



IOWA STATE PARKS

BELLEVUE STATE PARK

Dyas Unit: 21466 429th Ave., Bellevue IA 52031

Nelson Unit: 24668 Hwy 52, Bellevue IA 52031

Welcome to Bellevue State Park. Discover one of Jackson County's most iconic landscapes. Perched atop **250-foot limestone bluffs**, Bellevue State Park offers unparalleled views of the Mississippi River, rich archaeological history, and diverse natural beauty. Whether you are here for a peaceful stroll or a rugged hike, we invite you to explore everything our 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. Our signature attraction provides a breathtaking panoramic view of the **Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge, Lock & Dam #12**, and the **charming river town of Bellevue**.

Bellevue State Park is divided into two distinct areas, each offering unique experiences: **The Nelson Unit and The Dyas Unit**.

The Nelson Unit: Nature & History

- **The Butterfly Garden:** Wander through a vibrant one-acre sanctuary featuring a mix of perennial and annual blooms. This habitat supports nearly **60 species of butterflies** from spring through fall. Don't miss the frog pond—a favorite for our younger explorers!
- **Public Hunting Area:** Located on the western edge, this 220-acre space is dedicated to tallgrass prairie and food plots designed to support local populations of turkey, deer, and pheasant.
- **Gatherings & Events:** Host your next special event at our day-use lodge or one of three reservable open picnic shelters.
- **Hiking Trails:** Enjoy over two miles of trails, ranging from a gentle walk through the gardens to a more challenging trek on the **Quarry Trail**, where you can view a historic primitive lime kiln.

The Dyas Unit: Camping & Recreation

- **The Dyas Campground:** Relax under the stars at our well-maintained campground, offering both electric and non-electric sites.
- **Picnic Areas:** Take in the scenery from two open picnic shelters, perfect for a casual lunch or a reserved family gathering.
- **Hiking Trails:** Explore nearly four miles of diverse terrain. For a family-friendly excursion, try the **Deer Trail**, a short and easy path conveniently located near the campground.

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

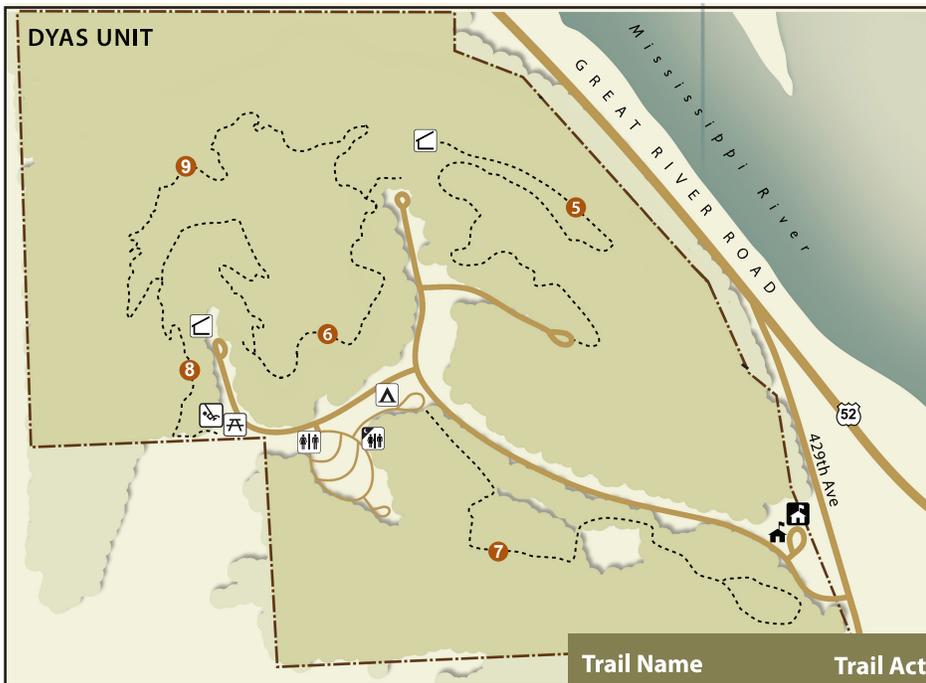
SEVERE WEATHER

The Dyas Unit as well as the Nelson Unit do not have a designated storm shelter. However, the campground shower buildings are recommended for an emergency shelter. Tornado sirens will sound in the city of Bellevue.



MAP KEY

- Park Office
 - Park Shop
 - Boat Ramp
 - Lodge
 - Picnic Area
 - Playground
 - Point of Interest
 - Restroom - Modern
 - Restroom - Non-Modern
 - Shelter
 - Campground
- Trail
 Road
 Park Boundary



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	1 Hour

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.