



## **PLEASANT CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA** 4530 McClintock Rd, Palo, IA 52324

Welcome to Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area, premier outdoor recreation venue of Linn County. Pleasant Creek is home to a 410-acre lake, 1,517 acres of public hunting grounds, a swimming beach, campgrounds, and 8 miles of multi-use trails. As a unique resource, showcasing large tracts of restored prairie, Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area creates a wide variety of enjoyable outdoor experiences for all visitors.

### **PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO**

Pleasant Creek Lake offers a wide variety of fishing opportunities for both the novice and the experienced angler. From panfish to large game fish there is a species for all anglers to enjoy. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, walleye, perch, white bass and muskellunge are all commonly caught.

As a no-wake lake, Pleasant Creek is popular for windsurfers, kayaks, canoes, SCUBA diving and pontoon boats. Near perfect water clarity during spring, and most of the summer, allows great visibility for divers. Kayak and diving lessons are offered throughout the summer by local certified instructors. Swimming, volleyball, showers and restrooms are all available at Pleasant Creek's spacious beach.

Camping is a favorite pastime at Pleasant Creek, and the three campgrounds fill most needs throughout the season. Campground one has several campsites to choose from – all electric, while campgrounds two and three have a few more campsites for overnight stay accommodations – about half of the sites being electric. A day-use primitive horse area is also available for equestrians. Two large open picnic shelters and a small lodge, located alongside the lake, are available for reservation. Four rustic camping cabins are also available for rent and are popular during the spring, summer and fall months.

Pleasant Creek has an area dedicated to field dog trials. These grounds are groomed to aid the trials, yet maintain Pleasant Creek's natural habitat. Here one may take part in or observe club-hosted shoot-to-retrieve and horseback field trials. Many of the Pleasant Creek's natural features are well known, while others are not. Nestled in the woods, near the entrance of the recreation area, is a small grouping of Indian burial mounds.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Pleasant Creek is a no-wake lake. Because Pleasant Creek is a state recreation area, it is open to public hunting. Dog training is allowed year-round at the field trial grounds. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

One triathlon is held each summer at and around the recreation area -- Pigman triathlon (June). Fishing tournaments are held on a regular basis each season on the lake, with an annual ice fishing tournament held each winter. A large trail run/race is also held in September. Nearby Cedar Rapids hosts numerous activities throughout the summer and is also home to the Hawkeye Downs Raceway and Cedar Rapids Kernels minor league baseball team. Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center is located about 6 miles from Pleasant Creek and serves as a fun and educational guide through Iowa's natural history.

### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 319.436.7716

Park Ranger: Carl Fairley

Park Technician: Matt Bonar

**For emergencies, please call 911.**

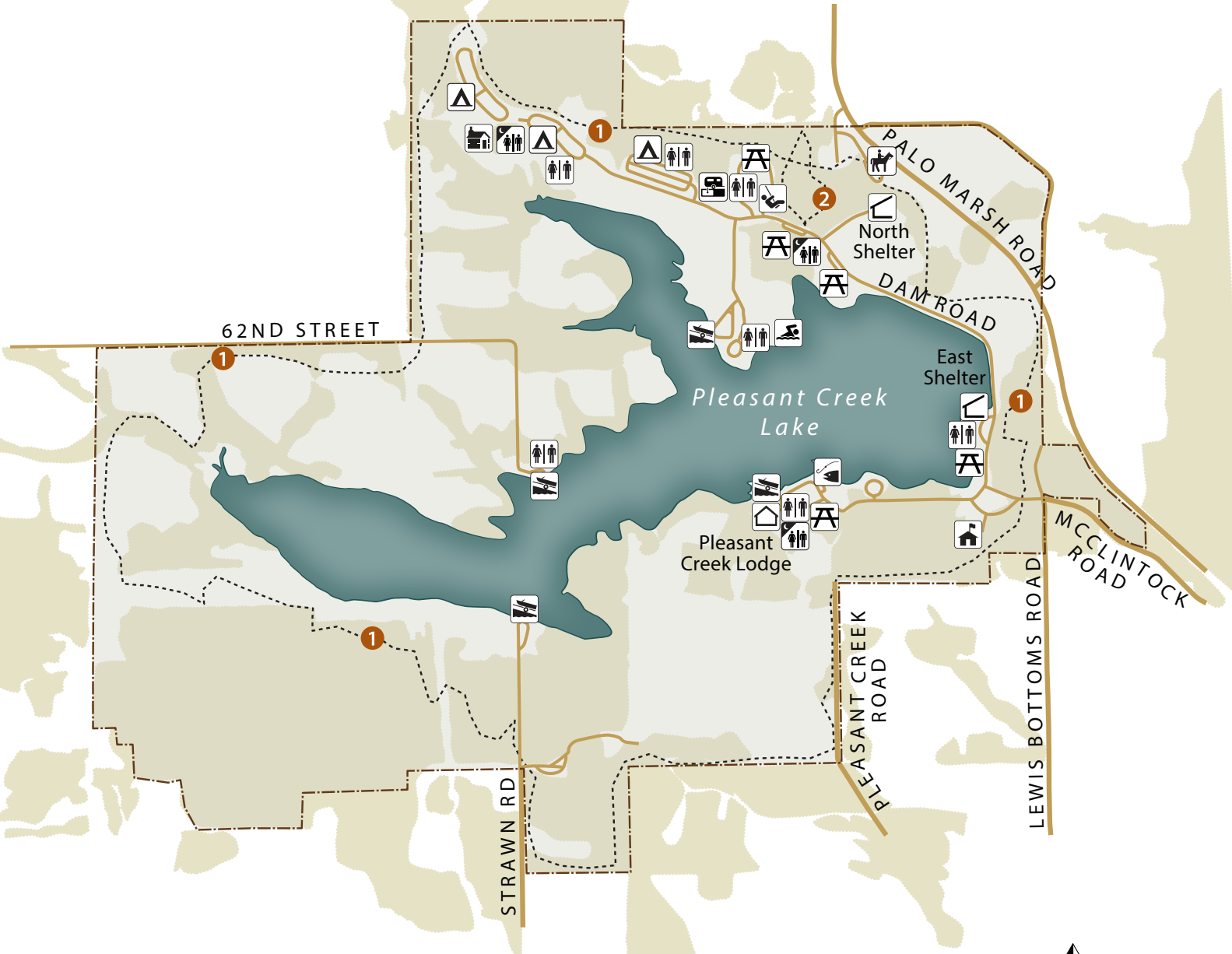
### **SEVERE WEATHER**

During severe weather, please tune radios to WMT AM600 for updates. Severe weather sirens will sound in the area. The shower buildings in the campground can be used for emergency shelters if necessary.

For reservations, visit: <http://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com> or call 877.427.2757



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## MAP KEY

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|  | Beach Area   |  | Day Use Lodge      |  | Playground                        |  |
|  | Boat Ramp    |  | Equestrian Day Use |  | Restroom - Modern / Seasonal      |  |
|  | Cabin Area   |  | Fishing Pier/Jetty |  | Restroom - Nonmodern / Year-round |  |
|  | Campground   |  | Park Office        |  | Shelter                           |  |
|  | Dump Station |  | Picnic Area        |  | Trail                             |  |
|  |              |  |                    |  | Road                              |  |
|  |              |  |                    |  | Park Boundary                     |  |

## TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
<b>1</b> Multi-use Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	8 mi.	Moderate	2 hr 12 mins
<b>2</b> Interpretive Trail	Hike, Equestrian	1 mi.	Moderate	24 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.  
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