



# IOWA STATE PARKS

## VIKING LAKE STATE PARK

2780 Viking Lake Rd, Stanton IA 51573

Welcome to Viking Lake State Park, one of the most popular state parks in southwest Iowa. Viking Lake's accessibility, abundant recreational opportunities and its wealth of natural beauty make it an outdoor lover's paradise.

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

In addition to the boundless natural beauty and unlimited wildlife habitat of Viking Lake State Park, visitors may also enjoy the picturesque water from one of the park's campsites. Of the large number of electrical campsites, some are even full hook-up campsites. There are also buddy campsites available. There are several lakeshore campsites; pull through campsites, as well as non-electric campsites. There are also modern rest rooms, picnic areas, three shelters, shower facilities, a dump station and a playground.

Fishing is second only to camping in popularity at Viking Lake. Renovation and restocking of the 140-acre lake was completed in 2009. Shoreline anglers will find six universally accessible fishing jetties. Species of fish in the lake include bluegill, redear sunfish, largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie and walleye.

If swimming is your favorite past time, a sandy beach is located on the west shore. Swim at your own risk as the beach is unsupervised.

The Park's 6-mile White-tailed trail is a multiuse trail that goes around the lake and is a favorite among the trail runners and walkers. The trail is well-marked and maintained. In addition to the lake trail, there is also the Bur Oak Nature trail which is one-mile.

Viking Lake lodge, located near the beach and boat ramps, has a beautiful view of the lake and is available for daily rental. Built in 2007, this 4750 sq. ft modern facility can host up to 70 people. There are three shelters at the park available to rent. The lower picnic shelter has an enclosed kitchenette.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Any size motor is allowed on the lake, but is restricted to 5 mph. No personal watercraft. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

Hacklebarny Woods County Park, operated by the Montgomery County Conservation Board, is 5 miles east of Viking Lake on Hwy 34. Camping, fishing, equestrian trails and its close proximity make this an excellent complement to Viking Lake State Park.

Other local attractions in Red Oak and Stanton include Burlington Northern Depot and WWII Museum, a Heritage Hill tour, Montgomery County Historical Center, Swedish Heritage and Cultural Center, and the World's Largest Coffee Pot and Cup. Special events include Red Oak Junction Days (June) and the Montgomery County Fair (July).

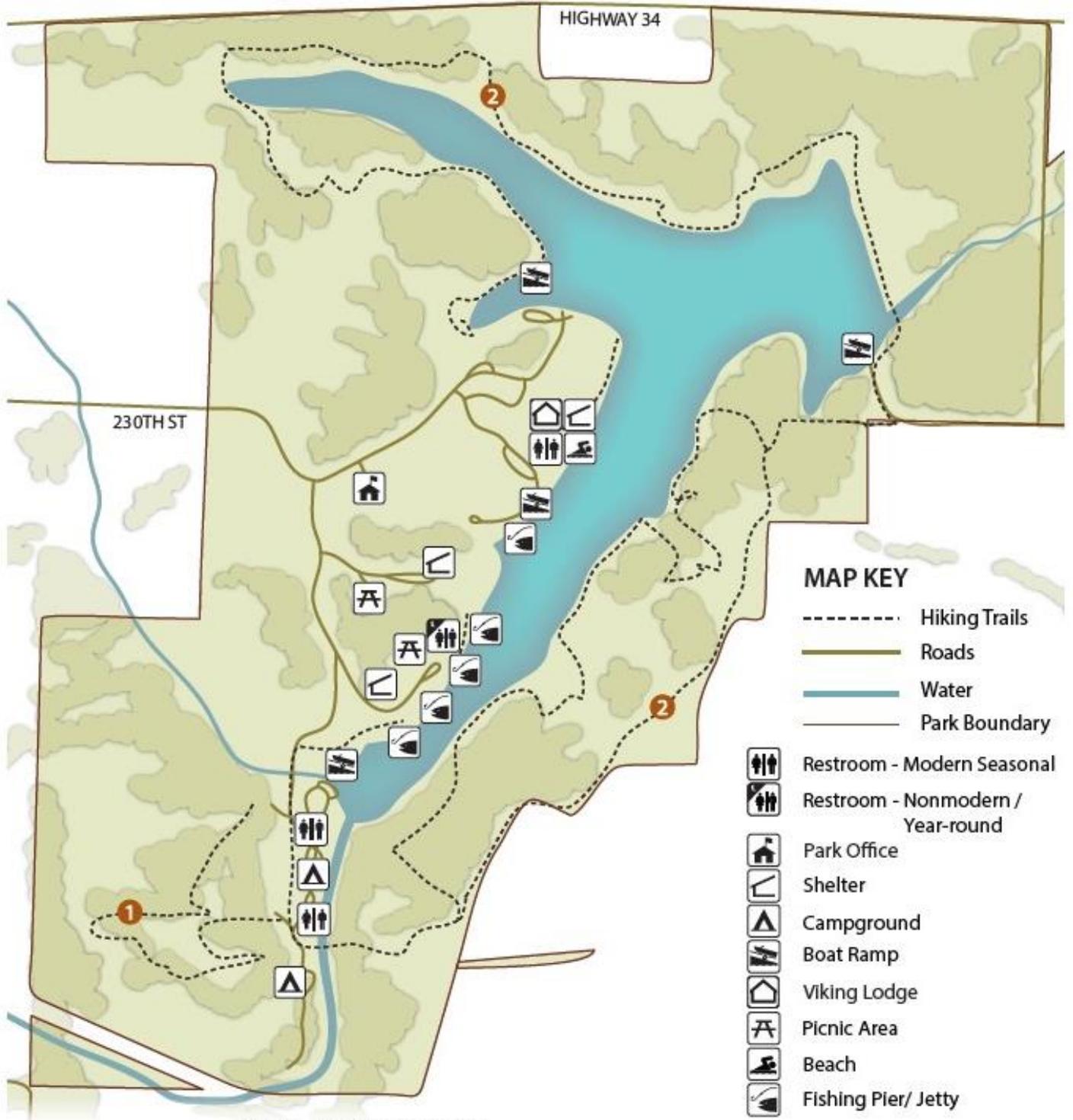
### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 712-829-2235  
Park Manager: Daniel Jacobs  
Park Technician: Chad Hotlen

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

There is no designated storm shelter in the park. In the event of severe weather, park staff will make every effort to notify campers and park visitors.

**For emergencies, please call 911.**



**TRAIL INFORMATION**



TRAIL NAME	TRAIL ACTIVITY	LENGTH	LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY	ESTIMATED HIKE TIME
1 Bur Oak Interpretive	Hiking	0.9 mi	Moderate	25-35 min
2 White-tail	Hiking	6.3 mi	Moderate	3-3½ hr

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2 mph.