

Stone State Park
5K Trail Loop 1 Rated 3B
 Woodbury and Plymouth Counties, Iowa



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42.550484, -96.466978

5001 Talbot Rd, Pammel Shelter, Sioux City, IA 51103

- Upon entering the park follow signs to Park Office. Walk box is on the side of the building. After registering drive to Pammel Park Shelter to walk.
- Trail signs are at most intersections.
- There are also posts on the trail with the trail name initials on them.
- Start point GPS coordinate: 42.5504, -96.4665

5K WALK DIRECTIONS

1. From parking area, return to park road walk facing traffic.
2. Take trail on right (south-gate across trail, not marked) that is at the park road Y intersection. A short way in you will see a multiuse trail sign.
3. At intersection, turn right on Mt. Lucia Trail.
4. At Y intersection stay left on Mt. Lucia (Big Sioux Trail is on the right, note ML post on the right side of Mt. Lucia Trail). The trail narrows. (.8 K)
5. At the open area, enjoy the view then turn left onto Broken Toe Trail (1.6 K)
6. At Y intersection with Marks Glen, continue straight on Broken Toe Trail. (If there is an emergency such as a thunderstorm, Marks Glen will take you straight back to the trail entrance by the park road)
7. At Y intersection with Ruth Ridge, turn right on Broken Toe.
8. At Y intersection with Loess Trail, turn left on

Loess Trail (there will be an SB post as this is a shortcut to Loess Trail) (3 K)

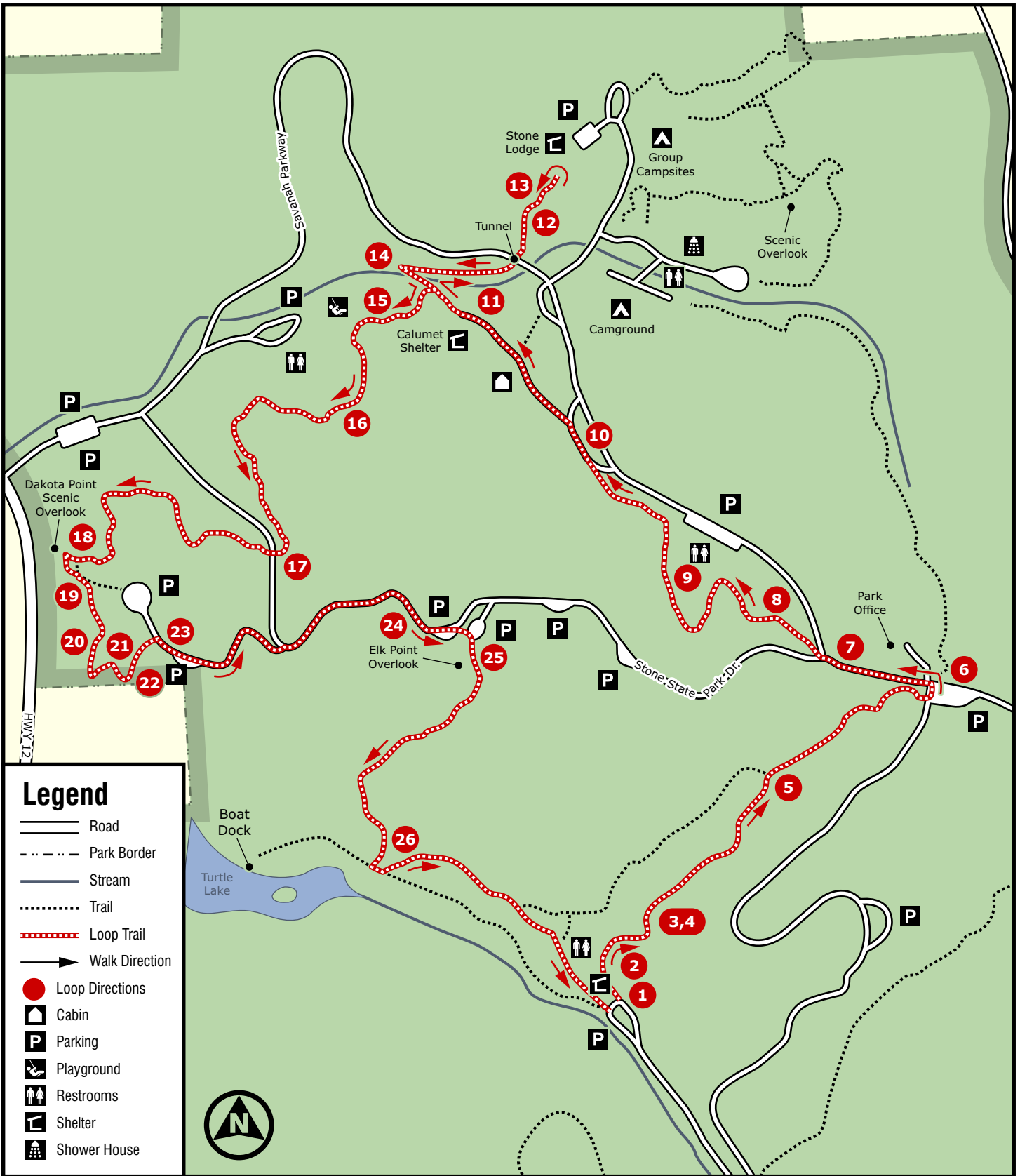
9. At next Y take Loess Trail to left (not over the bridge)

10. At T turn right on Ruth Ridge

11. At T turn right on Marks Glen

12. At Y stay right. Sign on left for Mt. Lucia and Marks Glen

13. At road, turn left and return to start.



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- Many trails on this route do not have trail markings.
- Follow directions carefully.
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5K WALK DIRECTIONS

1. From start box, walk on grass toward picnic shelter.
2. With picnic shelter on the left take the first hiking trail on the right uphill near the end of the shelter.
3. At first Y intersection stay left uphill.
4. At next intersection stay left continuing uphill. (1.5 K)
5. At next Y intersection stay right.
6. At the top of the trail there will be a bench and the park road (Buffalo Ridge Rd). Across the road is the park office. Turn left on park road. Walk single file facing traffic.
7. You will pass an intersection with Savanna Parkway. Continue straight ahead toward the red gates.
8. At the red gates, turn right crossing the road to Buffalo Run Trail.
9. Continue on Buffalo Run Trail. You will pass a picnic area at the bottom of the hill. There are flush toilets located by the parking area of the picnic area. Continue on the trail keeping the picnic area on the right. The trail will go back into the woods.
10. When you pass a log gate on your right, continue straight ahead on a rock road toward cabins. Pass two cabins and a large stone picnic shelter (Calumet Shelter) (2 K) keeping them on your left. Flush toilets on the far end of the stone picnic shelter.
11. At the Y with the playground on your left, turn right on trail crossing a red iron bridge.
12. Continue on the trail through the tunnel and up the steps to the Stone Lodge.
13. At the stone lodge, turn around and retrace your steps down the steps, through the tunnel, across the stone bridge and turn left on the trail back to the stone shelter.
14. Shortly after passing the Calument Shelter, turn right and walk uphill on the grass looking for a hiking sign on your right. Walk up to that trail and turn right onto the trail.
15. At T turn left uphill. After a short distance you will pass a park bench (Fleckenstein) on your left and playground at base of hill on your right.
16. At next Y continue left uphill to park road.
17. At park road continue straight across the road to Dakota Point Trail. Stay on the main trail uphill. (3 K)
18. At Y intersection note wooden steps on you left (do not take these steps) Continue straight ahead then right down some steps to the overlook.

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- 19.** After checking out the view, turn around and retrace your steps keeping the wooden fence on your right.
- 20.** Continue to follow the trail along the fence and up wooden steps passing a brown bench. Continue up the next set of steps.
- 21.** At top of steps with 4 intersections, take the steps on the right downhill. **22.** At next T intersection turn left up the steps.
- 23.** At park road turn right. Follow the park road staying on right. (side of road is wider and cars tend to drive slower uphill) (4 K)
- 24.** At Prairies in the Hills overlook, take the steps in front of you up to Big Sioux River Valley overlook (also called Elk Point).
- 25.** Just past the bench at the overlook, take the trail downhill on the right. Follow this all the way to the bottom of the hill.
- 26.** At the bottom of the hill at the T intersection with the lake in front of you, turn left and return to the start point.