



## VOLGA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

10225 Ivy Rd, Fayette, IA 52142

The Volga River State Recreation Area is located in one of the most scenic parts of the state. Northeast Iowa is often referred to as "Little Switzerland" because of its rugged topography, rock outcroppings and forest cover -- a sharp contrast to the majority of the state's rolling hills, farmland and scattered stands of timber. The heavily wooded, rugged area of Volga River is an exciting setting for a variety of outdoor recreation activities through out the year.

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

Frog Hollow Lake, located in the northern part of the recreation area, is a 138-acre artificial lake with a diversity of fish. The lake's mainstay is its populations of bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass and channel catfish. Sailboating and canoeing are very popular on this lake. There is a two-lane boat ramp, a floating fishing pier, a floating kayak launch, and shoreline sidewalk and jetties. Picnic areas and a small open shelter are located next to the lake area. There is no swimming in this lake.

The Volga River, which meanders through the southern part of the recreation area, holds smallmouth bass, rock bass and channel catfish. It also provides a beautiful float trip for kayaks and canoes as it travels through large tracks of timber with steep rock outcroppings. Because the river meanders so much through the area, you can go on a five-hour float and only travel 3 miles between river entrance and exit points. River access points are marked and easily accessible.

One of the major features of Volga River State Recreation Area is the 22 miles of multi-use trails. There are several natural water crossings on the trails and may be impassable during the spring for hikers. In the summer months, they are heavily used by equestrian riders, mountain bikers and hikers. In the winter, they provide outdoor activities for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. The trails are groomed for these activities. Call the park office about trail conditions.

Volga River has two campgrounds. The Lakeview campground has several campsites and one organized youth group campsite. The Albany Campground has a myriad of equestrian campsites and some non-equestrian primitive campsites.

The Volga River State Recreation Area is also a 5,700-acre public hunting area. Because of the various types of habitat -- prairie, timber, open meadow, crop fields, wetlands, lake and river -- this area has a variety of wildlife species to hunt. Everything from waterfowl, small game, wild turkey and whitetail deer are hunted during open seasons. There is a 20-25 target, in a half-mile long public archery range that begins near the turn-around above the Albany Campground.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Any size motor may be operated at no-wake speeds on Frog Hollow Lake. Trail users stay on designated trails. Hunting is prohibited near buildings and campgrounds. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

The Fayette County Fairgrounds host Friday night races during the summer in West Union, located 5 miles north of the area. Upper Iowa University in Fayette, located 3 miles south of the area, has activities worth checking out throughout the school year. There is a winery outside the East entrance on Ivy Rd that can be accessed by trail.

### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 563.425.4161  
Park Ranger: Rylan Retallick  
Park Manager: Austin Lette

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

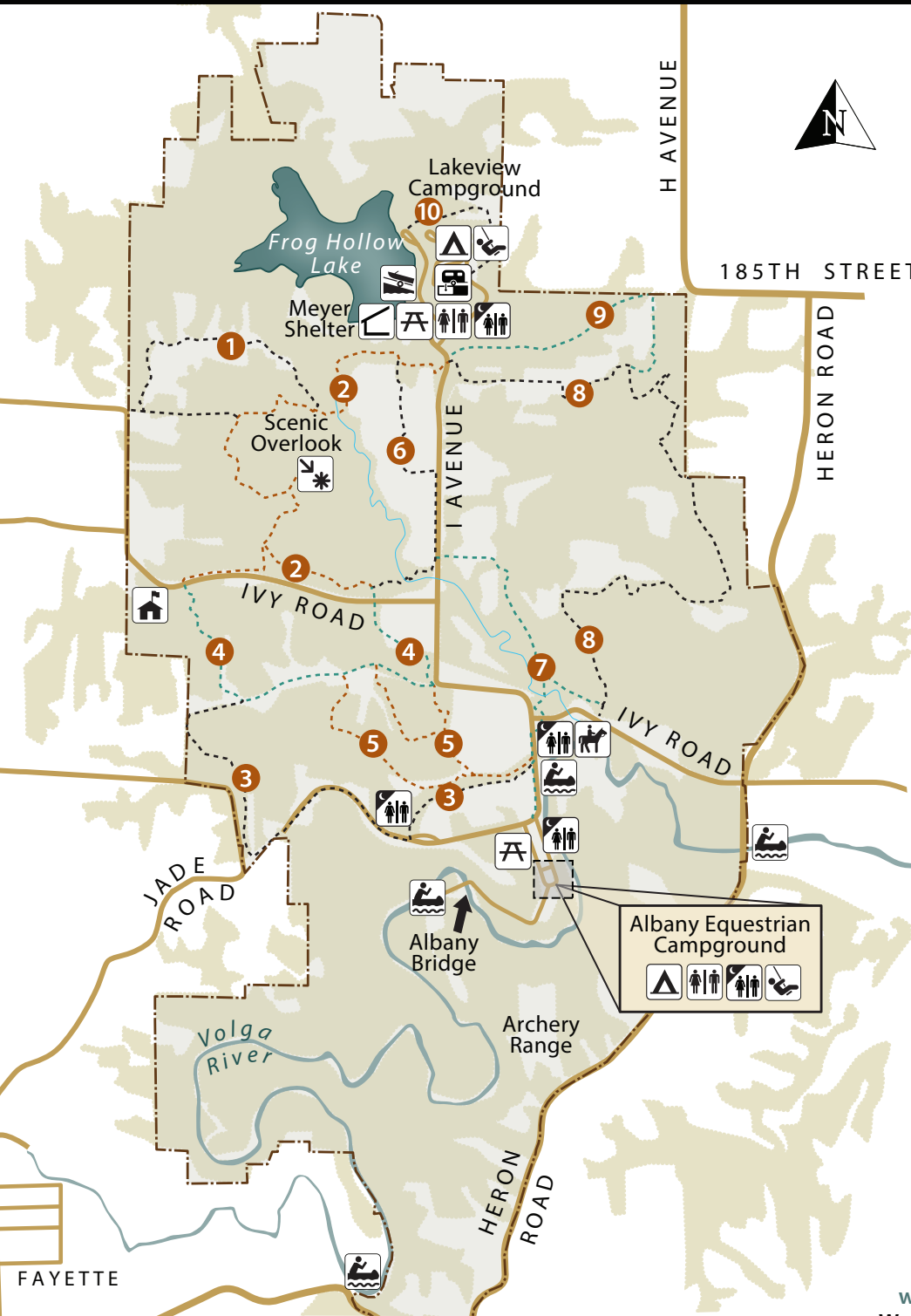
There are no designated storm shelters in the Volga River State Recreation Area.

**For emergencies, please call 911.**

For reservations, visit <https://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com/> or call 877.427.2757



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## MAP KEY

- Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Canoe Access
- Dump Station
- Equestrian Day Use
- Park Office
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Point of Interest
- 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 Orchard Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.8 mi.	Moderate	43 min.
2 Frog Hollow Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	2.6 mi.	Moderate	1 hr.
3 Deport Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	2.4 mi.	Moderate	58 min.
4 Ridge Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.7 mi.	Moderate	41 min.
5 Albany Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.7 mi.	Moderate	41 min.
6 Prairie Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	3.3 mi.	Easy	1 hr.-15 min.
7 Lower Lima Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian	1.5 mi.	Moderate	36 min.
8 Lima Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	4.5 mi.	Hard	1 hr.-48 min.
9 Upper Lima	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, X-Country Ski	1.8 mi.	Moderate	43 min.
10 Campground Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	.75 mi.	Moderate	17 min.

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Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.

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