



IOWA STATE PARKS

LAKE AHQUABI STATE PARK

16510 118th Ave, Indianola IA 50125

Welcome to Lake Ahquabi State Park. Ahquabi is the Sauk and Fox native word meaning “resting place,” and it is a fitting name for this scenic 770-acre park.

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

Lake Ahquabi State Park was dedicated in 1936 with many of its structures built by the men of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during the Great Depression. The park features a stone lodge and two shelters (Beach and South Shelters) that are examples of this work, and one is available to rent. A third shelter (also available for rent) and playground are located on the park’s north side.

The park has a myriad of campsites, including electrical hook-ups. Approximately 3/4 of the sites are available for reservation and the others are first-come, first-serve. Modern rest rooms, showers and two dump stations can be found at the campsites. Each campsite has a picnic table and fireplace. An organized youth group camping area is inside the main campground in the non-electric area.

Lake Ahquabi has two boat ramps and an enclosed, universally accessible fishing pier to help all anglers - from novice to expert - find great fishing. The lake also features a number of fishing jetties to improve access for the shoreline angler. Fishing is excellent with a variety of panfish, largemouth bass and channel catfish.

The 115-acre lake has a beach and designated area for swimming. During the peak season (Memorial Day through Labor Day), paddle boats, canoes and kayaks, and paddle boards are available for rent at the concession building adjacent to the beach. Park users can also find firewood, bait, soda and snacks there.

With more than 7 miles of multi-use trails at Lake Ahquabi, visitors can hike, bicycle, jog, cross-country ski, and even snowmobile throughout the area.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Lake Ahquabi has a 5-mph limit. All largemouth bass must be at least 18 inches to keep, otherwise they must be immediately returned to the water alive. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Indianola is home to the Indianola Balloon Classic, which is held end of July/early August. Dozens of hot air balloons fly and compete for prizes during this week-long event. Simpson College is located in Indianola. Banner Lakes at Summerset State Park is located just north of Indianola and features seasonal trout fishing and connection to the 12-mile Summerset Bike Trail, which runs from Indianola to Carlisle. Des Moines, Iowa’s capital city, is just 22 miles north of Lake Ahquabi, and has all the offerings of a major metropolitan area.

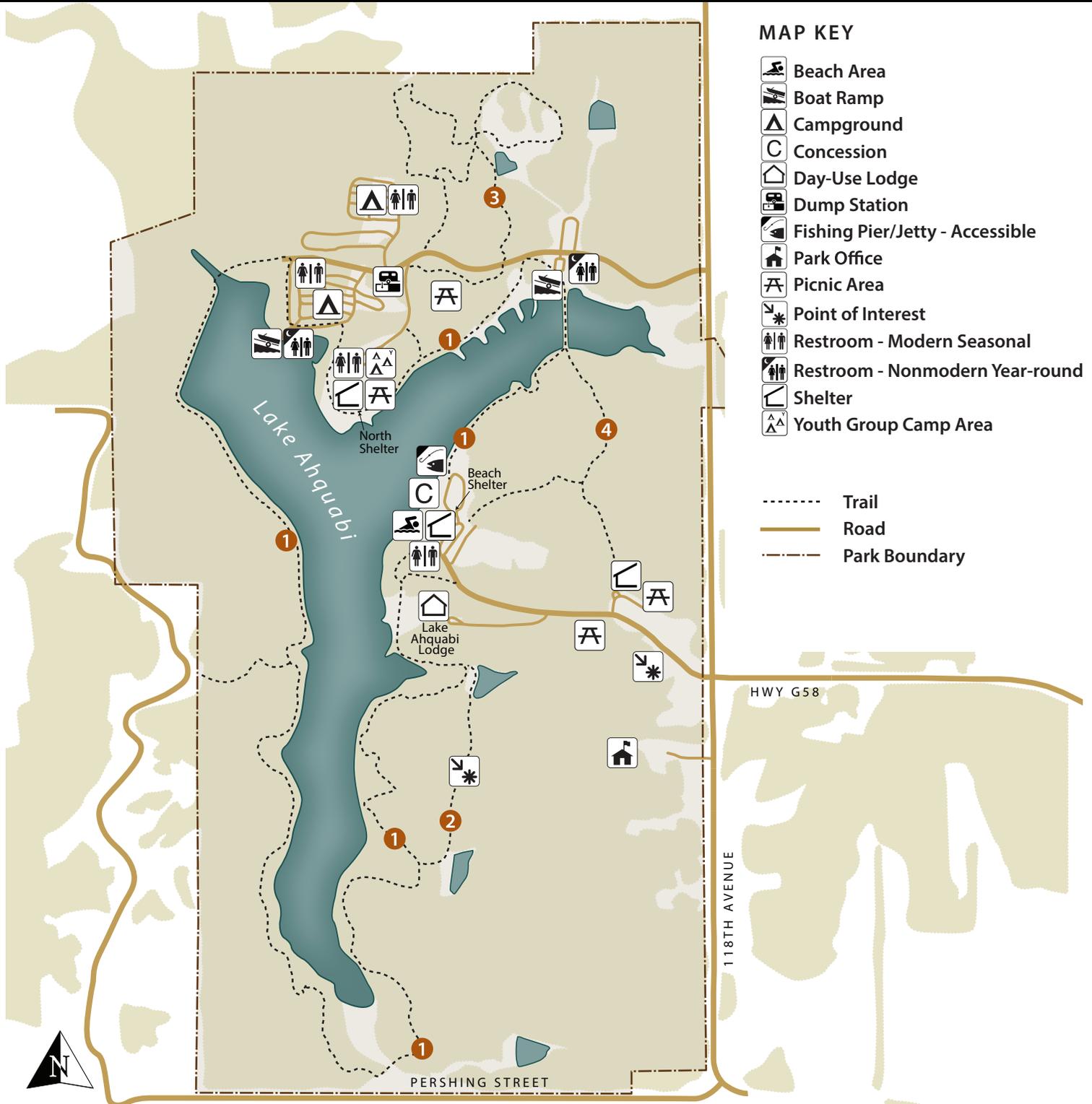
LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 515-961-7101
Park Ranger: Craig Oberbroeckling
Park Manager: Dan Lathrum

SEVERE WEATHER

In an emergency, shower buildings are available as shelters from May 1 to Oct. 1.

For emergencies, please call 911



TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Lake Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile	4.0 mi.	Easy	48 minutes
2 Whitley Monument Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile	0.25 mi.	Moderate	12 minutes
3 Prairie Loop Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile	1.25 mi.	Easy	16 minutes
4 Seven Bridges Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile	1.0 mi.	Moderate	16 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.