# LEWIS AND CLARK STATE PARK

21914 Park Loop, Onawa, IA 51046

Welcome to Lewis and Clark State Park, an area full of history. The park is named for Meriwether Lewis, secretary to President Thomas Jefferson, and Captain William Clark, United States Army, who were commissioned by President Jefferson in 1804 to head an expedition into the northwest to explore the vast territory purchased from France. With 26 men and supplies, Lewis and Clark led their expedition up the Missouri River from St. Louis by keelboat. Today, the park offers activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and boating. We hope you enjoy your stay.

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

On Aug. 9 and 10, 1804, Lewis and Clark spent time at the site where state park is now. Please take the opportunity to view the full-size reproduction of Lewis and Clark's keelboat on display and constructed by local volunteers and park staff. The new Interpretive Center remains under construction. Contact park staff for current project updates.

Lewis and Clark State Park is adjacent to a 250-acre lake with two boat ramps for easy lake access. Fishing, recreational boating and other water-oriented activities are a big draw for visitors. A beach is available for those who just want to spend some time in the sun or go for a swim.

The lodge at Lewis and Clark is a popular spot to reserve for family reunions, wedding receptions and other events. The lodge was built in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration. The park also has two open shelters available to reserve.

The large campground with several campsites, including electrical hookups and full hook-up and 2 youth sites, lie along the lakeshore. Modern rest rooms and showers are available, as well as a dump station.

**SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

**LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

The annual Lewis and Clark Festival is held in the park in June, celebrating the Lewis and Clark Expedition and reliving the lifestyle of that era. The festival features movies about the 1804 expedition, buckskinners in frontier dress, bluegrass music and historic presentations. The event also features contests and events for all ages, bluegrass music, and lots of living history.

**LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Park Office: 712.423.2829
Park Ranger: Katherine Hoeppner
Park Technician: Vacant

**SEVERE WEATHER**

There are no designated storm shelters at the park. The park staff will attempt to contact and warn visitors if severe weather is approaching. The shower building in the campground can be used as an emergency shelter.

**For emergencies, please call 911**

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

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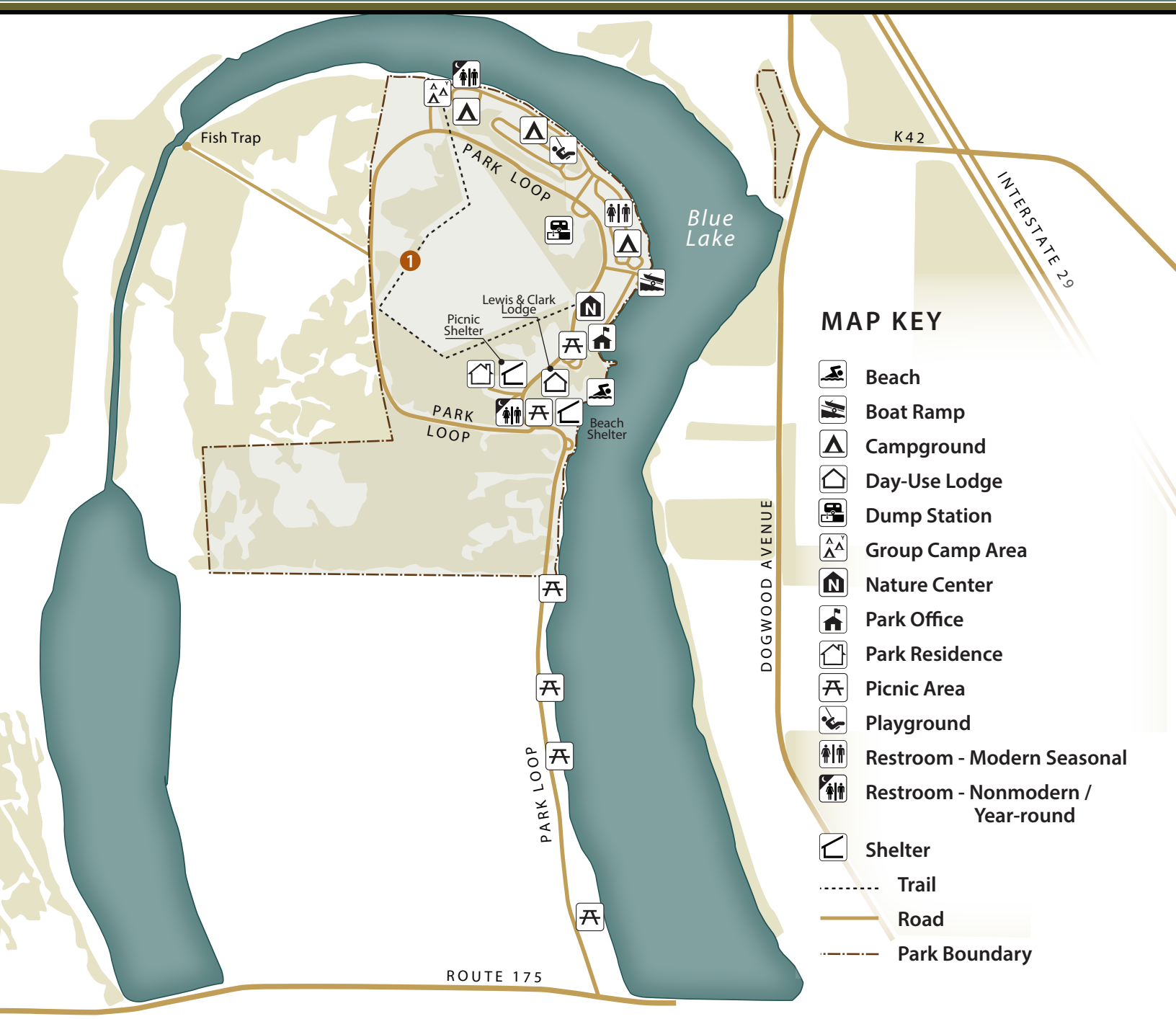


## TRAIL INFORMATION

| Trail Name | Trail Activity | Length | Level of Difficulty | Estimated Hike Time |
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| 1 *Lewis & Clark Trail* | *Hiking, Biking, Snowmobiling, X-Country Skiing* | *0.8mi.* | *Easy* | *1 hr 36 mins* |

**Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.**

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