



## **AMBROSE A. CALL STATE PARK**

2007 Call Park Rd, Algona, IA 50511

Ambrose A. Call State Park is a 135-acre "oasis" of rugged hills, heavily wooded with virgin timber, in an area of gently rolling farmland. The park is located near the east fork of the Des Moines River. Ambrose Call and his brother, Asa, were early settlers in the area who carved their claim, the first in Kossuth County, on a walnut tree at the present site of the park. The brothers spent their first night in Kossuth County on July 9, 1854. The next day, while Asa went for his wife and supplies, Ambrose and a traveling companion began work on a cabin in what is now the state park. Ambrose A. Call State Park was dedicated in 1929.

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

Ambrose A. Call has a beautiful lodge that can be reserved for weddings, family or class reunions, graduation receptions, birthdays or other gatherings. The lodge was built by the Works Progress Administration in 1928 and was renovated in 1998.

The authentic log cabin found in the park is constructed of elm logs, some exceeding 18 inches in diameter, which is typical of cabins built by the original settlers in the area. Four men were needed to put the logs in place. The cabin in the park is located in the approximate location of the first log cabin in Kossuth County. It was moved from a local homestead to the park.

The non-modern campground has several campsites, most with electric hook-ups. All camping is 100% same day reservable online only. The campground is closed each year from November 16 - April 14.

The rugged and heavily wooded park offers more than a mile of trails that wind through the forest, down a ravine and along a picturesque winding creek. Many species of shrubs, flowers and trees can be found at A.A. Call. A cross-country ski trail is available in the winter.

Winter activities include cross country-skiing, snowshoeing and hiking. Ambrose A. Call closes to vehicles each season a few days before forecasted snow and reopens in the following spring. During the winter months it is recommended to call the Park Manager at Pilot Knob State Park at (641) 581-4853 to check on the status of the park.

The 18-hole Frisbee golf course is challenging and heavily used by avid players.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Bicycles are not allowed on the hiking trails. Snowmobiles are not allowed in the park. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

The World War II Prisoner of War Museum is located at 114 S. Thorington St. in Algona. The Grotto of the Redemption is located 15 miles southwest of Algona in West Bend.

### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 641.581.4835

Park Manager: Katherine LaDage

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

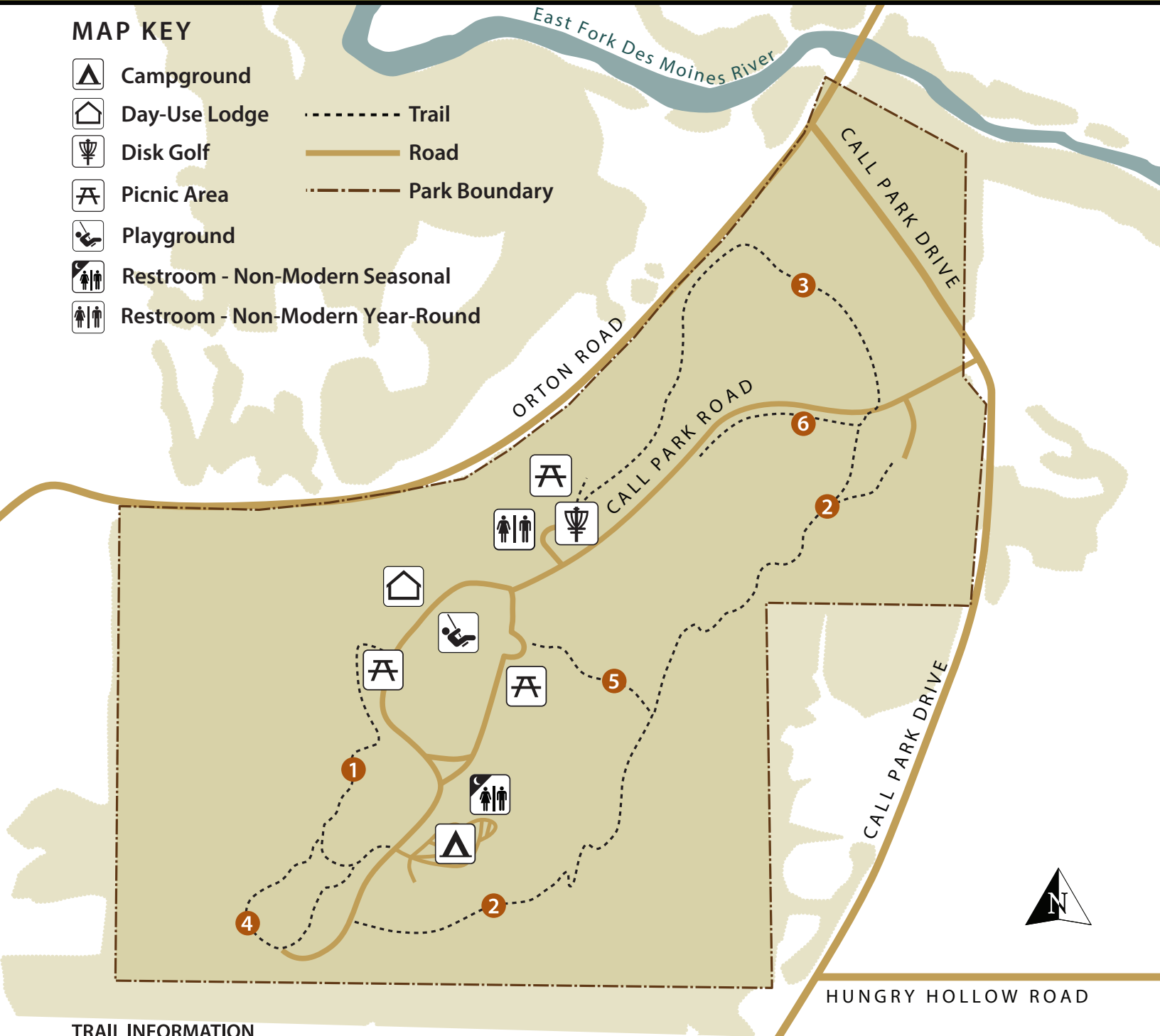
There are no designated storm shelters at the park.

**For emergencies, please call 911.**

For reservations, visit: <http://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com> or call 877.427.2757

**MAP KEY**

-  Campground
-  Day-Use Lodge
-  Disk Golf
-  Picnic Area
-  Playground
-  Restroom - Non-Modern Seasonal
-  Restroom - Non-Modern Year-Round
-  Trail
-  Road
-  Park Boundary



**TRAIL INFORMATION**

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Woods Trail	Hike, X-Country Ski	.2 mile	Moderate	5 minutes
2 Creek Trail	Hike, X-Country Ski	.5 mile	Moderate	12 minutes
3 High-Low Trail	Hike, X-Country Ski	.4 mile	Moderate	10 minutes
4 Loop Trail	Hike, X-Country Ski	.2 mile	Easy	6 minutes
5 Hill Trail	Hike, X-Country Ski	.1 mile	Hard	2 minutes
6 Parallel Trail	Hike, X-Country Ski	.1 mile	Moderate	2 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.  
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