



IOWA STATE PARKS

BLACK HAWK STATE PARK

228 South Blossom St, Lake View IA 51450

Welcome to Black Hawk State Park, home of the southern most glacial lake in the United States. The 957-acre natural lake has no motor size restrictions and is a boating or fishing enthusiast's dream.

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

Angling is a popular pursuit at Black Hawk Lake. Channel catfish, crappies, walleyes, bluegills, sunfish and largemouth bass provide a challenge to anglers of all ages. The Marina and North Shore areas are located on the northeast corner of Black Hawk Lake. Black Hawk has a universally accessible fishing pier, and approximately 50 percent of the lake shore offers public access. There is one fish cleaning station located at the Ice House Point boat ramp.

The Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built many structures in the park that are still in use today. Two refurbished CCC open shelter houses are available on a first-come basis or can be reserved. The original CCC ranger residence has been remodeled into a year-round, fully furnished cabin that sleeps eight comfortably and 11 if needed. Black Hawk also has a large campground with campsites to offer for overnight stays, several with electric hook-up. To reserve the shelters, cabin or a campsite, visit the reservation website or call the phone number below.

A non-supervised swimming beach is located at the east end of the campground. Adjacent to the campground is a large playground structure and a volleyball court.

The Sauk Rail Trail is a 33-mile hard surfaced multi-use trail that starts near the park and ends at Swan Lake State Park in Carroll County. It is the only trail in Iowa that starts and ends at two state parks. The Sauk Trail is excellent for biking, hiking, in-line skating and is open for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in the winter.

The 1.6-mile "Stubb" Stevenson Nature Trail offers visitors a chance to learn about many of the shrubs and trees found in the park, with 20 marked sites.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

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

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

The city of Lake View in conjunction with the DNR hold two annual events involving the lake. The Lake View Water Carnival, held the third weekend in July, boasts free entertainment, carnival rides and games of chance along with a street parade and water parade. The Arctic Open, usually held in February, gives golfers the chance to clean the dust off the clubs and play a course laid out on Black Hawk Lake, with prizes awarded in several flights.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 712-657-8712

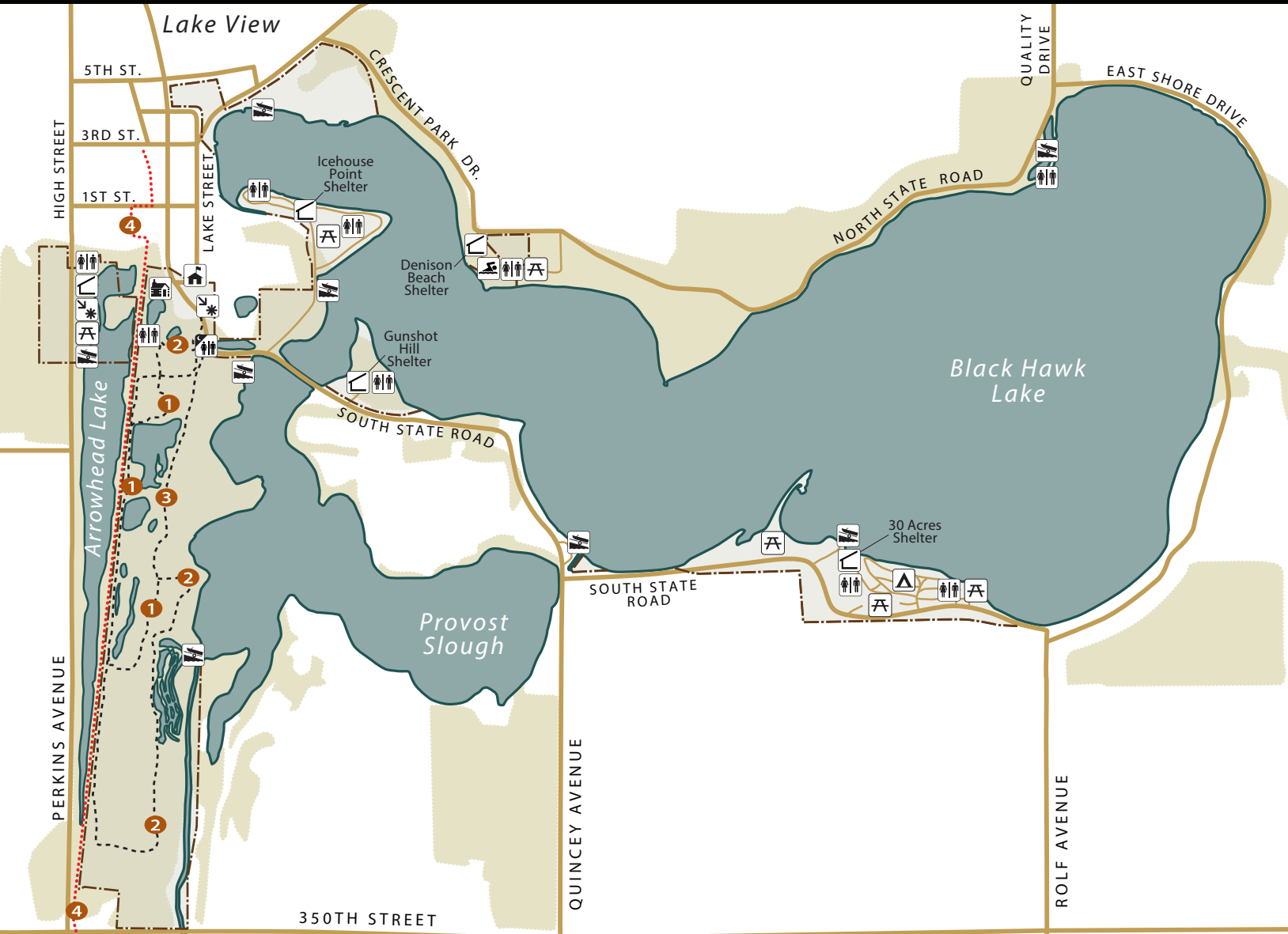
Park Manager: Ryan O'Neill

Park Technicians: Alyson Nieland

For emergencies, please call 911

SEVERE WEATHER

There are no designated storm shelters at the park. The park does have a severe weather siren that will sound when a severe weather warning has been issued for the area. The Lake View Administration Building (downtown) is the designated storm shelter for the area.



MAP KEY

- Beach Area
- Boat Ramp
- Cabin Area
- Campground
- Park Office
- Picnic Area
- Point of Interest
- Restroom - Modern Seasonal
- Restroom - Nonmodern Year-round
- Shelter
- Trail
- Road
- Park Boundary
- Rail Trail



TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Stubb Severson Interpretive Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowshoe, X-Country Ski	0.7 mi.	Easy	17 minutes
2 Multi-Use Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowshoe, X-Country Ski	0.7 mi.	Easy	17 minutes
3 City of Lake View Bike Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowshoe, X-Country Ski	0.7 mi.	Easy	17 minutes
4 Sauk Rail Trail (county maintained)	Hike, Bike, Snowshoe, X-Country Ski, Snowmobile	0.2 mi.	Easy	5 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.