



# IOWA STATE PARKS

## **BANNER LAKES AT SUMMERSET STATE PARK**

13084 Elkhorn St, Indianola IA 50125

Originally a coal mining operation in the 1930s, Banner Lakes at Summerset State Park is one of the newest additions to Iowa's state park system. The land has been owned by the state since the 1950s, but only dedicated as a park since 2004.

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

The park features a variety of day-use activities, the most popular being fishing and bicycling.

Two miles of paved bicycle trail in the park connect to the 12-mile-long Summerset Bike Trail which runs from Indianola to Carlisle. Mountain bike trails have recently been added throughout the park for bicycle enthusiasts of all abilities. There are currently six different courses with three different levels of ability and experience.

The Banner Lakes are the result of the mining operation. While there are a variety of fish in each of the lakes, the South Lake is stocked with trout several times throughout the cold weather months to give anglers an opportunity rare to central Iowa.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Banner Lakes has a 5mph speed limit. Anglers must have a trout stamp to fish for trout. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

Indianola is home to the Indianola Balloon Classic, which is held end of July/early August on the southeast edge of Indianola. Dozens of hot air balloons fly and compete for prizes during this week-long event. Des Moines, Iowa's capital and largest city is located approximately 6 miles north, and has all the offerings of a major metro area. Adjacent to the park is the recently renovated Banner Shooting Range with both a rifle/handgun range as well as a trap shooting area. For further information, call 515-961-6408. Also adjacent to the park is the Banner Public Hunting Area, featuring wetland and upland game hunting. Lake Ahquabi State Park is just south of Indianola and has a 115-acre lake, campground, beach, concession and miles of multi-use trails.

### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 515-961-7101

Park Ranger: Craig Oberbroeckling

Park Manager: Dan Lathrum

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

No storm shelters are available at the park.

**For emergencies, please call 911.**



**MAP KEY**

- Boat Ramp
- Fishing Pier/Jetty
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restroom - Nonmodern / Year-round
- Trail
- Paved Trail
- Road
- Park Boundary

**TRAIL INFORMATION**



Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Extra Credit	Hike, Bike	.6 mile	Moderate	14 minutes
2 Riverside Trail	Hike, Bike	1.2 miles	Easy	29 minutes
3 Corner Pocket	Hike, Bike	.8 mile	Hard	19 minutes
4 Missing Link	Hike, Bike	.5 mile	Moderate	12 minutes
5 New Ed Beach	Hike, Bike	.3 mile	Moderate	7 minutes
6 Coal Miner's Daughter	Hike, Bike	2 miles	Hard	48 minutes
7 Summerset Bike Trail	Hike, Bike	11 miles	Easy	1 hour, 6 min. (bike)
8 Main Road (Bike Lane)	Bike	2 miles	N/A	N/A

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.  
Biking times are figured at a rate of 6 mph.