



IOWA STATE PARKS

LAKE OF THREE FIRES STATE PARK

2303 Lake Rd, Bedford IA 50833

Lake of Three Fires State Park, with its beautiful lake and old-growth oak/hickory timber, provides a relaxing, quiet atmosphere for fishing, camping, hiking, swimming, boating or just making memories with family and friends.

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

The 85-acre park lake is nearly a mile long and a half-mile wide, with scenic inlets ideal for fishing and boating. Surrounding the lake are 691 acres of picturesque woodlands and a number of fishing jetties that provide great shoreline access. Anglers can try their luck fishing for bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, bullhead and channel catfish. Two boat ramps are located on the lake for convenient lake access.

Two modern campgrounds, located a short distance from the lake, provide a myriad of campsites, including electrical hook-ups, rest rooms and shower facilities, and a trailer dump station. Advance campsite reservations can be made online.

Horse enthusiasts can enjoy the equestrian campground with its several campsites (including some electrical hook-ups) and 5 holding pens.

There are six modern cabins in the park available to reserve year-round. They have heat/AC and are equipped with a refrigerator, microwave and cooktop stove.

The 10-plus miles of multi-use trails in the park snake their way around the lake and can be used by hikers and equestrians alike. Take in the many wildlife viewing opportunities. Follow the trails through a variety of habitats - wetland areas around the fringes of the lake, woodlands and prairie remnants. The trail is a combination of grass, rock and dirt.

A sandy beach area provides swimming fun for everyone. There is a playground near the beach area plus a sand volleyball court. The [lodge](#), near the beach, can be reserved online. Two [open picnic shelters](#) are also available to rent. One shelter has electricity, tables and running water.

On the north border of the park is a 220-acre public hunting area and on the south border is a 160-acre public hunting area.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

The hunting areas are subject to existing seasons and rules. The lake is a no-wake lake. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Visit the Taylor County Historical Museum at the west edge of Bedford on Highway 2. A beautiful golf course is located on Highway 148 north of Bedford. Bedford is also known for its antique shops.

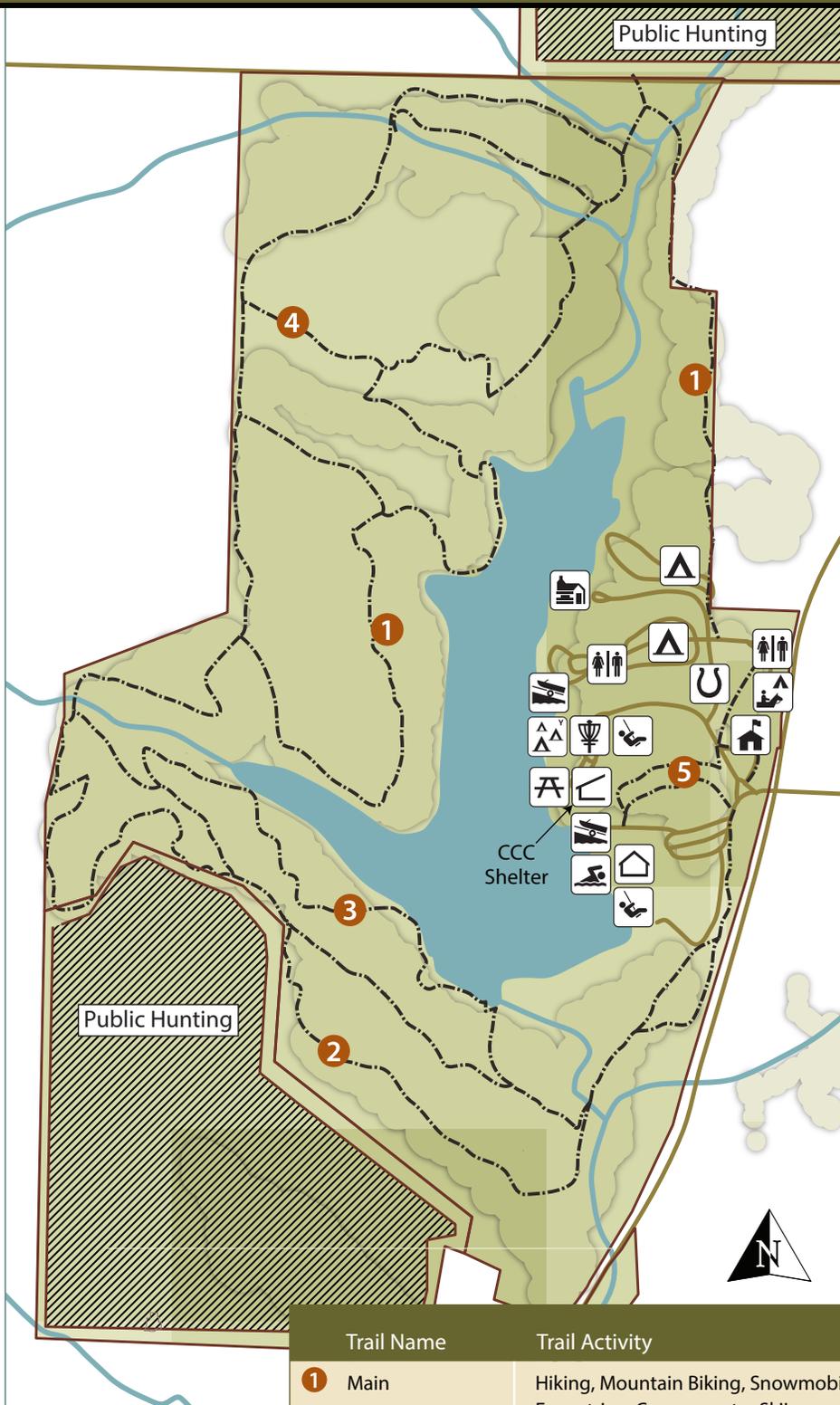
LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 712-523-2700
Park Manager: Jeff Bennett
Park Technician: Bryan Murphy

SEVERE WEATHER

Lake of Three Fires does not have a designated shelter. Please listen to 960 AM or 99.3 FM for local weather.

For emergencies, please call 911.



MAP KEY

-  Beach Area
-  Beach Lodge
-  Boat Ramp
-  Cabins
-  Campground
-  Equestrian Campground
-  Disc Golf
-  Horseshoe Pits
-  Picnic Area
-  Park Office
-  Playground
-  Shelter
-  Restroom - Modern Seasonal
-  Youth Group Camp Area
-  Trail
-  Road
-  Park Boundary
-  Multiuse Trails
-  Water

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Main	Hiking, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling, Equestrian, Cross-country Skiing	4.8 mi	Easy	2.5 - 3 hrs
2 Perimeter	Hiking, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling, Equestrian, Cross-country Skiing	2.7 mi	Moderate	1.25 - 1.5 hrs
3 Lake Loop	Hiking, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling, Equestrian, Cross-country Skiing	1.6 mi	Moderate	40-50 min
4 Great Council	Hiking, Mountain Biking, Snowmobiling, Equestrian, Cross-country Skiing	2.1 mi	Moderate	1-1.25 hrs
5 Sleepy Hollow	Hiking	0.4 mi	Easy	10-15 min