



IOWA STATE PARKS

LAKE KEOMAH STATE PARK

2720 Keomah Ln, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Welcome to Lake Keomah State Park. The park's name was derived from the first three letters of Keokuk and Mahaska counties. A portion of the south side of the lake was reserved for private development and many homes dot this side of the lake. The park was dedicated in 1934. Many of its facilities were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

Lake Keomah has a number of fishing jetties and a universally accessible fishing pier that provide great shoreline access to the 84-acre lake. Anglers can try their luck fishing for bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass and channel catfish. Two boat ramps are located around the lake for convenient lake access. A section of the lake shoreline is designated for 24-hour fishing.

Lake Keomah has a swimming beach, several picnic areas with two open shelters that are available for reservation. The park lodge is very popular for weddings, reunions, and birthday and retirement parties, and can be reserved online as well.

The campground has several campsites (most with electrical hook-ups), modern showers, rest rooms and a trailer dump station. Lake Keomah also has a dining/rest room building available on a reservation basis to youth groups and other organizations. Camping for group members is allowed nearby.

A 3-mile walking trail follows the lake and wanders through the town of Keomah. If you plan to walk the entire trail, the north and east sides of the park do not have rest room facilities, so plan accordingly. The trail takes you through a variety of habitats, and the keen observer may get a glimpse of wildlife species that call these habitats home. The trail is a combination of grass and crushed rock with some segments using the public roadways. Shorter trails from the lodge and campground connect to the main trail around the lakeshore.

Lake Keomah has cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing and a great hill for sledding and tubing for wintertime fun.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Only electric trolling motors are allowed on the lake. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules. See regulations for detail on overnight fishing.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Hawthorne Lake is located 15 miles north of the park. White Oak Lake and Russell Wildlife Center are located east of Lake Keomah and north of Oskaloosa. Mahaska County Conservation Commission has other recreational facilities; contact MCCB at 641.673.9327. The community of Oskaloosa hosts Art on the Square in June, Sweet Corn Serenade in August and the Lighted Christmas Parade in December. Nelson Pioneer Farm hosts their annual celebration in September. For park visitors who enjoy stock car races, Oskaloosa has races every Wednesday night at the fairgrounds.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 641-673-6975
Park Ranger: Chad Malone

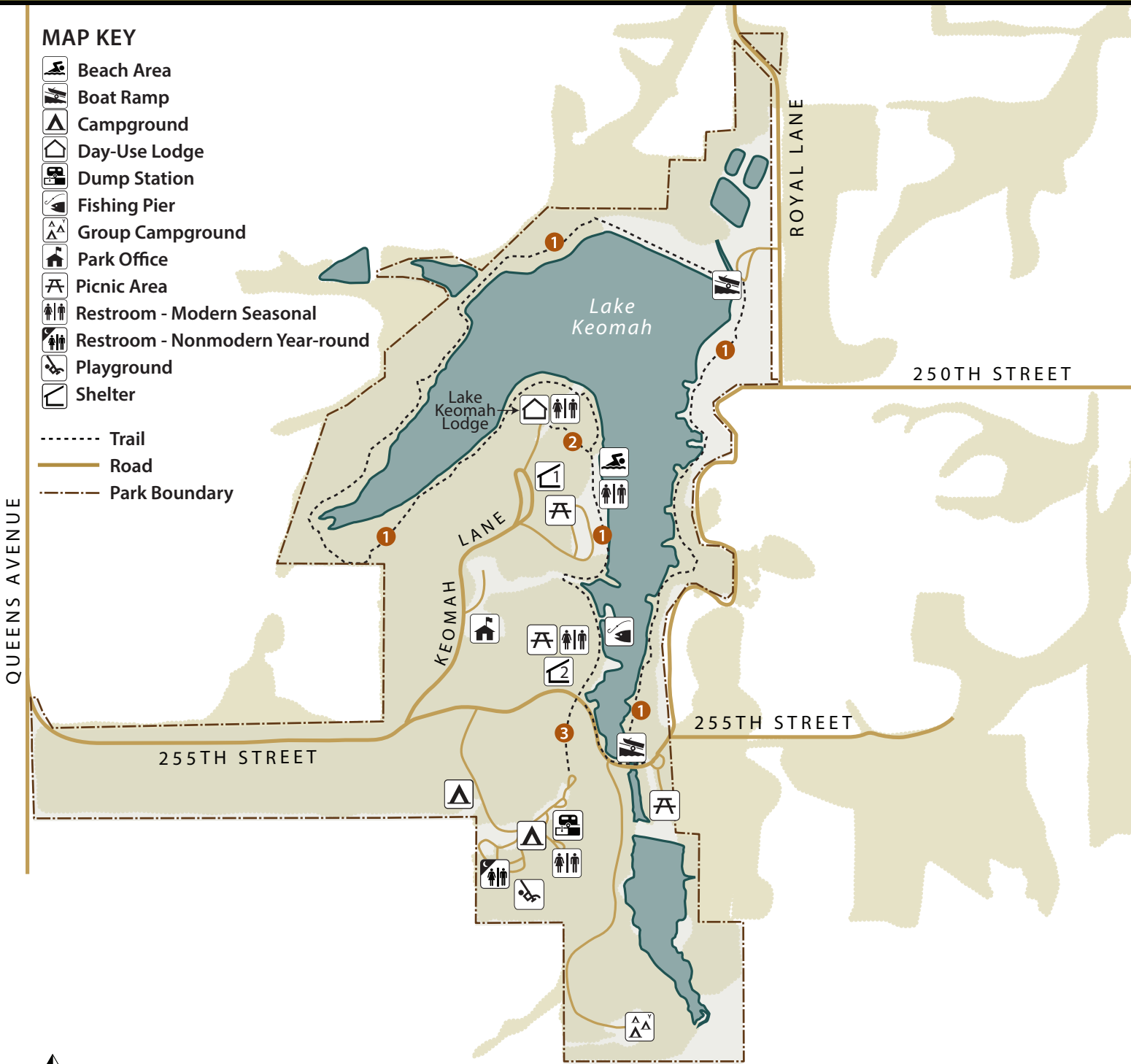
SEVERE WEATHER

There are no designated storm shelters at the park. Park staff and campground hosts will notify park visitors when severe weather exists.

For emergencies, please call 911

MAP KEY

-  Beach Area
-  Boat Ramp
-  Campground
-  Day-Use Lodge
-  Dump Station
-  Fishing Pier
-  Group Campground
-  Park Office
-  Picnic Area
-  Restroom - Modern Seasonal
-  Restroom - Nonmodern Year-round
-  Playground
-  Shelter
-  Trail
-  Road
-  Park Boundary



TRAIL INFORMATION

| Trail Name | Trail Activity | Length | Level of Difficulty | Estimated Hike Time |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Lake Trail | Hike, Cross-Country Ski | 3.03 mi. | Easy | 1 hour 12 mins. |
| 2 Lodge Trail | Hike, Cross-Country Ski | .13 mi. | Easy | 3 minutes |
| 3 Campground Trail | Hike, Cross-Country Ski | .13 mi. | Easy | 3 minutes |

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.