LAKE ANITA STATE PARK

55111 750th St, Anita, IA 50020

Welcome to Lake Anita State Park, located in Cass County in southwest Iowa. Whether you are here for some of the best fishing in southwest Iowa, swimming in one of the most beautiful lakes or camping in one of the most relaxing campgrounds, we hope you enjoy your stay.

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

Fishing is a very popular sport at Lake Anita. The 180-acre lake is home to largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, walleye and redear sunfish. Several jetties around the lake provide good shoreline fishing. Two boat ramps provide access to the lake for boat anglers. A pontoon storage rental is available for summer use.

A 4-mile multi-use trail runs completely around Lake Anita. It is covered with pavement and runs through restored prairie and by early successional timber, giving visitors a chance to view these diverse habitats and the different species of wildlife they hold. The paved Grass Roots Trail connects Lake Anita with the city of Anita leading to the downtown area. A short nature trail is available for hiking and seeing some of the different trees of the area.

A beach with a sand volleyball court is available, as well as a playground in the campground. The large campground has electrical hook-up sites and full hook-ups as options, and three modern shower/rest room buildings. Movies are shown every Saturday night in the campground, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

There are seven shelters available to rent throughout the park.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Lake Anita is open to boats running any size motors as long as they run at a maximum of 5mph. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

The Friends of Lake Anita hold different events throughout the summer including an annual kid's fishing day the first Saturday in June. Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lakeanitastatepark Anita holds its annual Whaletown Days the first weekend in August. Visit www.anitaiowa.com for more about Whaletown Days and other Anita events. The Crestwood Hills 18-hole golf course lies adjacent to the park. Atlantic is located 12 miles west of the park and also has many events and festivities throughout the year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 712.762.3564
Park Manager: Joshua Peach
Park Technician: Kara Duysen

SEVERE WEATHER

There is no designated storm shelter in the park. Severe weather sirens can be heard from the City of Anita. The park shower buildings or the Anita Fire Station can be used in an emergency.

For emergencies, please call 911

For reservations, visit https://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com/ or call 877-427-2757

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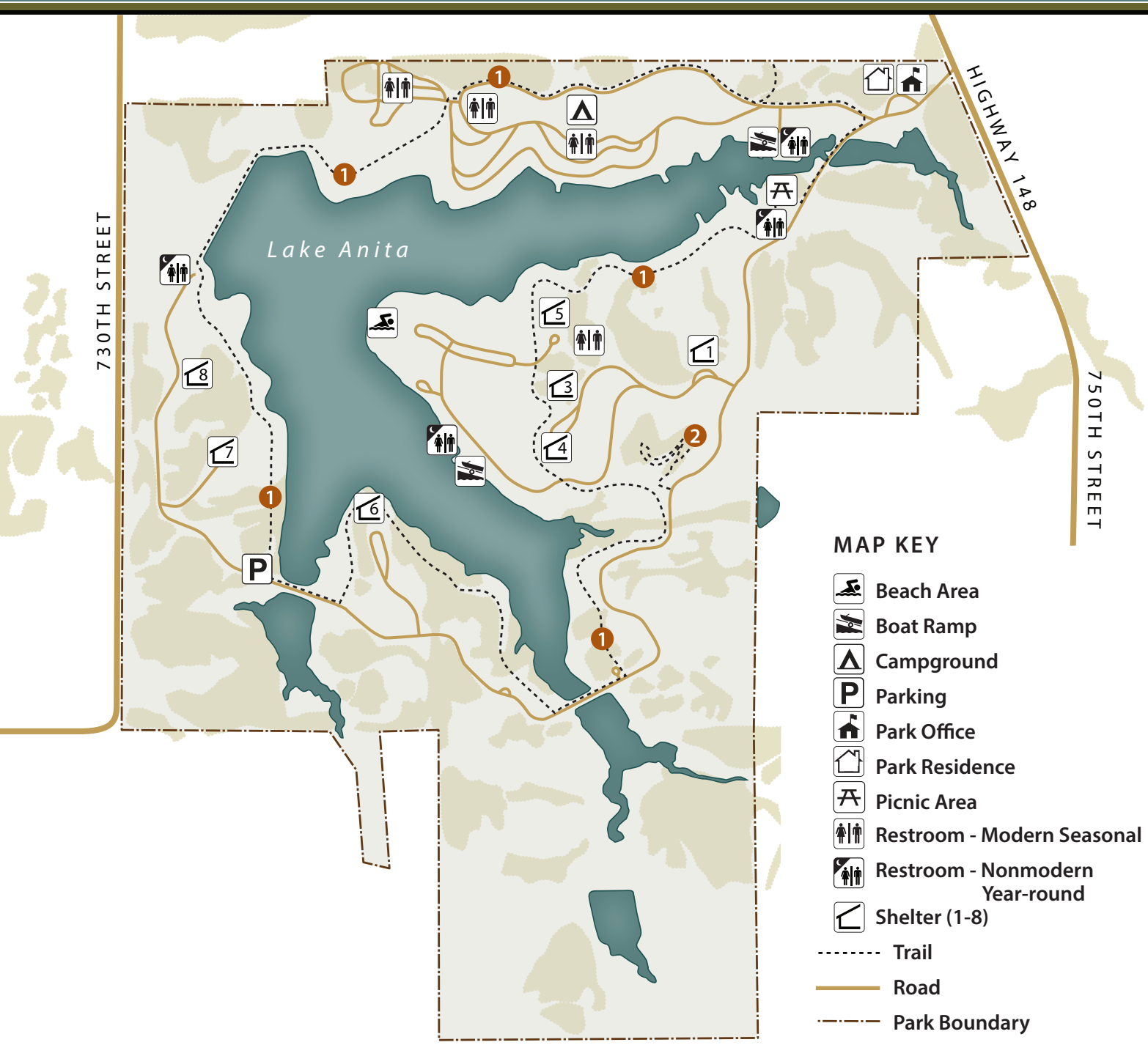

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 *Lake Anita Trail*	*Hiking, Biking*	*4.3 mi.*	*Moderate*	*1 hr 42 mins*
2 *Interpretive Trail*	*Hiking, Biking*	*.33 mi.*	*Moderate*	*8 minutes*

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.

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