



## BELLEVUE STATE PARK

24668 Hwy 52, Bellevue, IA 52031

Welcome to Bellevue State Park, home to one of Jackson County's most scenic Mississippi River overlooks. The park is rich in archaeological, historical and natural beauty. Please enjoy your stay as you explore all Bellevue State Park has to offer.

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

Bellevue State Park is well known for its scenic overlooks of the Mississippi River. Atop a 250-foot tall limestone bluff, the main overlook offers a breathtaking view of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge, Lock & Dam #12, and the quaint river town of Bellevue.

Bellevue State Park is located in two separate tracts: The Nelson Unit and the Dyas Unit (see map on reverse).  
Nelson Unit Attractions:

- The South Bluff Nature Center is open seasonally and offers visitors a chance to see a variety of Iowa's native animals up close and to learn about historical cultures and native plants and trees of the area.
- The Butterfly Garden is a one-acre garden planted with a mix of perennial and annual flowers that provide food for caterpillars and nectar for a wide variety of butterflies. Almost 60 different species of butterflies visit the garden from spring to fall. The garden's frog pond is a favorite of younger visitors.
- The Nelson Unit also has a day-use lodge and three open picnic shelters that may be reserved for your special event.
- On the western edge of the Nelson Unit is the park's 220-acre public hunting area. The area is planted to tallgrass prairie and assorted food plots to attract turkey, deer and pheasants.
- There are just over two miles of hiking trails located in the Nelson Unit. The trails range from a peaceful stroll through our beautiful Butterfly Garden to a more strenuous hike on the Quarry Trail to view a primitive lime kiln.

Dyas Unit Attractions:

- The Dyas Campground has several campsites (electric and non-electric).
- Two open picnic shelters, with wonderful views, are available for reservation or for a leisurely picnic.
- There are almost four miles of hiking trails located throughout the Dyas Unit. The Deer Trail is a short, easy trail near the campground the entire family will enjoy.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

Lock & Dam #12 offers visitors an up-close look at barge traffic on the Mississippi River. Bellevue's Riverview Park includes gazebos, picnic areas, a fountain and flowers to enjoy.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 563.872.4019  
Park Manager: Elli Lineburg  
Park Ranger: Jason Gilmore

**For emergencies, dial 911.**

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

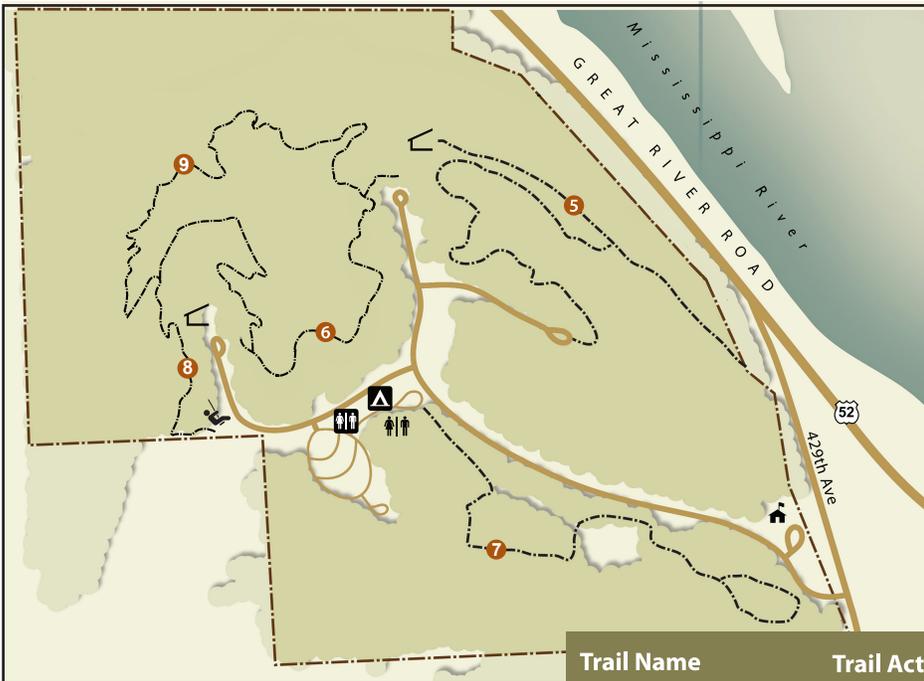
During inclement weather,

- The Nelson Unit storm shelter is in the basement of the South Bluff Nature Center.
- The Dyas Unit does not have a designated storm shelter. However, the campground shower building is recommended for an emergency shelter. Tornado sirens will sound in the city of Bellevue.

For reservations, visit <http://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com> or call 877.427.2757



**NELSON UNIT**



**DYAS UNIT**

**MAP KEY**

-  Park Residence
-  Park Office
-  Park Shop
-  Boat Ramp
-  Lodge
-  Nature Center/Museum
-  Picnic Area
-  Playground
-  Point of Interest
-  Restroom - Modern
-  Restroom - Non-Modern
-  Shelter
-  Campground
-  Trail
-  Road
-  Park Boundary
-  Multi-Use Trails



Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Quarry Trail	Hiking	.75 miles	Moderate	30 Minutes
2 Meadow Trail	Hiking	.75 miles	Easy	30 Minutes
3 Nature Trail	Hiking	.25 miles	Easy	5 Minutes
4 Overlook Trail	Hiking	.10 miles	Easy/Paved	5 Minutes
5 Bluff Trail	Hiking	.5 miles	Moderate	15 Minutes
6 Deer Trail	Hiking	.5 miles	Easy	15 Minutes
7 Campground Trail	Hiking	1 mile	Moderate	45 Minutes
8 Woodland Trail Yellow	Hiking	.5 miles	Moderate	15 Minutes
9 Woodland Trail Blue	Hiking	1 mile	Moderate	1Hour

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.