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# Waubonsie State Park – 5K Trail Rated 2B

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21914 Park Loop, Onawa, IA 51040

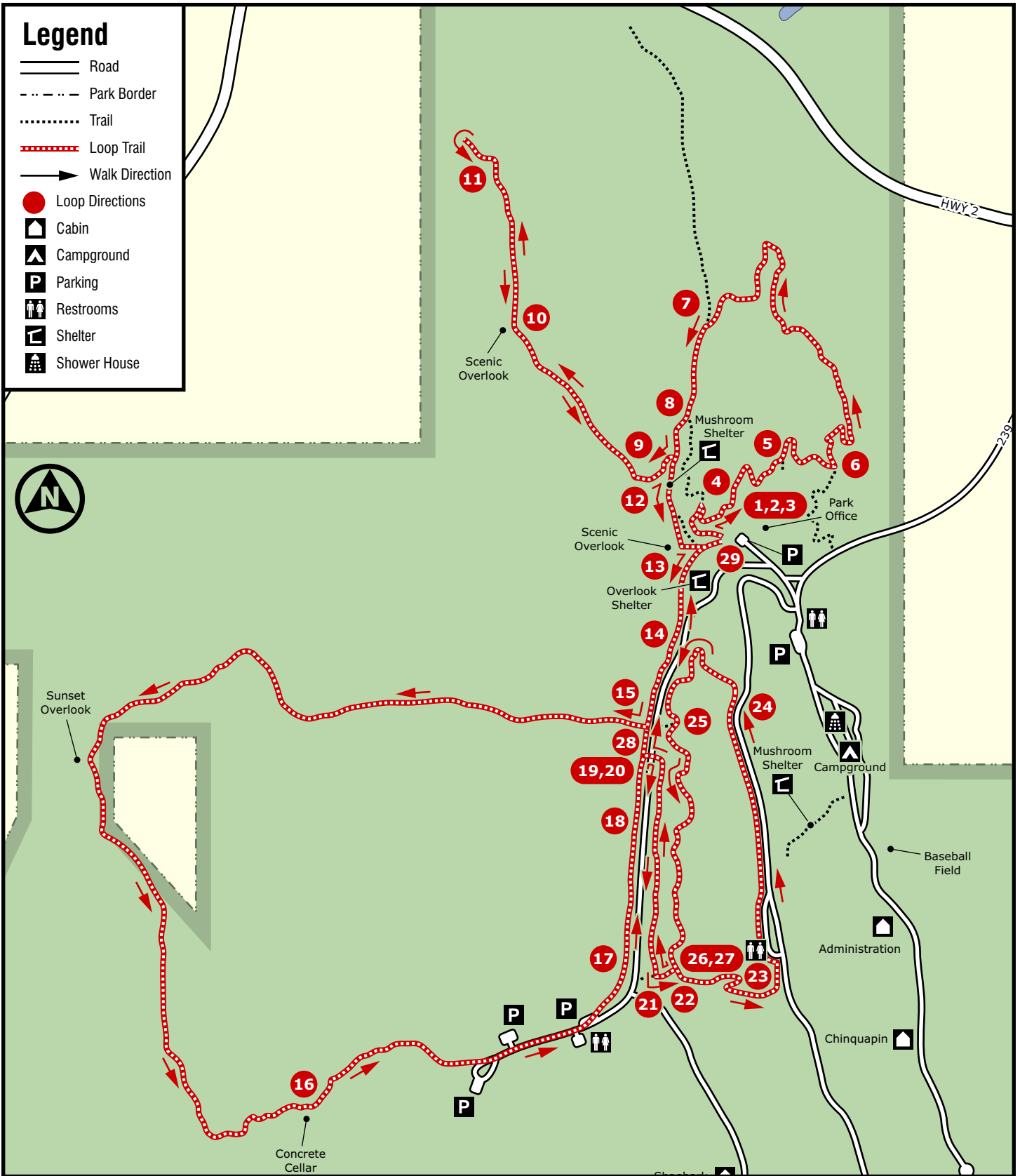
- Walk starts in the parking area near the Pump House. Closest toilets are just down the path to the left of the kiosk.
- Walking directions are followed with compass directions in parentheses.
- Insect repellent, sunscreen, long pants and a hiking stick are strongly recommended!

## 5K WALK DIRECTIONS

1. From Park Office: Up the incline, turn right to parking area. Brick building ahead is the Pump House.
2. From the Pump House: LEFT (w) to the Kiosk.
3. SLIGHT RIGHT of the Kiosk on to Valley Trail, sign says "Ridge Trail/Valley Trail ↑".
4. PASS "Bridge →/Parking Area ←" sign (on left).
5. LEFT (w) at next intersection for a short distance (beginning of Overlook Trail, not labeled).
6. RIGHT (w) at next intersection (leads down) on to Ridge Trail (not labeled).
7. "STRAIGHT" (nw) along a series of ridges for about 800 meters. When you reach the bench overlooking the valley, you're about 2/3 of the way. Stay right to continue all the way to a wire cattle gate.
8. TURN AROUND (se) back to Overlook Trail.
9. RIGHT (s) uphill, passing a circular shelter, STAYING RIGHT past some benches to an open area with signboards.
10. LEFT down the steps to the graveled trail and RIGHT (s), passing a picnic shelter and flush toilets below the shelter on the left.
11. STRAIGHT (s) past "Sunset Ridge Trail/Overlook" sign on broad graveled path to where the trail comes next to the road.
12. STRAIGHT (s) on Mincer Trail (not labeled) as it parallels the road on your left. The trail will end at a picnic area, with pit toilets in a building ahead across the road and to the left.
13. LEFT and CROSS (e) the road and turn LEFT (n) again. (You're making a U-turn.)
14. STRAIGHT and CROSS (n) the road on the right (leads to Cabins 1,2,3,9, the sign is facing away from you as you walk up to it) and look for the entrance ahead on the right to a hiking trail (Picnic Area Trail, not labeled) with "Hiker" sign.
15. RIGHT (e) downhill to another T-intersection.
16. RIGHT(s) downhill to the road, no turns.
17. LEFT (n) along the road, past pit toilets and picnic areas to where the road starts to climb just past the last picnic area. On the left is a trail leading up into the woods.
18. LEFT (nw) on Lower Picnic Area Trail (not labeled), passing sign "Upper Picnic Area ↑", as the trail loops around to the south to a trail on your right.
19. RIGHT (w) back up to road.
20. CROSS the road and turn RIGHT (n) on broad graveled trail, back past picnic shelter and flush toilets, past the kiosk and back to the Pump House.

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- Insect repellent, sunscreen, long pants and a hiking stick are strongly recommended!

## 10K WALK DIRECTIONS

1. From Park Office: Up the incline, turn right to parking area. Brick building ahead is the Pump House.
2. From the Pump House: LEFT (w) to the Kiosk.
3. SLIGHT RIGHT of the Kiosk on to Valley Trail, sign says "Ridge Trail/Valley Trail ↑".
4. RIGHT (e) at "Bridge →/Parking Area ←" sign downhill to a T-intersection.
5. LEFT (w) at intersection (dirt road on right goes back to Park Office).
6. LEFT at T-intersection. Follow trail down to valley floor and back up (steep in spots).
7. LEFT (s) at top of hill (no sign) on Valley/Bridge Trail along a ridge to an intersection on right
8. RIGHT (w) at intersection for a short distance (beginning of Overlook Trail, not labeled).
9. RIGHT (w) at next intersection (leads down) on to Ridge Trail (not labeled).
10. "STRAIGHT" (nw) along a series of ridges for about 800 meters. When you reach the bench overlooking the valley, you're about 2/3 of the way. Stay right to continue all the way to a wire cattle gate.
11. TURN AROUND (se) back to Overlook Trail.
12. RIGHT (s) uphill, passing a circular shelter, STAYING RIGHT past some benches to an open area with signboards.
13. LEFT down the steps to the graveled trail and RIGHT (s), passing a picnic shelter and flush toilets below the shelter on the left.
14. STRAIGHT (s) past "Sunset Ridge Trail/Overlook" sign on broad graveled path to where the trail comes next to the road.
15. RIGHT (w), past "No Bikes" sign and bench on Sunset Ridge Trail (not labeled).
16. STAY on the trail as it heads along two ridges and then descends steeply into a valley and ascends steeply up to the road. (Turn around to see what you just climbed!)
17. LEFT and FOLLOW (ne) the road as it goes past picnic areas and pit toilets, to the start of Mincer Trail (not labeled) "No Bikes" and "Hiker" signs mark the start of the trail.
18. STAY (n) on trail as it parallels the road on your right. When it comes back up on the road, look across the road for the "No Bikes" and "Hiker" signs, marking the entrance to another trail.
19. RIGHT and CROSS (e) the road and turn RIGHT (s) on Upper Picnic Area Trail (not labeled), paralleling road on your right.
20. STAY (s) on trail to T-intersection in about 400m.
21. LEFT (e) downhill to another T-intersection.
22. RIGHT(s) downhill to the road, no turns.
23. LEFT (n) along the road, past pit toilets and picnic areas to where the road starts to climb just past the last picnic area. On the left is a trail leading up into the woods.
24. LEFT (nw) on Lower Picnic Area Trail (not labeled), passing sign "Upper Picnic Area ↑", as the trail loops around to the south to trail on right.
25. PASS that trail (heads back up to road across from #15) and STAY (s) on trail to next trail on right.
26. RIGHT (w) a short distance to next intersection.
27. RIGHT (n) on Upper Picnic Area Trail, paralleling road on your left, looping back to the road.
28. CROSS the road and turn RIGHT (n) along the margin of the road. Look for the broad graveled trail a little ahead on your left.
29. STRAIGHT (n) on broad graveled trail, past picnic shelter and flush toilets, past the kiosk and back to the Pump House.