



# IOWA STATE PARKS

## HONEY CREEK STATE PARK

12194 Honey Creek Pl, Moravia IA 52571

Welcome to Honey Creek State Park, home of Rathbun Lake in Appanoose County. Honey Creek is your starting point for all of the summer and winter activity that you want to do. Enjoy your visit.

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

Honey Creek is on beautiful 11,000-acre Rathbun Lake, one of the best spots for crappie and walleye fishing in Iowa. Honey Creek has the largest boat ramp on the lake, making easy to launch your boat. The north boat ramp is designated as 24-hour fishing access and is highlighted on the map found on the reverse.

Honey Creek is a favorite destination for camping enthusiasts. There are a plethora of modern campsites with showers and rest rooms. Some of the sites have full recreational vehicle hook-ups (sewer, water, electricity), and several are equipped with electricity only. Electricity is available year-round in the campgrounds and the shower building in the north campground is heated in the winter. The full hook-ups however, are closed during the winter. Honey Creek also has one universally accessible campsite. Two open shelters are available to rent as well.

Honey Creek has four camping cabins. These cabins have an open floor plan, electricity and are located near campgrounds. The cabins have a microwave and dorm-size refrigerator, and heating and air conditioning. They do not have water or sanitary facilities but renters may use the campground sanitary facilities.

Hikers will enjoy the five miles of multi-use trails and the Woodland Interpretive Trail. Follow the interpretive trail and learn about the 11 ancient Woodland Indian mounds left behind by these first inhabitants to the area. Displays on the history of Honey Creek are located in a shelter at the beginning of the interpretive trail.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

Just across from the Honey Creek boat ramp and a short drive from the park is Honey Creek Resort State Park. The resort opened in 2009 and features a 105-room hotel and lodge, an indoor water park, restaurant, 28 cottages and championship 18-hole golf course. For more information about the resort and its amenities or to make a reservation, visit [www.honeycreekresort.com](http://www.honeycreekresort.com). Red Haw State Park and Sharon Bluffs are within 25 miles of the park. Sharon Bluffs has recreational amenities managed by the Appanoose County Conservation Board. For more information, contact them at 641-856-8528. Local events in the area include the Pancake Festival (September). Visit [www.centerville-ia.com](http://www.centerville-ia.com) for more information about additional events in the area.

### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 641-724-3739  
Park Manager: Tyler Walters  
Park Ranger: CJ Hughes




### **SEVERE WEATHER**

The two shower buildings can be used for emergency shelters.

**For emergencies, please call 911**

**MAP KEY**

-  Boat Ramp
-  Cabin Area
-  Campground
-  Dump Station
-  Fish Cleaning Station
-  Park Office
-  Picnic Area
-  Restroom - Modern Seasonal
-  Restroom - Nonmodern Year-round
-  Shelter

-  Trail
-  Road
-  Park Boundary



**TRAIL INFORMATION**

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Acorn Trail	Hike	0.08 mile	Moderate	2 minutes
2 Bay View Trail	Snowmobile	1.04 miles	Moderate	25 minutes
3 Beaver Run Trail	Hike	0.25 mile	Moderate	6 minutes
4 Blue Grass Trail	Hike	0.16 mile	Moderate	4 minutes
5 Deer Run Trail	Snowmobile	0.69 mile	Moderate	17 minutes
6 Eagle View Trail	Hike	0.8 mile	Moderate	19 minutes
7 Hickory Trail	Hike	0.09 mile	Moderate	2 minutes
8 Indian Mound Trail	Interpretive	0.43 mile	Easy	10 minutes
9 Lookout Point Trail	Hike	0.17 mile	Moderate	4 minutes
10 Oak Trail	Hike	0.11 mile	Moderate	3 minutes
11 Owl Trail	Hike	0.14 mile	Moderate	3 minutes
12 Resort Point Trail	Hike	0.46 mile	Moderate	11 minutes
13 Squirrel Run Trail	Hike	0.17 mile	Moderate	4 minutes
14 Turkey Run Trail	Hike	0.1 mile	Moderate	2 minutes
15 White Tail Trail	Hike	0.1 mile	Moderate	2 minutes
16 Wildwood Trail	Hike	0.18 mile	Moderate	4 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.