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Palisades-Kepler State Park

5K

Linn County, Iowa



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41.908977, -91.508752

700 Kepler Drive; Mount Vernon, IA 52314

5K WALK DIRECTIONS

1. Leave Campground Host Site and walk towards exit of campground. Restrooms are available along the trail. Potable water at all hydrants unless otherwise marked.
2. Pass campground check-in gazebo and turn right into picnic area.
3. At the end of the picnic area, Cool Hollow Trail begins. Follow it until you reach the paved road Kepler Drive. Use caution when crossing public roadways.
4. Cross Kepler Drive and turn right onto Woodland Trail
5. Follow Woodland trail to the entrance of the lodge parking lot. The Woodland trail (along Kepler Drive) are not labeled but has hiking post.
6. Cross Kepler Drive to the drive to the Lodge parking lot.
7. Turn immediate left and enter Woodland Trail.
8. Follow Woodland Trail until it intersects Kepler Drive again.
9. Follow Kepler Drive and turn immediate left at the first intersection
10. Walk past shelter parking lot and turn immediate right onto Overlook Trail. Marked only with hiking posts.
11. Follow Overlook Trail, walking alongside the wooden railings and over the "key hole".
12. At end of Overlook Trail, enter long gravel parking lot adjacent to Kepler Drive.
13. Follow parking lot and Kepler Drive to its dead end at the trail head of Cedar Cliff Trail.
14. Enter Cedar Cliff Trail
15. At the first trail intersection, take the high route on the right.
16. Along the trail you will encounter an overlook gazebo. What is on the floor of the gazebo?_____.
17. Continue past gazebo and along Cedar Cliff Trail to its dead end. (Note the gazebo is less than half way to the end of the trail, which will be marked.)
18. Turn around at the dead end of Cedar Cliff Trail and retrace your steps back to its intersection with Cool Hollow Trail.
19. Turn left onto Cool Hollow Trail and follow it to the first paved road.
20. Turn right onto the paved road and enter campground, ending at the Host Site.