IOWA STATE PARKS

FAIRPORT STATE RECREATION AREA

3280 IA Hwy 22, Muscatine IA 52761

Located near Muscatine along the banks of the Mississippi River, Fairport State Recreation Area is a favorite destination for river lovers. Whether you are looking for comfortable camping, easy boating access, or stunning river scenery, Fairport offers the perfect outdoor escape.

CAMPING & AMENITIES

- **Modern Camping:** The 100% Reservable Campground features 42 electric back-in sites, each equipped with electrical hookups.
- **Convenience:** On-site amenities include modern shower facilities, accessible water sources, and a dump station.
- **River Views:** Relax at your campsite and watch the life of the river drift by - from native wildlife to the impressive commercial barges and recreational vessels traveling the "Father of Waters."

BOATING & FISHING

- **River Access:** Located on Pool 16, the park offers two boat ramps with courtesy docks.
- **Parking:** Two large parking lots provide ample space for vehicles and boat trailers of all sizes.
- **The Catch:** Anglers will find prime fishing opportunities, with walleye and catfish being the local favorites.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

The **Fairport State Fish Hatchery** is just a short drive to the east along Hwy 22. This historic hatchery is still in use today and started its life in the early 1900s. Visitors can explore walking trails and educational kiosks and view the various holding ponds.

Wildcat Den State Park (4 miles east)

- **Primitive Camping:** For a rustic experience, try the Wildcat Den campground.
- **Historic Sites:** Home to the famous Pine Creek Grist Mill and a historic schoolhouse.
- **Hiking:** Explore scenic trails along dramatic sandstone bluffs.
- **Picnicking:** Open shelters (reservable), picnic tables, and grills are available.
- **Event:** Don't miss the **Buckskinners Rendezvous**, held annually on the third weekend of September.

LOCAL AREA

Fairport is centrally located, offering easy access to city amenities, shopping, dining, and festivals.

- **Muscatine:** 5 miles west.
- **Davenport:** 18 miles east (part of the Quad Cities).

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules or visit the Iowa DNR website.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 563-263-4337
Park Ranger: Ben Marcus
Park Manager: Erik Acker

SEVERE WEATHER

There are no designated storm shelters in Fairport State Recreation Area. The parks staff will make every effort to notify visitors of approaching severe weather.

For emergencies, please call 911

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