



IOWA STATE PARKS

CLEAR LAKE STATE PARK

6490 S Shore Dr, Clear Lake IA 50428

Welcome to Clear Lake State Park on the southeast corner of the beautiful 3,643-acre Clear Lake, one of the major outdoor recreation features of northern Iowa. Although the state park is only 55 acres, it offers tremendous diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities due to its location on the lake as well as its natural beauty. Clear Lake State Park is a wonderful place to camp, fish and picnic, or just relax on the beach.

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

Clear Lake State Park has one of the most popular campgrounds in the Iowa state park system, encompassing a plethora of campsites, most of them being electric. Modern restrooms and shower facilities are available for camper convenience.

The park features more than 10 acres of picnic grounds with tables and grills. The shady picnic areas provide a great place for a family cookout. Playground equipment for small children is located in the picnic area adjacent to the campground. There is one reservable shelter available. The Ritz Shelter is about two miles down the road from the park next to the lake patrol station.

A day-use lodge is located in the picnic area near the beach. Built in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration, the lodge was renovated in the 2026 and features a stove, refrigerator, microwave and rest rooms along with a rustic fireplace. The lodge is a popular rental facility for weddings, family reunions and other large group gatherings.

The 900-foot sandy beach is in close proximity to the picnic area and campground. A concrete path runs the length of the beach and is universally accessible.

Clear Lake offers great fishing for walleye, yellow bass and the elusive musky.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

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

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Clear Lake offers the small-town, welcoming atmosphere along with the large-town attractions. Visit the legendary Surf Ballroom, site of the many famous performances and the last performance by Buddy Holly, or walk downtown along the brick sidewalks to shop the antique stores and boutiques. Plan a summer excursion aboard the Lady of the Lake or take a bike ride around the lake. McIntosh Woods State Park is located on the northwest portion of the lake. For plenty of ideas for things to do in the Clear Lake area, visit www.clearlakeiowa.com

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

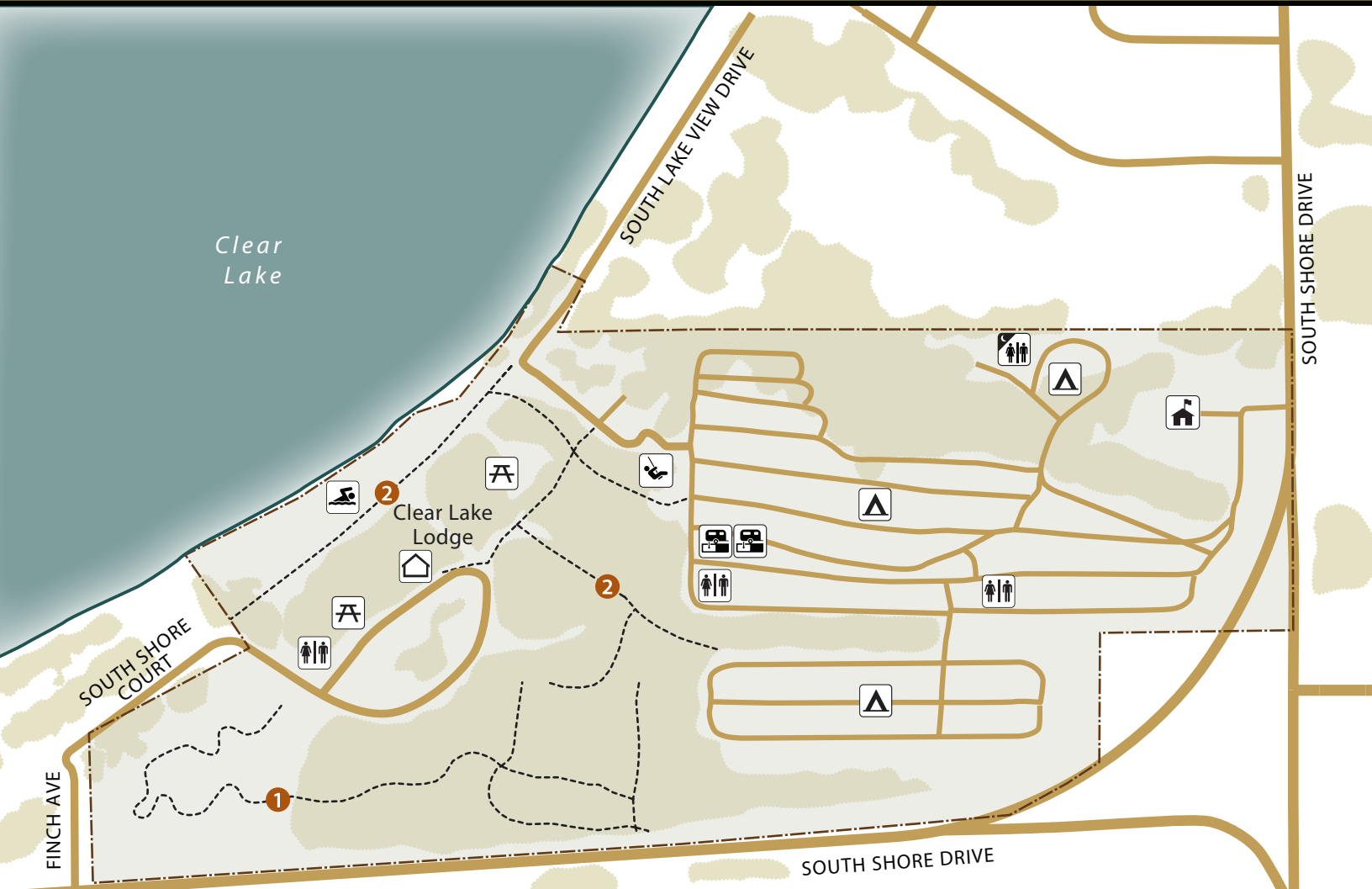
Park Office: 641-357-4212

Park Ranger: Josh Rembe

For emergencies, please call 911.

SEVERE WEATHER

During severe weather, campers can use the shower building as an emergency shelter. The local radio station is 106.1 FM. There is a siren close to the park that will sound in the event of a tornado warning.



← Ritz Shelter (West 2 miles)

MAP KEY

- Beach Area
- Campground
- Day-Use Lodge
- Dump Station
- Park Office
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom - Modern (Seasonal)
- Restroom - Nonmodern (Year-round)
- Shelter
- Trail
- Road
- Park Boundary

TRAIL INFORMATION

| Trail Name | Trail Activity | Length | Level of Difficulty | Estimated Hike Time |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Prairie Trail | Hiking, X-Country Skiing | 0.7 mi. | Moderate | 17 minutes |
| 2 Bike Trail | Hiking, Biking | 0.2 mi. | Easy | 5 minutes |

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.

