DMA & Vessel Storage Fees and Waitlist

2027 Season
Effective January 1

Mandatory Digital Payment Notice: All fees must be submitted online via **Iowa ePayment** using credit card, debit card, or electronic check (e-check). Walk-in and mail-in cash or check payments are no longer accepted at state park offices or hatcheries.

Dock Management Area (DMA) Docks & Slips

IAC 571—16.18

DMAs are designated public shoreline areas where individuals or neighborhood associations apply for permits to place shared docks, hoists or slips on public waters.

Permits are issued for 5-year terms and require annual permit fee payments by April 1st each year, as well as timely renewal prior to expiration, to maintain active status. To ensure public access is fully utilized, permitted slips must be actively used—with a registered watercraft moored and operated—at least once per calendar year; failure to meet active-use requirements may result in permit cancellation.

Dock Permit holders must provide annual proof of active $1,000,000 general liability insurance. They may also request that individual hoist or slip permit holders pay an equal, proportional share of the actual, documented costs incurred for dock installation, maintenance, seasonal removal, and required liability insurance. These private cost-sharing arrangements are strictly private agreements managed directly between the permit holders and are neither collected, enforced, nor processed through the State of Iowa's permitting system.

Location	Dock Permit Fee	Hoist/Slip Permit Fee
Beeds Lake	$100	$50
Black Hawk Lake Marina	$200	$50
Black Hawk Lake Denison	$200	$50
Black Hawk Lake North Shore	$200	$50
Blue Lake	Inactive Due to Low Water Levels: Dock Management Area permitting and waitlist offers at this location are temporarily paused due to low water conditions.	
Clear Lake Ventura Heights	$250	$50
Clear Lake Harbourage	$600	$100*
Clear Lake North Shore	$250	$50
East Okoboji Beach	$250	$50
Triboji Lakeshore	$250	$50
Triboji Lazy Lagoon	$250	$50*
Pillsbury Point	$250	$50
Lower Pine Lake	$100	$50
Lake Macbride The Pines	$600	$100*
Lake Macbride Lakecrest	$600	$100*
Rice Lake	$100	$50
Union Grove	$100	$50
Lake Odessa	$100	$25

NOTE: Items with an * are locations where a hoist or slip is allowed. All other locations are hoist only. Fees are the same.

State Park Vessel Storage (Wet Storage)

IAC 571—61.8

In-water slip space is permitted on state-owned docks managed by Iowa State Parks. To maintain access, permittees must pay their annual fee online prior to mooring any vessel in the assigned slip. Boats moored in the slip must be registered under the permittee's name.

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Location	Annual Slip Fee
Lake Anita State Park	$200
Lake Keomah State Park	$200
Lake Macbride State Park	$800
Lake Wapello State Park	$200
Prairie Rose State Park	$250
Rock Creek State Park	$400
Viking Lake State Park	$200

Waitlist Guide for DMA & Vessel Storage

Although DMAs and State Park Vessel Storage both feature waitlists when facilities reach capacity, each program administers its list through a separate allocation structure.

Criteria	DMA (IAC 571—16.16)	Vessel Storage (IAC 571—61.9)
Waitlist Eligibility & Priority Rules	3-Tier Proximity Priority • Priority 1 - Adjoining Property • Priority 2 - Interior Subdivision Lots • Priority 3 - General Public • Priority 4 - Non-residents	Chronological Order • First-come, First-served
Receiving & Accepting an Offer	When an opening occurs, the next applicant is notified and has 14 days to contact the existing dock or slip owners to review site arrangements before officially accepting the offer through their account dashboard.	When a spot becomes available, the next applicant on the waitlist is notified and given 14 days to accept the opportunity.
Declining or Pausing Your Spot	Passed to next eligible applicant in tier order.	Refusal = name permanently removed from the waitlist.
Vessel Verification	Name on the waitlist must match the name on the vessel registration.	
Annual Contact Information Verification	To ensure you receive time-sensitive opportunity notifications, waitlist applicants must log in to their account annually to review, verify, and update their primary email address and account details.	