The following depicts how to choose the appropriate campsite from the site details.

**Modern vs Non Modern Campgrounds**
Each campsite will have either Modern or Non Modern identified in the site details.

**Modern**
- Means a camping area that has showers and flush toilets.
- These campgrounds may or may not have electrical campsites and full hookup campsites.

**Non Modern**
- Means a camping area in which no showers are provided, containing only pit-type latrines or flush-type toilets.
- Water may or may not be available to campers in a nonmodern camping area.

**Number of Camping Units**
- One basic camping unit (this could be a tent, RV, travel trailer, van etc.) is allowed per site except that a small tent or hammock may be placed on a site with the basic unit.
  - The area occupied by the small tent shall be no more than eight feet by ten feet and the tent shall hold no more than four people.

**Site Types**
This is found in the SITE LIST tab. The following lists the different types of sites and what primary equipment is allowed on the site.

Primary equipment information is found in the Looking For Category within the Site Details. When doing a search the Looking For Category can help narrow down your search results. As seen below in the Red box. The site types listed below will show what looking for category it will be listed under.
On the site page the site type will appear as seen below in the RED box.

**YELLOW RIVER STATE FOREST, IA**

Status: Open year round. Season Dates
Camping Max reservation window: Fri Jul 07 2023 Later Dates

**SITE, LOOP: 034, BIG PAINT CAMPGROUND**

**Type:** Tent Only

Please enter arrival date

Arrival date: MM/DD/YYYY

Length of stay: Nights

Departure date:

Check-in: 4:00 pm
Check-out: 3:00 pm

Amenities: 

Add Site to Favorites

Find Similar Sites
Standard Full Hookup
• Electricity, Water & Sewer Hookup as detailed in the *Additional Information* section under Electricity, Water & Sewer Hookup. As seen below.

![Additional Information Table]

• Looking for Category
  o RV Site
  o Tent Site
  o Trailer Site

Standard Electric
• Electricity Hookup information is found in the *Additional Information* section under Electricity Hookup
• Looking for Category
  o RV Site
  o Tent Site
  o Trailer Site

Standard Non Electric
• NO Electricity Hookup
• Looking for Category
  o RV Site
  o Tent Site
  o Trailer Site

Tent Only
• Not for a camping unit as it is tough to get a camping unit on the site
• Hike-in Site
  o Distance from the campsite parking space to the site.
• Looking for Category
  o Tent Site
    – Only Tent equipment is allowed

Equestrian Sites
• These will be the same as full hookup, standard non electric, buddy and standard electric with the addition of the equestrian amenities (described below)
• [Iowa DNR Equestrian Camping website](https://www.ido.gov/...
• Non-equestrian campers (campers without horses/mules) may camp in equestrian campgrounds, but they must pay the equestrian fee of $4.
• Looking for Category
  o Horse Site
  o RV Site
  o Tent Site
  o Trailer Site
• Equestrian Amenities
  o Hitching Post
  o Corral
  o Stall
  o No Hitching Post or Corral

Buddy Site
• Two or more sites able to be booked as one reservation
• The first site details will be for one site and listed in the site alerts will have the additional site details with the number of the campsite it refers to.

• Max Num of People
  o In the Additional Information section the total number will be for all the buddy sites.
• Looking for Category
  o RV Site
  o Tent Site
  o Trailer Site

Youth Group Only Site
• This site is designated as a chaperoned organized youth group campsite. All groups reserving this campsite must be composed of persons 17 years of age and under which is sponsored by and accompanied by adult representatives of a formal organization, including but not limited to Boy and Girl Scouts of America, churches, Young Men and Women's Christian Association. Chaperoned organized youth groups do not include family members of a formal organization. By reserving this campsite, you are agreeing that you have read this information and that you meet the criteria to reserve this campsite. Persons who do not meet the definition of a chaperoned organized youth group will not be permitted to stay on the campsite and may forfeit the entire reservation. All groups reserving this site are subject to verification from park staff upon arrival.
• Max Num of People
  o Each youth group site may have a different total.
• Looking for Category
  o Group Site

**Max Number of people on a site**
No more than six persons shall occupy a campsite except: when families exceed six people, they are immediate family and cannot logically be split into two campsites

**Max number of Vehicles allowed at a site**
- Vehicles must be parked inside the campsite not on the road.
- There are overflow parking lots available for more vehicles and trailers.

**ADA Site**
Only campsites with these features present and meet all of the following criteria should be designated as ADA campsites. The number of ADA campsites is based on the US Accessibility Standards for Outdoor Developed Areas Manual
- ADA picnic table
- ADA fire ring for accessible maneuvering space, elevated walls, and accessible swivel grate/grill
- ADA water and sewer hook-up if provided
- ADA Accessibility Alert
  o You are about to make a reservation for an ACCESSIBLE SITE. This campsite is marked with the international symbol of accessibility and is intended to be used by persons with a disability. If no one in your party needs an accessible site, please select another site unless this is the only site of your desired type available at the time of your request.
  o ADA campsites are marked on the campground map and online with the international symbol of accessibility and are intended to be used by persons with a disability. If no one in the party needs an accessible site, they should select another site unless this is the only site of their desired type available at the time of their request.
Fire Ring Options

- Fire ring with NO GRILL(S) or GRATE

- Fire Ring with Cooking Grate

Left: fire ring with single grate  
Middle: Fire ring with Double grate  
Right: ADA height fire ring with cooking grate

- Fire Grill (Stand up Type)

Slide Out Side Limits
This is done from the perspective of a person standing on the road looking at the campsite.

- RIGHT - means the right side CANNOT accommodate a slide out
- LEFT - means the left side CANNOT accommodate a slide out
- NOT PRESENT - means there are no limitations (both the right and left side CAN accommodate slide outs)
Slope

- LEVEL - No blocking or jacks needed to level camping unit.
- SLIGHT - Camping unit can be leveled with jacks, no blocking is needed.
- MODERATE - Jacks needed to level camping units. Blocking may be needed to level the camping unit and may need to chock tires.
- STEEP - Camping unit must be blocked to level and tires need to be chocked.

Double Wide Driveway

Two way traffic on the road that is two car widths wide.

Electricity Hookup

- 20 amp
- 30 amp
- 50 amp
Site Dimensions
The site dimensions are listed in feet. If there are known issues with a site. See the site alert for that campsite.

This is done from the perspective of a person standing on the road looking at the campsite.

![Image of site dimensions]

- Site #8 is a back-in.
- Site #6/7 is a buddy site.
- Sites #37, 46 and 47 are pull-throughs.

Driveway Entry
This is how you will park or access the site. As seen in the example above

- BUDDY: Two or more sites booked together.
- PARALLEL: Parking is parallel to the campsite.
- PULL-THROUGH: Enter from one side and then exit on the opposite side
- BACK-IN
- HIKE-IN: Distance from the campsite parking space to the site.
- TENT ONLY: Not for a camping unit as it is tough to get a camping unit on the site

Overall Campsite Length (ft)
- Measurement of the length from the road to the back of the campsite.
  - Back of the campsite is determined by:
    - Obvious obstructions such as roads, buildings and tree lines.
Overall Campsite Width (ft)
- Measurement of the width of the campsite
  o From one campsite to another campsite edge
    - Obvious obstructions such as roads, buildings and tree lines.

Camp Pad Length (ft)
- **Hard Surfaces**: Gravel or Paved
  o This is the length of the hard surface from the road to the back of the campsite.
- **Grass Surface**
  o This is the length of the site from the road to the back of the camping area.
    - Back of the camping area ends at the
      - Mowed or Slope Changes

Camp Pad Width (ft)
- **Hard Surfaces**: Gravel or Paved
  o This is the width of the hard surface from the right and left of the campsite.
- **Grass Surface**
  o This is the width of the site from the road to the back of the camping area.
    - Back of the camping area ends at the
      - Mowed area

Max Vehicle Length (ft)
- This is the total length of vehicle + hitch + trailer