IOWA STATE PARKS

BRUSHY CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA 2802 Brushy Creek Rd., Lehigh, IA 50557

At 6,500 acres, Brushy Creek is one of Iowa's largest tracts of public recreation land with a mosaic of native prairie, grassland, timber, riparian and lake habitats. Dedicated in 1968, Brushy Creek remained a primitive and undeveloped recreation area until the 1990s. Dam construction began in 1993 and was finished in 1998, creating a 690-acre lake -- the deepest man-made permanent pool in Iowa. And today, with its extensive network of trails, Brushy Creek is also one of Iowa's premier equestrian areas. Visitors to Brushy Creek can get a real sense of being "away from it all" while enjoying a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities.

PARK POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

With more than 35 miles of multi-use trails, Brushy Creek is especially attractive to horseback riders, but also appealing to hikers, mountain bikers, snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. The Lake and Pond Trails provide 14 miles of gravel trail that is open in all weather conditions.

Two large, modern equestrian campgrounds and one non-equestrian campground are available. For the day-user, there are five picnic areas overlooking the lake or creek and a very large beach to enjoy a hot summer day.

Brushy Creek Lake has 21 miles of shoreline with four boat ramps and 8 fishing jetties. A universally accessible fishing pier is located on the west side of the lake. Anglers can try their luck fishing for bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye or muskellunge.

Brushy Creek has two gun ranges for public use. One is a target range for paper targets or steel silhouettes, and the other is a shotgun range for clay pigeons.

Hunting is one of the most popular activities at Brushy Creek. Every year, hunters pursue a variety of game species ranging from pheasants, quail, rabbits and squirrels to white-tailed deer and wild turkey. A number of designated parking areas are located throughout Brushy Creek to provide convenient access for hunters.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Trails are closed to non-foot traffic during wet conditions. Call the park office for current trail conditions. Less than 5mph speed is required on the lake. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENT/ATTRACTIONS

Dolliver Memorial State Park is located about seven miles west. Check out www.greaterfortdodge.com for local attractions and upcoming events in Fort Dodge (16 miles northwest) and in the surrounding areas of Webster County.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 515.543.8298
Park Technician: Sarah Gnade
Park Manager: Amber O'Neill

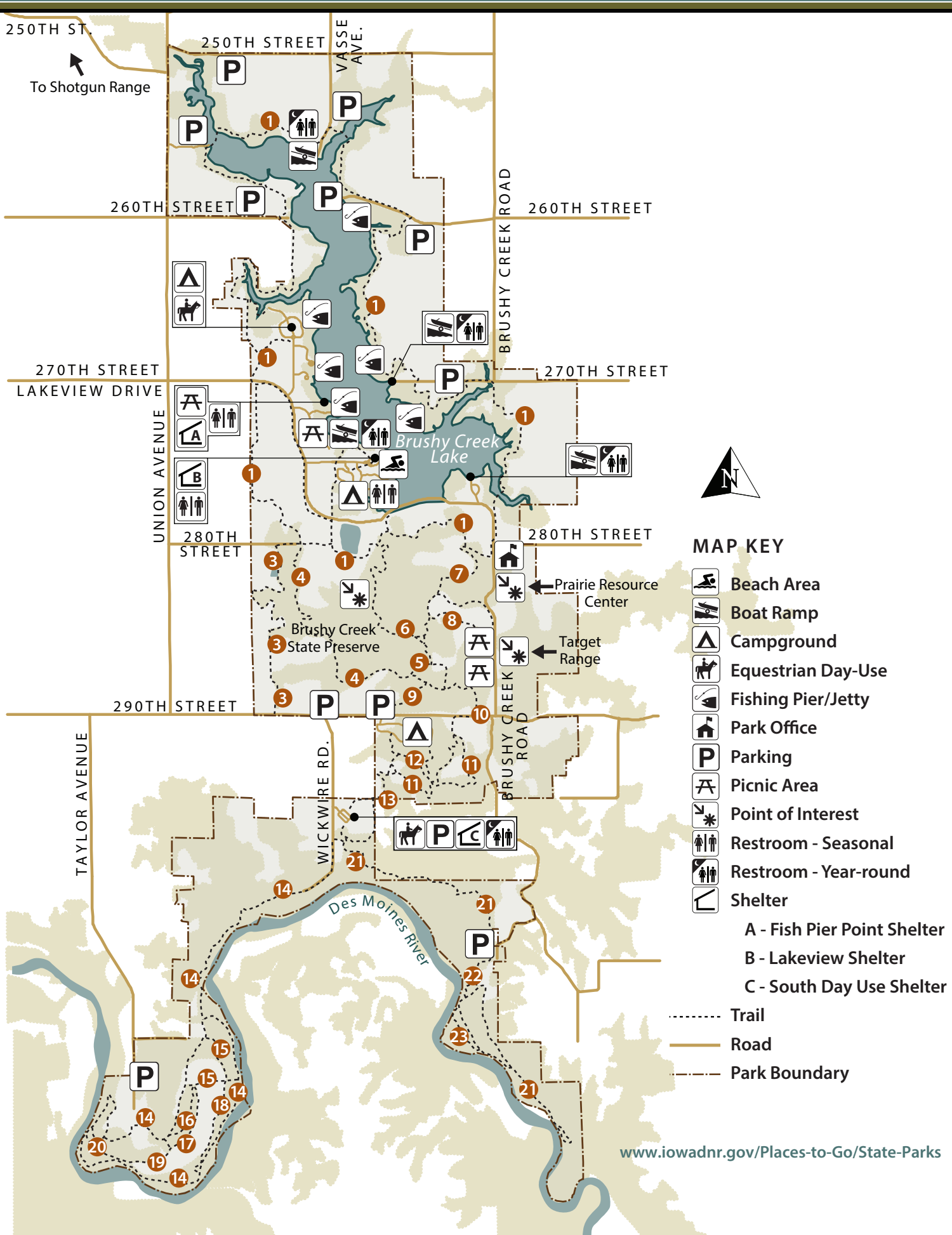
SEVERE WEATHER

No designated storm shelters are available at the park. The park staff will attempt to contact and warn visitors if severe weather is approaching. Shower buildings are recommended for emergency shelter if necessary.

For emergencies, please call 911.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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MAP KEY

- Beach Area
- Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Equestrian Day-Use
- Fishing Pier/Jetty
- Park Office
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Point of Interest
- Restroom - Seasonal
- Restroom - Year-round
- Shelter
  - A - Fish Pier Point Shelter
  - B - Lakeview Shelter
  - C - South Day Use Shelter
- Trail
- Road
- Park Boundary

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