



IOWA STATE PARKS

VALUING OUR STATE PARKS

Iowa's state parks are composed of both natural features and constructed facilities. Both require continued management and maintenance to keep them in good shape. The following physical assets make up Iowa's state park system:

CAPITAL ASSETS 71 PARKS & RECREATION AREAS | 56,867 ACRES

77 campgrounds	9 concession operations	132 boat ramps
260 full hook-up campsites	29 day-use lodges	75 shower/restroom buildings
2,499 electrical campsites	159 picnic shelters	109 modern restroom buildings
1599 non-electrical campsites	380 picnic areas	220+ pit toilets
484 equestrian campsites	373 miles of hiking trails	70+ miles of electric lines
72 year-round cabins/cottages	112 miles of equestrian trails	45 sewage lagoons
47 seasonal cabins/yurts	194 miles of mountain bike trails	85 septic fields
3 organized group facilities	210 miles of snowmobile trails	80+ miles of sewer lines
1 year-round resort lodge, 105 rooms	58 miles of paved bicycle trails	42 drinking water wells
1 indoor waterpark	37 beaches	100+ miles of water lines
1 golf course, 18 holes	75 playgrounds	650+ paved gravel parking lots

VISITS & OVERNIGHTS 13,387,014 DAY VISITS | 902,395 GUEST OVERNIGHT VISITS
OVERNIGHT: 781,862 CAMPING | 69,571 CABINS/COTTAGES | 14,462 GROUP CAMP | 36,500 RESORT LODGE

28 STATE PARKS
BENEFITTED FROM THE
ANNUAL \$5 MILLION
RIIF APPROPRIATION

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| Backbone | Fairport | Lake Wapello | Springbrook |
| Beeds Lake | Geode | Mines of Spain | Union Grove |
| Bellevue | Green Valley | Nine Eagles | Viking Lake |
| Big Creek | Honey Creek | Pine Lake | Volga River |
| Brushy Creek | Lake Darling | Palisades-Kepler | Walnut Woods |
| Cedar Rock | Lake Macbride | Pleasant Creek | Wapsipinicon |
| Dolliver | Lake Manawa | Red Haw | Waubonsie |



More than 100 people attended the 2016 First Day Hike at Walnut Woods State Park.

PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

VOLGA RIVER - Months of planning and organizing by the Echo Valley Archers resulted in Volga River State Recreation Area playing host to one of the largest archery events in the nation. The archery club and DNR staff worked closely preparing for the Rinehart 100 3D archery shoot and their hard-working partnership paid off when more than 600 archers attended, bringing visitors not only to the recreation area but surrounding communities. National organizers were so impressed with the results and the beauty of Volga River that they made a commitment to be back in 2016.



VIKING LAKE - The Friends of Viking Lake State Park set the bar pretty high when they decided to hold a Halloween Spooktacular in the park's campground in 2014. With a variety of family-friendly activities, some careful planning and the power of social media, the group drew a crowd of more than 400 to the inaugural event -- more than half of the population of the nearby town of Stanton.

This year's Spooktacular drew close to 500 visitors, proving the partnership of even a small volunteer group can have big impacts for a park.

LAKE DARLING - In 2015, the Friends of Lake Darling made six two-bedroom, year-round cabins a reality at Lake Darling State Park. Over a two-year period, the group raised approximately \$265,000 through fundraisers and private donations, and then received a \$298,500 grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. The combined \$563,500 from the Friends provided more than half of the \$1.1 million needed for the project. The balance came from Parks Capitals and P&I money for roads to the cabins.



PRAIRIE ROSE - A 50/50 cost-share agreement between Shelby County Conservation Board and the DNR's Prairie Rose State Park created a win-win situation for both. Shelby County did not have funding to hire a full-time naturalist and Prairie Rose, with a recent lake renovation and increasing visitors, saw a need for more interpretive programming. The contract between the two agencies allows the county to carry the naturalist position full-time and the DNR to be billed for 50 percent.

With county and state park facilities only six miles apart, things couldn't be more convenient. The new naturalist is able to serve both the county's and state park's needs for programming. The unexpected side benefit to the partnership is closer communication between the two agencies, resulting in further collaboration on other projects such as prairie burns and joint friends group fundraisers.



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