



# IOWA STATE PARKS

## GREEN VALLEY STATE PARK

1480 130<sup>th</sup> St, Creston IA 50801

Welcome to Green Valley State Park. Green Valley is the base camp for anglers trying their luck at four area lakes (Three Mile, Twelve Mile, Summit Lake and Green Valley Lake), all located within 15 miles of each other. Whether you are here to fish, camp, swim or just relax, we hope you enjoy your stay.

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

Renovated in 2009, the large campground awaits overnight guests along with three popular camping cabins. A new playground was also added to the campground during the renovation.

The lake fishery was renovated in 2008 to eliminate some problem species. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish have all been restocked and are growing rapidly. Walleyes were stocked in 2010.

A number of fishing jetties, two universally accessible fishing piers and four boat ramps make access to Green Valley's 390-acre lake very convenient. A section of shoreline is designated as 24-hour fishing access and is highlighted on the map found on the reverse side.

A 10-mile trail will take you completely around the lake. The trail is a combination of concrete, grass, crushed rock, and existing roadways and is open to hikers and bicyclists. A 3.5-mile section was paved in 2015, starting in the campground and ending near the Green Valley Lake Dam. The paved trail connects with 3-miles of hard surface trails south of the lake. This trail passes through DNR-managed Mitchell Marsh, enters Creston next to Southwestern Community College, and continues south through town to McKinley City Park.

The 6.5-mile grass multi-purpose trail section provides visitors excellent opportunities to investigate remote areas of the 1,060-acre park. The trail takes you through a variety of habitats, from wetland areas around the fringes of the lake, to woodlands and remnants of native prairie. Depending on season and time of day, keen observers may see a variety of wildlife residing in these various habitats.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

No jet-powered boats are allowed on this lake. This includes personal watercrafts. Water skiing is allowed in the designated zone. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

Several lakes surrounding and including Green Valley Lake have been renovated since 2005. These lakes provide outstanding fishing opportunities for walleye, largemouth bass, channel catfish, and panfish. Three Mile Lake also has campgrounds and cabins managed by the Union County Conservation Board. Contact them at 641-347-5100 for more information. Creston hosts a traditional Independence Day celebration every 4<sup>th</sup> of July as well as Southwest Iowa Hot Air Balloon Days on the third weekend of September.

### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 641-782-5131  
Park Ranger: Jason Hyde  
Park Manager: Joe Burg

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

There are no designated storm shelters at the park. The YMCA in Creston (3 miles south on Green Valley Road) is the closest designated shelter available for park visitors.

**For emergencies, please call 911.**



**TRAIL INFORMATION**

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
<b>1</b> Green Valley Trail, Natural	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile, X-Country Ski	5.0 mi.	Moderate	2 hours
<b>2</b> Green Valley Trail, Paved	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile, X-Country Ski	4.3 mi.	Moderate	1 hr-42min

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.  
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