



## BEEDS LAKE STATE PARK

1422 165th St, Hampton, IA 50441

Welcome to Beeds Lake State Park, a centerpiece of Franklin County. The park's beautiful limestone Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) dam is the most photographed dam in the Midwest. Access to the dam is on the east side of the lake.

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

Beeds Lake has a number of excellent fishing accesses on the lake and stream. There is a universally accessible jetty not far from the lake boat ramp. The causeway was originally built to store water for the raceway to the mill, which was located downstream from the current dam. A catch of the day might include crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass and northern pike. There are smallmouth bass in Spring Creek below the dam.

Beeds Lake lodge may be reserved for weddings, reunions, graduations and other gatherings. The CCC-built lodge, constructed from local fieldstone, was once a beach concession but was renovated in the 1990s into the current lodge. Two open stone shelters are also located nearby the lodge and concession. These shelters may be reserved for family events.

Beeds Lake is a great vacation area with several overnight accommodation options. The campground has a plethora of campsites, several with electric hook-ups. Tent only areas are also available.

One of the most beautiful trails in the park winds around the causeway to the north side of the lake (two mile long foot trail) and eventually to the dam with its limestone steps. Cross the waters of Spring Creek below the dam and climb to the large Beeds Lake campground. Another trail takes you to the silt dam at the west end of the lake. The local community and park visitors look forward to the completion of a new bike trail from Hampton to Beeds Lake State Park.

### **The Friends of Beeds Lake**

The Friends of Beeds Lake supports the park and provides two great events for park visitors. Every Fourth of July holiday weekend, the friends group sponsors an omelet breakfast. In addition, the last Saturday of August, the group sponsors a 5K walk/run, 10K run and a half marathon. Proceeds from the events go to assist Beeds Lake State Park. Visit [www.friendsofbeedslake.com](http://www.friendsofbeedslake.com) for more information.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Beeds Lake is a no-wake lake. No jet skis or high-speed boating is allowed. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

The Franklin County Fair is simply one of the most impressive county fairs in the state with plenty of small town country flavor. For Franklin County Fair dates please check their website, <http://franklincountyfair.com/wp>. The Beed's Lake campground is always busy during the week of the fair so reserve your campsite in advance.

### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 641.456.2047  
Park Ranger: Scott Doescher

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

The two concrete shower/restroom facilities located in the campground are the severe weather stations. A severe weather siren located in the campground will sound when a tornado warning has been issued for the Beeds Lake area.

**For emergencies, please call 911**

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



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## MAP KEY

-  Beach Area
-  Boat Ramp
-  Campground
-  Day-Use Lodge
-  Fish Cleaning Station
-  Fishing Pier
-  Park Office
-  Park Residence
-  Picnic Area
-  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 Beeds Lake Trail	Hike	1.79 miles	Easy	43 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.

