

MAQUOKETA CAVES STATE PARK – KEY ISSUES

GOAL – Enhance the recreation and outdoor education experiences by improving the condition of Maquoketa Caves State Park facilities. This promotes visitor’s mental and physical health, encourages family time and making memories in the outdoors, while protecting the natural resources for the future, creating awareness of environmental subjects, and generating economic activity in the region.

OBJECTIVES -

VISITOR CENTER - CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE VISITOR CENTER, MUSEUM VISITOR SERVICES, AND INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMMING EFFORTS BY:

- Adding a seasonal ADA restroom and drinking fountain

CAMPGROUND & HIKE-IN CAMPGROUND - MODERNIZE AND SUPPORT CURRENT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THE CAMPGROUNDS BY:

- Upgrading existing non-modern campsites to provide both full hook-up and electric campsites

YOUTH GROUP CAMPGROUND - DEVELOP THE YOUTH GROUP CAMPING AREA AS THE PREMIER CAMPGROUND FOR ORGANIZED YOUTH GROUPS IN IOWA BY PROVIDING THESE FACILITIES AT EACH SITE:

- Modern shelters
- Year-round restrooms
- Water Hydrant
- Fire Ring

PICNIC AREAS (A & B) - ENHANCE THE CURRENT GROUP PICNIC FACILITIES:

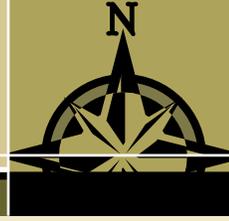
- Replace underused day-use shelters with CCC-inspired modern shelters to invigorate picnic areas
 - Restricting site conditions and topography limit renovations near shelters
- Replace the existing and outdated playground
- Provide appropriate restroom renovations for typical maintenance, including roof repairs
- Provide additional overflow parking to reduce high demand for parking during peak park use seasons

LODGE AREA - CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LODGE AND PRESERVING HISTORIC CCC INFRASTRUCTURE BY:

- Providing additional interpretive storage
- Restore picnic circle retaining walls near cave entrance

Public Input Feedback Form (survey) for Maquoketa Caves State Park will be available Wednesday, October 15th through Wednesday, November 5th.

MAQUOKETA CAVES STATE PARK RECREATION USE PLAN



MAQUOKETA CAVES

- PICNIC AREA (A)**
- 1 Shelter (Existing)
 - Replace (**Proposed**)
 - 1 Playground (Existing)
 - Replace (**Proposed**)
 - 1 Restroom - Seasonal (Existing)
 - Renovate Roof (**Proposed**)

- PICNIC AREA (B)**
- 1 Shelter (Existing)
 - Replace (**Proposed**)

- LODGE AREA**
- 1 Lodge (Existing)
 - 1 Restroom - Seasonal (Existing)
 - Update Lodge Roofing (Existing)
 - Interpretive Program Storage Addition (**Proposed**)
 - Restore Picnic Circle (**Proposed**)

- EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDING**
- 3 Bay Garage with Electricity (**Proposed**)
 - Fence Boundary Line Addition (**Proposed**)

- PARK OFFICE**
- 1 Park Office Bldg. & Shop (Existing)
 - Expand Heated Area (**Proposed**)

- VISITOR CENTER (Existing)**
- Restroom - Seasonal (**Being Constructed**)
 - Concrete Walkway (**Proposed**)

- YOUTH GROUP CAMPGROUND**
- 3 Youth Group Campsites (Existing)
 - 3 Restrooms - Year-round (**Being Constructed**)
 - 3 Shelters - Electric (**Proposed**)

- CAMPGROUND AREA**
- 29 Campsites (Existing)
 - Add 50 AMP Electricity to 23 Existing Sites (**Proposed**)
 - Convert 5 Campsites to Full Hook-up (**Proposed**)

- HIKE - IN CAMPGROUND**
- 6 Hike - In Campsites - Non-Electric (Existing)
 - Add 20 AMP Electricity to existing sites (**Proposed**)

LEGEND

- Park Boundary
- - - Trails (Existing)
- Roads
- Water

330 ft.

