



# IOWA STATE PARKS

## GEODE STATE PARK

3249 Racine Ave, Danville IA 52623

Welcome to Geode State Park. The park is located approximately halfway between the communities of Mt. Pleasant (15 miles) and Burlington (15 miles). Geode has been a traditional favorite for locals as well as out-of-state visitors. Founded in 1937 the park has had several names over the years beginning with Flint Hills State Park and also Danville State Park. Several historical structures were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the original portion of the park during this time. When the park expanded from its original 22 acres to 1,640 acres in the 1940s the name was changed to Geode State Park, after the state rock frequently found in the region. The 187-acre artificial lake was then created in 1950.

### PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

Geode has a beautiful, large campground with many peaceful and shady campsites. The lake is situated a short distance from the campground and is accessible by several short trails. Lake Geode is well known for its bluegills, largemouth bass and channel catfish. The lake is accessible from two boat ramps located on the east side of the lake.

Shoreline fishing is available from several picnic areas along the lakeshore as well as the dam, which is designated as a 24-hour fishing area.

The beach area at the northeast end of the lake has long been a draw and now contains a new open shelter with kitchenette and playground area. There are four additional shelters located in other picnic areas around the lake that can be rented.

For people on the move, Geode offers more than seven miles of challenging hiking trails. The four-mile road system through the park also provides cycling opportunities.

### SPECIAL PARK RULES

Lake Geode has a no-wake rule for all boats on the lake. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

An event in the park is the Dragon Boat Races (beginning of May). Popular events in local communities include Burlington Steamboat Days (early June), West Point Sweet Corn Festival (early August), Old Thresher's Reunion in Mt. Pleasant (week leading into Labor Day) and the 12:1 run and 5k, 10k, and half marathon are held the first Saturday in October. The nearby Mississippi River at Burlington also provides fishing and boating opportunities on a larger scale. Burlington is one of the oldest towns in Iowa and has an attractive riverfront area as well as historical downtown. Other communities in the vicinity include New London, Danville, Middletown, Denmark and Ft. Madison.

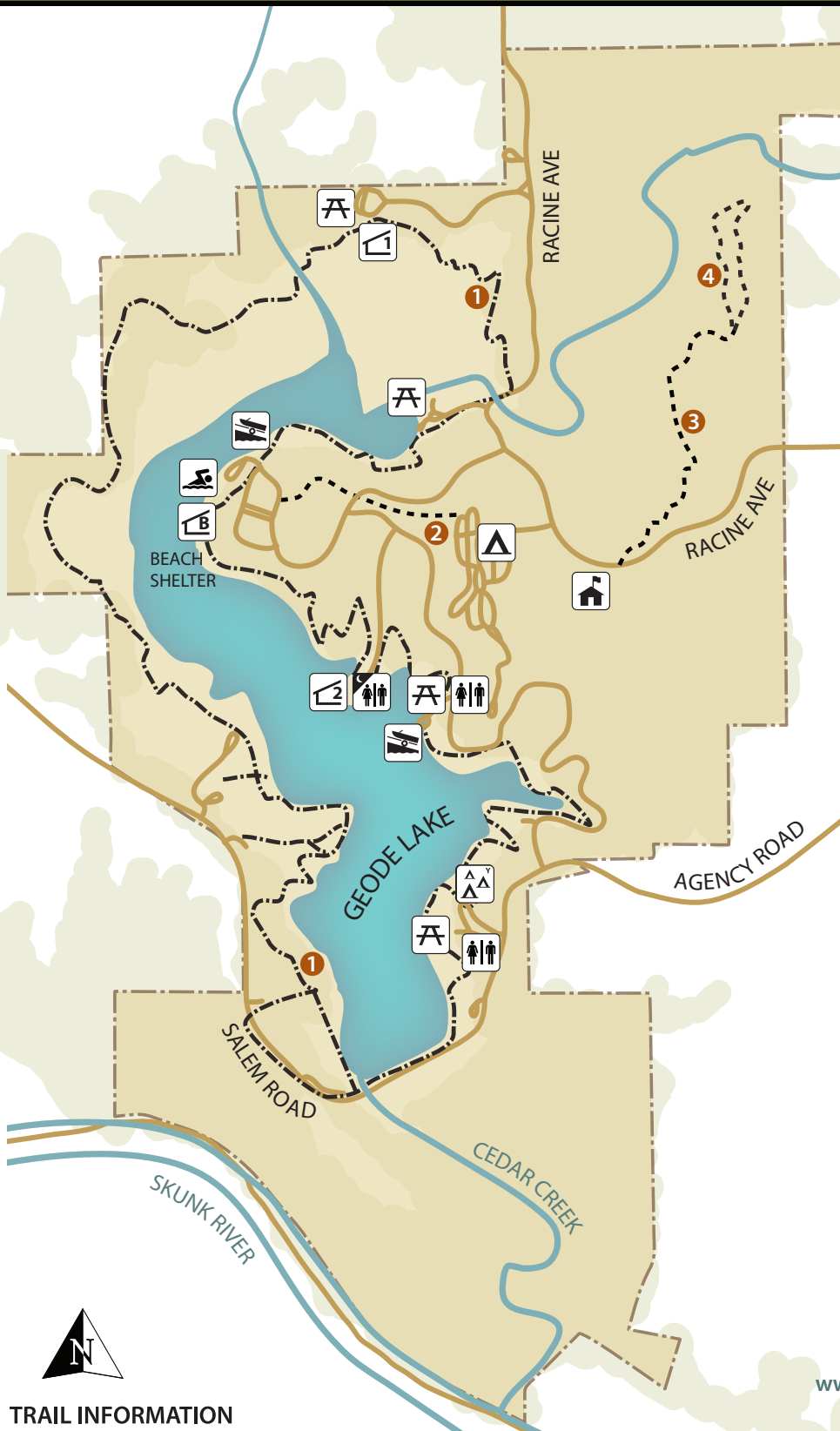
### LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 319-392-4601  
Park Manager: Ulf Konig

### SEVERE WEATHER

No designated storm shelters are available at the park. The park staff will attempt to contact and warn visitors if severe weather is approaching. It is recommended to use the shower buildings for emergency shelters if severe weather is present.

**For emergencies, please call 911.**



**MAP KEY**

- Boat Ramp
- Beach Area
- Campground
- Youth Group Camp Area
- Picnic Area
- Park Office
- Playground
- Shelter
- Restroom—Modern Seasonal
- Restroom—Nonmodern Year-round
- Trail
- Road
- Park Boundary
- Multiuse Trails
- Water



**TRAIL INFORMATION**

[www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks)  
Walking times are figured at a rate of 2 mph.

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
① Lake	Hiking, Mountain Biking	7.5 mi	Moderate	3-3.5 hrs
② Beach	Hiking	0.4 mi	Moderate	10-15 min
③ Honeybee Hollow	Hiking	0.66 mi	Moderate	20 min
④ Honeybee Hollow Loop	Hiking	0.54mi	Moderate	15 min