



IOWA STATE PARKS

PILOT KNOB STATE PARK

2148 340th St, Forest City IA 50436

Pilot Knob State Park was dedicated in 1924 and has drawn many visitors to explore its hidden treasures and historical structures. Camping, fishing, hiking, and bird watching are just a few of the activities Pilot Knob provides.

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed several structures in 1934. The entrance portals, stone shelter, three stone bridges and observation tower are all listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The observation tower stands at 30 feet tall and has a great view of the park.

Pilot Knob has the only sphagnum bog in the state of Iowa. The bog is four acres and is home to many unique species, one of which is the carnivorous sundew plant. Adjacent to the bog is a four-acre lake. Because of its high acidity only specially adapted species can survive in the lake.

Pilot Knob is listed in the *Iowa Wildlife Viewing Guide*. The park is a wonderful area for bird watching, particularly during migrations. Deer and turkeys are prevalent and readily seen. Turkeys were reintroduced into the area in 1979 and have flourished. Much of the wildlife can be seen while walking the trails through the park. The park also offers one multi-use trail open to equestrian and bicycle use. Riders can enjoy over two miles of trails as they weave through the park on the multi-use trail.

There are several campsites (including electrical hook-ups available), modern showers, restroom facilities and a trailer dump station. A playground is located near the campground. Two open picnic shelters are available to reserve.

Pilot Knob has a 15-acre lake that has good bass and bluegill fishing. It is also a popular spot for ice fishing and ice skating.

Winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, sledding and snowmobiling. In winter, a warming house with electricity and heat is available for renting through the reservation system.

The Pilot Knob Recreation Area, just north of Pilot Knob State Park is available for public hunting, hiking, snowmobiling, bicycle riding and horseback riding.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Electric trolling motors only on the lake, no swimming allowed in the lake. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Winnebago Industries Visitors Center & Museum, located in Forest City, 6 miles away. Heritage Park of North Iowa, located 5 miles away in Forest City, holds events throughout the year.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

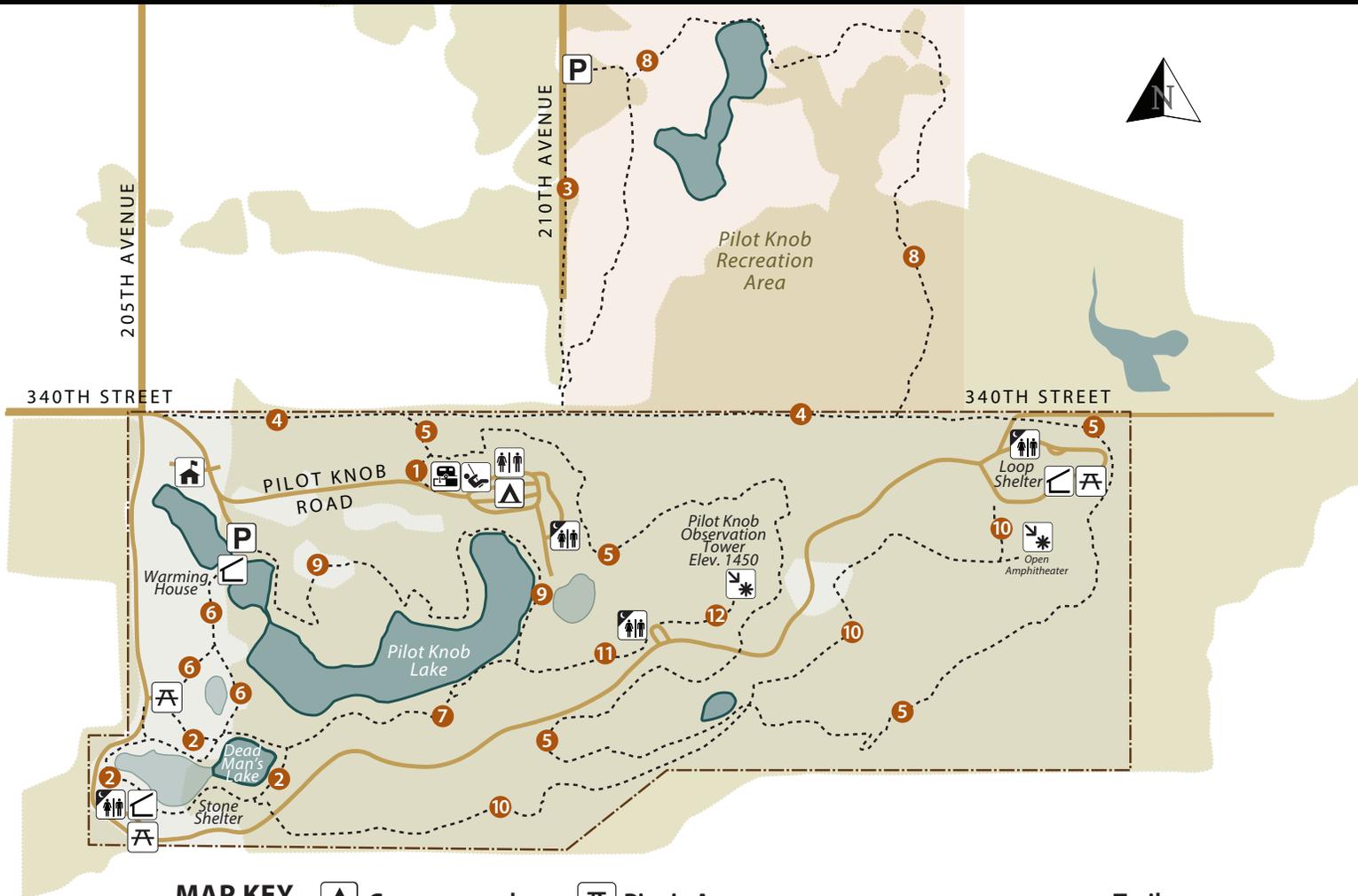
Park Office: 641-581-4835

Park Manager: Katherine LaDage

SEVERE WEATHER

There are no designated storm shelters at the park. The shower building can be used in an emergency.

For emergencies, please call 911



MAP KEY

-  Campground
-  Picnic Area
-  Dump Station
-  Playground
-  Park Office
-  Point of Interest
-  Parking
-  Restroom - Modern Seasonal
-  Shelter
-  Restroom - Nonmoder Year-round
-  Trail
-  Road
-  Park Boundary

TRAIL INFORMATION

| Trail Name | Trail Activity | Length | Level of Difficulty | Estimated Hike Time |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Connector Trail | Hike, X-Country Ski | 0.1 mile | Moderate | 2 minutes |
| 2 Dead Man's Lake Trail | Hike, X-Country Ski | 0.7 mile | Easy | 17 minutes |
| 3 Dead End Trail | Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile, X-Country Ski | 0.45 mile | Easy | 11 minutes |
| 4 East-West Trail | Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile, X-Country Ski | 1 miles | Moderate | 24 minutes |
| 5 Equestrian Trail | Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile, X-Country Ski | 2.4 miles | Mod.-Hard | 58 minutes |
| 6 Fork Trail | Hike, X-Country Ski | 0.3 miles | Moderate | 7 minutes |
| 7 Lake View Trail | Hike, X-Country Ski | 0.3 mile | Moderate | 7 minutes |
| 8 McGrady Trail | Hike, Bike, Equestrian, X-Country Ski | 1.4 miles | Moderate | 34 minutes |
| 9 Plum Alley Trail | Hike, X-Country Ski | 0.8 mile | Moderate | 19 minutes |
| 10 Three Bridges Trail | Hike, X-Country Ski | 1.2 miles | Moderate | 29 minutes |
| 11 Tower Trail | Hike, X-Country Ski | 0.2 mile | Mod.-Hard | 5 minutes |
| 12 Tower Connector Trail | Hike, X-Country Ski | 0.2 miles | Moderate | 5 minutes |