



IOWA STATE PARKS

CEDAR ROCK

2611 Quasqueton Diagonal Blvd, Independence IA 50644

Welcome to Cedar Rock the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Walter estate, a cultural resource within the Iowa state park system. Cedar Rock is one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most complete designs, as nearly everything bears the architect's imprint. Wright designed the furniture, selected the carpets, chose the draperies and selected the accessories.

PARK POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

The estate consists of a collection of four Frank Lloyd Wright-designed structures: the Walter home, River Pavilion, Council Fire and Entrance Gate. The 1950 house exemplifies the simplified style Frank Lloyd Wright developed and called "Usonian." In Wright's Usonian design, everything is compact and efficient except for the combination living and dining room, which Wright called the "garden room." At 900 square feet the garden room comprises more than one-half of the home's square footage. Glass walls allow natural light to filter into the home, framing breathtaking views of the Wapsipinicon River while expressing Wright's organic design.

In addition to the home, the 11-acre wooded site includes the Wright-designed Boat Pavilion, an outdoor entertaining area Wright called the "council fire," and a formal Entrance Gate. At the Cedar Rock Visitor Center, there is an exhibit area, gift shop and public rest rooms.

Please reserve your tour at 319-934-3572 or email cedar_rock@dnr.iowa.gov. Walk-ins are accepted only as space permits. There is no formal charge, however, a tax deductible donation is appreciated.

Special program event details are posted online at www.iowadnr.gov/parks/special_events/.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

All park visitors must register at the visitor center.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Buchanan County has several unique attractions, some of which include Wapsipinicon Mill, Illinois Central Railroad Depot and Buchanan County Visitor Center, Heartland Acres Agribition Center, Iowa's largest frying pan in Brandon and the Old Order Amish Settlement near Hazleton. There are several recreational opportunities throughout the county. Contact the Buchanan County Conservation Board at www.buchanancountyparks.com for information on other recreation areas.

From a truly patriotic way to celebrate Independence Day to Christmas at the Depot, there are many events in the city of Independence to experience. For a complete list of events, please visit the Independence Chamber of Commerce website at www.indycommerce.com/events.php

Camping, cabins, hiking, boating, boat rental, fishing, swimming, rappelling, biking and equestrian opportunities are available at nearby Backbone and Pleasant Creek state parks.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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SEVERE WEATHER

The closest designated storm shelter area is the park visitor center basement.

For emergencies, please call 911.