Lake Wapello was named in honor of the famous Native American Chief Wapello. The park was an Iowa Fish and Game Commission project that gave the citizens of Iowa their first artificial lake. Rich in Civilian Conservation Corps history, which built most of the park’s infrastructure, Lake Wapello boasts outdoor opportunities for just about any outdoor enthusiast.

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO
Lake Wapello is a pristine, 289-acre lake. Here you will find some of the finest fishing for bluegill, redear sunfish, largemouth bass, crappie, and channel cats in the state. Extensive renovations were made to the lake during the early 1990s and in 2009. Fishing jetties, universally accessible fishing peers, and shoreline access were installed and enhanced to allow better shoreline fishing experiences. Underwater reefs, sunken cedar trees and spawning beds were added to provide better fish habitat.

Several watershed erosion control structures were installed throughout the park. These improvements have made water quality and fishing superb. Canoeing, kayaking, fishing and pleasure cruising are very enjoyable on the lake with a 5 mph maximum.

Lake Wapello has one of the finest sand beaches in southern Iowa and the largest beach house facility in Iowa’s state park system. Lake Wapello also has a day use lodge with a maximum capacity of 60 that may be reserved up to a year in advance.

The campground offers several sites with electric sites and full hook-up options. Modern shower and rest room facilities are available, as well as a trailer-dump station. The park also has several cedar-sided seasonal family cabins to rent April through October and one family cabin to rent year around. These cabins are very popular for family vacations and reunions.

The lake also has a 7-mile Lake Shore Trail, which will take you around the lake and through the park. Cross country skiing is a popular activity in the winter and there are several areas designated for cross country skiers. The park also offers multi-use trails for hiking and snowmobiling. A nature trail is located on the north side of the park.

There is a concession store available at the park that is run by the Friends of Lake Wapello. They provide boat rental, firewood, ice, and a variety of other items.

SPECIAL PARK RULES
The lake has a 5 mph maximum. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS
Lake Wapello is in the heart of Amish country. Many craft and furniture shops are just a few miles from the park.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION
Park Office: 641.722.3371
Park Ranger: Joe Mayhew
Park Manager: Ron Moore
For emergencies, please call 911

SEVERE WEATHER
There are no designated storm shelters in the park. Campground hosts and park staff monitors weather conditions and will alert the public of severe weather warnings. In an emergency, the campground shower building can be used as a shelter.

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