



# IOWA STATE PARKS

## ELK ROCK STATE PARK

811 146<sup>th</sup> Ave, Knoxville IA 50138

Welcome to Elk Rock State Park, located on Iowa's largest water body, Lake Red Rock. With more than 50,000 acres of public land to use, the Red Rock area boasts a wide array of recreational opportunities. Elk Rock State Park, with some of its unique amenities, is especially attractive to horse enthusiasts.

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

Elk Rock has two campgrounds, one for traditional use and one dedicated to equestrian users. The traditional camping area includes electric sites and non-electric sites. A modern shower building and trailer dumping station are available.

The equestrian campground features several sites as well, most with electrical hook-ups. A modern shower building, horse stalls, hitching rails and a 100-foot-by-200-foot riding arena are available.

The park's 13 miles of multi-use trails radiate from the equestrian campground and can be used for riding horses, hiking, mountain biking, or snowmobiling in the winter. The trail system winds through a variety of habitats, from woodlands to remnants of native prairie and offers a variety of wildlife viewing opportunities. The lake is a major stopping-off point for waterfowl and other migratory species in both spring and fall, including white pelicans and bald eagles. Trails are occasionally closed due to wet conditions. Contact the park office for current trail status. Horse riders, along with other user groups, can enjoy the one-mile, all-weather trail that connects the camping area to the back side of the park.

Elk Rock has two different boat ramps to access Lake Red Rock. There is a six-lane ramp located at the entrance to the park, while the second is located on the back side of the park near the park office. Anglers can try their luck fishing for bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish and a variety of other fish around the lake.

Elk Rock State Park has a picnic area located approximately 1 mile north of the main park entrance on Highway 14. This area has one open shelter and can be reserved online.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

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

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

Knoxville, 6 miles south, is home to the Knoxville Raceway and Newton, 23 miles north, is home to the Iowa Speedway. Both hold a number of racing events throughout the year. Pella, 10 miles northeast, also has many attractions. The Dutch community of Pella has many shops and attractions, and celebrates its heritage with their annual Tulip Festival, held on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday of May. Approximately 22 miles west are the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge and Prairie Learning Center. The center offers a movie, interactive displays and bookstore/gift shop all related to the natural history of prairies and prairie restoration. The refuge has hiking trails and a drive-through bison/elk enclosure. Roberts Creek and Cordova Park, just north of Elk Rock, are popular fishing, boating and picnic spots. They are administered by the Marion County Conservation Board.

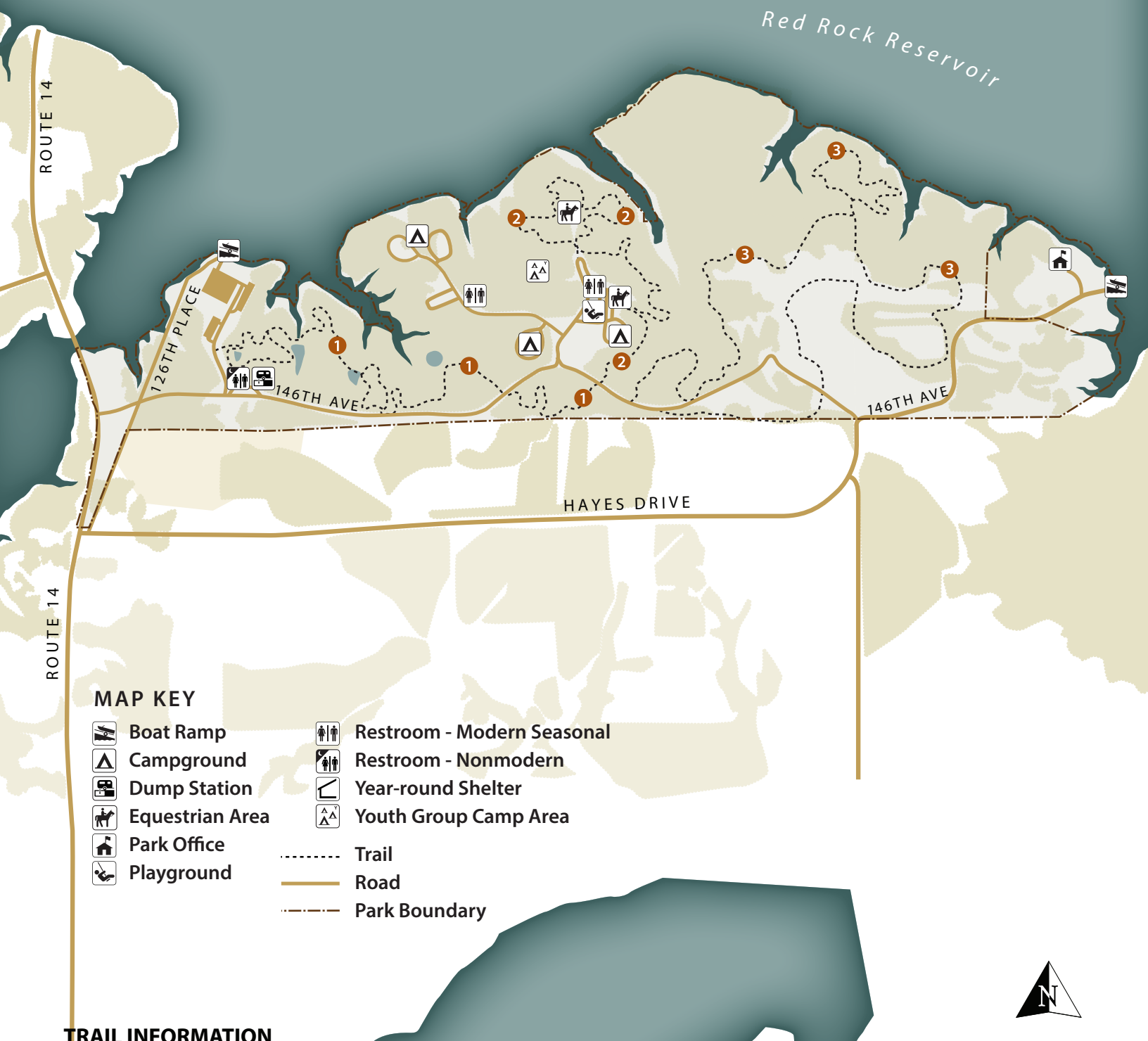
### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 641-842-6008  
Park Ranger: Chad Rowson














### **SEVERE WEATHER**

Elk Rock does not have a designated shelter. In case of severe weather, visitors may take shelter in one of the shower buildings.

**For emergencies, please call 911.**



**MAP KEY**

-  Boat Ramp
-  Campground
-  Dump Station
-  Equestrian Area
-  Park Office
-  Playground
-  Restroom - Modern Seasonal
-  Restroom - Nonmodern
-  Year-round Shelter
-  Youth Group Camp Area
-  Trail
-  Road
-  Park Boundary

**TRAIL INFORMATION**

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
<b>1</b> West Loop Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile, Equestrian	2.2 mi.	Easy	53 minutes
<b>2</b> North Loop Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile, Equestrian	1.8 mi.	Easy	43 minutes
<b>3</b> East Loop Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile, Equestrian	4.0 mi.	Easy	1 hour, 36 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.

