeds Lake	--	--	\$18	\$10	<1%	1%	<1%
Bellevue	--	--	\$18	\$10	3%	7%	4%
Dolliver Memorial	--	--	\$18	--	3%	11%	6%
Elk Rock Equestrian	--	--	\$22	\$14	3%	7%	6%
Gull Point	--	--	\$18	\$10	<1%	<1%	<1%
Honey Creek	\$18	--	\$18	\$10	3%	5%	4%
Lake Keomah	--	--	\$18	\$10	<1%	1%	<1%
Lake Macbride South	--	--	--	\$10	3%	16%	8%
Lake of Three Fires Equestrian	--	--	\$22	\$14	2%	6%	4%
Lake of Three Fires Nonequestrian	--	--	\$18	\$10	3%	5%	4%
McIntosh Woods	--	--	\$18	\$10	3%	7%	5%
Nine Eagles Equestrian	--	--	--	\$14	1%	<1%	<1%
Nine Eagles Modern	--	--	\$18	--	3%	4%	3%
Red Haw	--	--	\$18	\$10	5%	11%	8%
Springbrook	--	--	\$18	\$10	1%	4%	3%
Stone	--	--	\$18	\$10	3%	5%	4%
Union Grove	\$18	--	\$18	--	9%	17%	12%
Volga River Equestrian	-	--	\$22	--	8%	22%	18%
Wildcat Den	--	--	--	\$10	4%	11%	7%

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Tier 4							
Ambrose A Call	--	--	\$18	\$10	1%	5%	2%
Fort Defiance	--	--	\$18	\$10	Not on reservation system		
Nine Eagles Nonmodern	--	--	--	\$10	1%	1%	1%
Pilot Knob	--	--	\$18	\$10	2%	3%	2%
Shimek Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$14	3%	8%	5%
Shimek Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$10	5%	8%	6%
Stephens Forest Equestrian	--	--	--	\$14	1%	4%	3%
Stephens Forest Nonequestrian	--	--	--	\$10	2%	3%	3%
Wapsipinicon	--	--	\$18	\$10	4%	12%	7%
Waubonsie Equestrian	--	--	--	\$14	<1%	2%	1%

3. Youth Group Campsites Peak Season

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

YOUTH GROUP CAMPSITES	2025 FEES	2025 OCCUPANCY		
Park	Youth Site Fees	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Youth Group Campsite Tier 1				
Backbone	\$25	6%	15%	10%
Lake Ahquabi	\$25	2%	28%	13%
Lake Macbride	\$25	4%	32%	16%
Ledges	\$25	6%	36%	19%
Maquoketa Caves	\$25	6%	53%	26%
Walnut Woods	\$25	1%	19%	9%
Wildcat Den	\$25	4%	28%	14%
Youth Group Campsite Tier 2				
Bellevue	\$20	5%	21%	12%
Brushy Creek	\$20	Closed for construction project		
Elk Rock	\$20	0%	11%	5%
Geode	\$20	4%	18%	10%
George Wyth	\$20	2%	18%	9%
Green Valley	\$20	0%	4%	2%
Lake Manawa	\$20	8%	38%	21%
Palisades-Kepler	\$20	3%	21%	11%
Pikes Peak	\$20	3%	17%	9%
Pine Lake	\$20	0%	11%	5%
Pleasant Creek	\$20	0%	19%	8%
Prairie Rose	\$20	0%	26%	11%
Rock Creek	\$20	1%	13%	6%

YOUTH GROUP CAMPSITES		2025 FEES			2025 OCCUPANCY	
Park	Youth Site Fees	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total		
Springbrook	\$20	0%	18%	8%		
Stone	\$20	1%	8%	4%		
Viking Lake	\$20	0%	7%	3%		
Wilson Island	\$20	2%	6%	4%		
Yellow River Forest	\$20	11%	28%	18%		
Youth Group Campsite Tier 3						
Beeds Lake	\$15	0%	10%	4%		
Black Hawk	\$15	1%	3%	2%		
Dolliver Memorial	\$15	1%	7%	4%		
Honey Creek	\$15	<1%	<1%	<1%		
Lacey-Keosauqua	\$15	1%	0%	<1%		
Lake Anita	\$15	0%	10%	4%		
Lake Darling	\$15	0%	7%	3%		
Lake of Three Fires	\$15	0%	3%	1%		
Lake Wapello	\$15	1%	3%	2%		
Lewis & Clark	\$15	1%	4%	2%		
Nine Eagles	\$15	0%	11%	5%		
Pilot Knob	\$15	0%	10%	4%		
Stephens Forest	\$15	0%	1%	<1%		
Volga River	\$15	0%	6%	2%		
Waubonsie	\$15	0%	7%	3%		

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 2025 as data for the current month is not yet available.

CABINS		2025 FEES			2025 OCCUPANCY		
Park	Cabin Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekly	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Backbone	Modern Deluxe	Year-Round	\$200	\$1,200	35%	57%	45%
Backbone	Modern 2-BR	Year-Round	\$150	\$900	32%	57%	43%
Backbone	Modern 1-BR	Year-Round	\$100	\$600	45%	67%	54%
Black Hawk	Modern Deluxe	Year-Round	\$150	\$900	15%	20%	17%
Dolliver Memorial	Basic Family	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	38%	80%	56%
Green Valley	Camping	April 15-Oct 15	\$75	\$450	34%	64%	47%
Honey Creek	Camping	April 15-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	50%	70%	59%
Lacey-Keosauqua	Modern Studio	April 1-Oct 31	\$75	\$450	24%	45%	33%
Lake Darling	Camping	April 15-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	16%	40%	26%
Lake Darling	Modern 2-BR	Year-Round	\$110	\$660	41%	69%	53%
Lake of Three Fires	Modern Studio	April 1-Jan 15	\$75	\$450	42%	57%	49%
Lake Wapello	Modern 1-BR	April 1-Oct 31	\$75	\$450	43%	64%	52%

CABINS		2025 FEES			2025 OCCUPANCY		
Park	Cabin Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekly	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Lake Wapello	Modern YR	Year-Round	\$100	\$600	56%	67%	60%
McIntosh Woods	Yurt	May 1-Sep 30	\$60	\$360	48%	83%	64%
Nine Eagles	Modern 1-BR	April 1-Oct 31	\$75	\$450	68%	75%	71%
Palisades-Kepler	Modern 1-BR	April 15-Oct 15	\$80	\$480	36%	64%	48%
Pine Lake	Modern Family	Year-Round	\$90	\$540	58%	80%	68%
Pine Lake	Modern Studio	Year-Round	\$75	\$450	51%	81%	64%
Pleasant Creek	Camping	April 15-Oct 15	\$60	\$360	22%	71%	43%
Prairie Rose	Camping	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	61%	85%	72%
Springbrook	Multi-family	Year-Round	\$200	\$1,200	13%	57%	32%
Stone	Camping	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$300	40%	77%	56%
Union Grove	Modern 1-BR	Year-Round	\$90	\$540	49%	73%	60%
Waubonsie	Modern 3-BR	Year-Round	\$110	\$660	Closed for maintenance		
Waubonsie	Modern Studio	April 15-Oct 15	\$70	\$420	Closed for maintenance		
Waubonsie	Modern 2-BR	Year-Round	\$100	\$600	Closed for maintenance		
Waubonsie	Camping	April 15-Oct 15	\$60	\$360	33%	77%	52%
Waubonsie	Camping	April 15-Nov 30	\$50	\$300	24%	76%	46%
Waubonsie	Camping 2-BR	April 15-Nov 30	\$70	\$420	Closed for maintenance		
Waubonsie	Camping	April 15-Oct 15	\$30	\$180	Closed for maintenance		
Waubonsie	Camping	April 15-Oct 15	\$40	\$240	24%	64%	41%
Yellow River	Camping	April 1-Oct 31	\$75	\$450	73%	84%	78%

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 2025 as data for the current month is not yet available.

DAY-USE LODGES		2025 FEES		2025 OCCUPANCY		
Facility	Rental Season	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
AA Call Lodge	May 1-Sep 30	\$62.50	\$125	3%	32%	16%
Backbone Auditorium	May 1-Oct 15	\$87.50	\$175	1%	20%	9%
Backbone Beach Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$137.50	\$275	4%	52%	25%
Beeds Lake Lodge	May 15-Oct 1	\$50	\$100	5%	24%	13%
Bellevue Lodge	May 1-Oct 31	\$137.50	\$275	2%	44%	20%
Clear Lake Lodge	May 1-Sep 30	\$137.50	\$275	3%	47%	22%
Dolliver Center Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$37.50	\$75	0%	54%	24%
Dolliver South Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$37.50	\$75	6%	55%	27%
Fort Defiance Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$100	4%	51%	24%
George Wyth Lodge	April 15-Oct 15	\$62.50	\$125	3%	67%	31%
Gull Point Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$250	\$500	5%	42%	21%
Lacey-Keosauqua Beach Lodge	April 15-Oct 31	\$50	\$100	7%	14%	10%

DAY-USE LODGES		2025 FEES		2025 OCCUPANCY		
Facility	Rental Season	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Lacey-Keosauqua Main Lodge	Year-Round	\$50	\$100	2%	26%	13%
Lake Ahquabi Lodge*	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$100	Closed in 2025*		
Lake Darling Lodge	Year-Round	\$200	\$400	8%	39%	22%
Lake Keomah Lodge*	May 1-Oct 15	\$87.50	\$175	Closed in 2025*		
Lake Macbride Main Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$125	\$250	7%	47%	24%
Lake of Three Fires Lodge	May 15-Sep 30	\$50	\$100	5%	28%	15%
Lake Wapello Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$50	\$100	4%	53%	25%
Lewis & Clark Visitor Center*	Year-Round	\$75	\$150	Closed in 2025*		
Lewis & Clark Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$62.50	\$125	5%	22%	13%
Mini-Wakan Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$100	\$200	3%	39%	18%
Palisades-Kepler Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$175	\$350	9%	64%	33%
Pine Lake Lodge	April 15-Oct 15	\$50	\$100	0%	31%	13%
Stone Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$137.50	\$275	4%	51%	25%
Viking Lake Lodge	May 1-Oct 15	\$150	\$200	1%	21%	10%
Walnut Woods Lodge	Year-Round	\$250	\$500	17%	55%	35%
Wapsipinicon Rotary Lodge	Year-Round	\$50	\$100	4%	42%	20%
Waubonsie Washawtee Lodge	Year-Round	\$150	\$300	2%	30%	15%

6. Day-Use Shelters

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

DAY-USE SHELTERS		2025 FEES		2025 OCCUPANCY		
Park	Shelter Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Backbone	Open Shelters	May 1-Oct 15	\$30	1%	12%	6%
Beeds Lake	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	3%	4%	3%
Bellevue	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	<1%	3%	1%
Big Creek	Beach Cabana	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	1%	18%	9%
Big Creek	Large Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$125	6%	35%	19%
Big Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	<1%	13%	6%
Black Hawk	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	0%	2%	<1%
Brushy Creek	Beach Cabanas	May 1-Sep 30	\$25	0%	0%	0%
Brushy Creek	Large Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$125	0%	10%	4%
Brushy Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	0%	3%	1%
Clear Lake	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	3%	29%	14%
Dolliver	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	0%	5%	2%
Elinor Bedell	Open - Kitchenette	May 1-Sep 30	\$125	1%	6%	3%
Elk Rock	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	0%	2%	<1%
Emerson Bay	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	2%	9%	5%
Geode	Open - Kitchenette	May 1-Sep 30	\$125	0%	18%	8%
Geode	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	0%	3%	1%
George Wyth	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	<1%	14%	7%

DAY-USE SHELTERS			2025 FEES		2025 OCCUPANCY	
Park	Shelter Type	Rental Season	Daily	Weekday Mon-Thu	Weekend Fri-Sun	Total
Green Valley	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	0%	4%	2%
Gull Point	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	<1%	3%	1%
Honey Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	0%	3%	1%
Lacey-Keosauqua	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	<1%	4%	2%
Lake Ahquabi	Beach Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$50	2%	36%	17%
Lake Anita	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	<1%	2%	<1%
Lake Darling	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	0%	6%	3%
Lake Darling	Large Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$125	0%	7%	3%
Lake Keomah*	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	Closed in 2025*		
Lake Macbride	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	1%	14%	7%
Lake Manawa	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	2%	69%	31%
Lake Manawa	Large Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$125	5%	69%	32%
Lake Manawa	Open - Kitchenette	May 1-Sep 30	\$125	12%	83%	43%
Lake of Three Fires	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	0%	30%	13%
Lake Wapello	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	<1%	6%	3%
Ledges	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	18%	85%	47%
Nine Eagles	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	0%	4%	2%
Palisades- Kepler	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	1%	21%	10%
Pikes Peak	Open Shelter	May 1-Oct 31	\$35	1%	24%	11%
Pikes Point	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	2%	11%	6%
Pilot Knob	Open Shelters	April 1-Oct 31	\$30 - \$35	<1%	5%	3%
Pine Lake	Open Shelters	May 1- Oct 15	\$30	<1%	8%	4%
Pleasant Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	1%	23%	10%
Prairie Rose	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	<1%	5%	3%
Red Haw	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	2%	19%	9%
Rice Lake	Open Shelter	April 1-Oct 31	\$35	0%	0%	0%
Rock Creek	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30 - \$35	2%	14%	7%
Springbrook	Beach Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$50	0%	29%	12%
Springbrook	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	1%	11%	5%
Stone	Open Shelters	May 1-Oct 15	\$35	1%	24%	11%
Templar	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	1%	8%	4%
Union Grove	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	0%	6%	3%
Viking Lake	Open - Kitchenette	May 1-Sep 30	\$125	0%	29%	12%
Viking Lake	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$30-35	1%	5%	3%
Volga	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$30	0%	6%	3%
Wapsipinicon	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	3%	17%	9%
Waubonsie*	Open Shelter	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	Closed in 2025*		
Wildcat Den	Open Shelters	May 1-Sep 30	\$35	2%	25%	12%

7. Wet/Dry Storage

Fees do not include sales tax.

WET/DRY STORAGE		
Park	Type	2025 Fees
Big Creek	Dry Storage - Pontoon	\$300.00
Big Creek	Dry Storage - Other Boats	\$225.00
Lake Anita	Wet Storage	\$175.00- \$200.00
Lake Keomah	Wet Storage	\$175.00 - \$200.00
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

2025 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. These promotional campaigns have been continued each year to encourage customer retention, longer stays, and stays at less-used parks or during less-used times.

Promo Code	Fees Collected Calendar Year	Fees Discounted Calendar Year
CozyCabin25	\$6,185.00	\$1,237.00
Details	Promoted to general audience for stays at year-round cabins in the off-season months of January and February, 2025. Promo code discounted 20% off online reservations with a two-night minimum stay.	
Results	The promotional code was applied to 27 reservations in 2025.	
RedHaw25	\$3,436.00	\$320.00
Details	Promoted to general DNR audience for stays at the newly re-opened Red Haw State Park Campground for \$5.00 off online campsite reservations between July-October 31, 2025.	
Results	The promotional code was applied to 64 reservations.	
9Eagles	\$445.00	\$44.50
Details	Promoted to customers that had previously camped at parks nearby to Nine Eagles State Park for 10% off online campsite reservations between June-October 31, 2025.	
Results	The promotional code was applied to 6 reservations.	
Welcome25	\$17,956.00	\$1,330.00
Details	Promoted to customers that were new in 2023-2024 and had not yet booked in 2025 for use at any reservable campsite between May 1-October 31, 2025. Promo code discounted \$5.00 off online campsite reservations.	
Results	The promotional code was applied to 266 reservations.	

Promo Code	Fees Collected Calendar Year	Fees Discounted Calendar Year
10FourU25	\$10,961.00	\$901.60
Details	Promoted to avid camping customers for weeknight stays between July-October, 2025. Promo code discounted 10% off online campsite reservations that included a three-night stay mid-week (weeknights of Sunday-Thursday).	
Results	The promotional code was applied to 107 reservations.	
Fall25	\$5,410.00	\$750.00
Details	Promoted to general DNR audience for fall cabin stays between mid-September to October 31, 2025. Promo code discounted \$25 off online cabin reservations with a two-night minimum stay.	
Results	The promotional code was applied to 30 reservations.	
Cabin26	\$12,580.00	\$2,450.02
Details	Promoted to general audience for stays at year-round cabins during the off-season months of January and February, 2026. Promo code discounted 20% off of online reservations with a two-night minimum stay.	
Results	The promotional code was applied to 50 reservations so far through December 1.	

2025 Parks Pricing Work

- Continued monitoring facility occupancy and analyzed occupancy data since pricing increases in February 2021.
- Collected and analyzed comparable data sets (federal, city and county) for similar facilities within sixty miles of each state park or recreation area.
- Evaluated pricing criteria and determined necessary adjustments for camping and wet/dry boat storage rates.

2026 Parks Pricing Work Plans

- Implement new rates for campsites and wet/dry boat storage (shown in charts below).
- Implement holiday weekend fees for campsites and pilot a special event fee at Lake Manawa State Park.
- Adjust parks pricing tier chart with three campgrounds moving to higher tiers following usage analysis.
- Continue monitoring facility usage and revenue data following rate changes.
- Continue planning promotional campaigns and exploring approaches to promotional audiences, goals and distribution channels.

1. New Wet & Dry Boat Storage Fee Structure Chart

Rates effective December 1, 2025.

WET/DRY STORAGE		
Location	Type	Fees
Big Creek State Park	Dry Storage	\$800.00
Lake Anita State Park	Wet Storage	\$200.00
Lake Keomah State Park	Wet Storage	\$200.00
Lake Macbride State Park	Wet Storage	\$800.00
Lake Macbride State Park	Dry Storage	\$400.00
Lake Wapello State Park	Wet Storage	\$200.00
Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area	Dry Storage	\$150.00
Prairie Rose State Park	Wet Storage	\$250.00
Rock Creek State Park	Wet Storage	\$400.00
Viking Lake State Park	Wet Storage	\$200.00

The new fee structure includes increases of \$0 - \$500 based on methodology criteria and usage information. Some boat storage categories were combined and condensed.

2. New Camping Fee Structure Chart

A new fee structure will be adopted effective February 15, 2026.

Tier	Base Site Rate	Electric Hook Up Fee	Water Hook Up Fee	Sewer Hook Up Fee	Equestrian Camp Fee	Holiday Weekend Fee**
PEAK SEASON RATES (MAY 1 - OCTOBER 15)						
Premium	\$20*	\$8	\$6	\$6	\$4	\$5
Tier 1	\$18	\$8	\$6	\$6	\$4	\$5
Tier 2	\$16	\$8	\$6	\$6	\$4	\$5
Tier 3	\$14	\$8	\$6	\$6	\$4	\$4
Tier 4	\$12	\$8	\$6	\$6	\$4	\$4
OFF SEASON RATES (OCTOBER 16 - APRIL 30)						
Premium	\$15	\$8	-	-	-	-
Tier 1	\$12	\$8	-	-	-	-
Tier 2	\$12	\$8	-	-	-	-
Tier 3	\$10	\$8	-	-	-	-
Tier 4	\$10	\$8	-	-	-	-

*A \$10 per night special event fee also applies to Lake Manawa State Park Campground during the annual College World Series event nearby in Omaha.

**Holiday Weekend Fees apply to the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day Weekend annually. Holiday Weekend Fees also apply when the 4th of July falls on/near the weekend as follows:

Day of 4th	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Nights Holiday Weekend Fee Applies	Thursday Friday Saturday	Friday Saturday	Friday Saturday	Friday Saturday Sunday

A. Summary of Changes

- Base Fees: Tier 1 & 2 increase by \$1, Tier 3 & 4 increases by \$2
- Utility Fees: Water Hookup Fee & Sewer Hookup Fee both increase by \$1
- Overall Change: Most sites will increase by \$1-\$3 per night
- New Fees: Holiday Weekend Fee and Special Event Fee (pilot) attributes.
- No Change: Off-Season rates do not include any changes or increases at this time.

B. New Rates by Tier & Site Type

PEAK SEASON RATES (MAY 1 - OCTOBER 15)				
Tier	Non Electric	Electric	Electric + Water	Full Hook Up
Premium	\$20	\$28	\$34	\$40
Tier 1	\$18	\$26	\$32	\$38
Tier 1 Equestrian	\$22	\$30	\$36	\$42
Tier 2	\$16	\$24	\$30	\$36
Tier 2 Equestrian	\$20	\$28	\$34	\$40
Tier 3	\$14	\$22	\$28	\$34
Tier 3 Equestrian	\$18	\$26	\$32	\$38
Tier 4	\$12	\$20	\$26	\$32
Tier 4 Equestrian	\$16	\$24	\$30	\$36

OFF SEASON RATES (OCTOBER 16 - APRIL 30)				
Tier	Non Electric	Electric	Electric + Water	Full Hook Up
Premium	\$15	\$23	\$23	\$23
Tier 1	\$12	\$20	\$20	\$20
Tier 1 Equestrian	\$16	\$24	\$24	\$24
Tier 2	\$12	\$20	\$20	\$20
Tier 2 Equestrian	\$16	\$24	\$24	\$24
Tier 3	\$10	\$18	\$18	\$18
Tier 3 Equestrian	\$14	\$22	\$22	\$22
Tier 4	\$10	\$18	\$18	\$18
Tier 4 Equestrian	\$14	\$22	\$22	\$22

C. New Parks by Campground Tier

Premium	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Lake Manawa Maquoketa Caves Walnut Woods	Brushy Creek Beach Clear Lake Elinor Bedell Emerson Bay Lake Ahquabi Lake Macbride North Ledges Lewis & Clark Palisades-Kepler* Pikes Peak Pleasant Creek Volga River Lakeview	Backbone Bellevue* Black Hawk Brushy Creek North Brushy Creek South Elk Rock Noneq. Fairport Geode George Wyth Green Valley Lacey-Keosauqua Lake Anita Lake Darling Lake Wapello Marble Beach Pine Lake Prairie Rose Rock Creek Viking Lake Waubonsie Noneq. Wilson Island Yellow River	Beeds Lake Dolliver Elk Rock Eq. Gull Point Honey Creek Lake Keomah Lake Macbride South Lake of Three Fires McIntosh Woods Nine Eagles Modern Nine Eagles Eq. Pilot Knob* Red Haw Springbrook Stone Union Grove Volga River Albany Wildcat Den	AA Call Fort Defiance Nine Eagles NE Prep Canyon Shimek Forest Stephens Forest Wapsipinicon Waubonsie Eq.

*Three parks relocated to higher tier effective with new rate increases