



EXPLORE IOWA STATE PARKS!

Mines of Spain State Recreation Area opened in 1981. Rugged, wooded Mississippi River bluffland gives the Mines of Spain its beauty. The area is designated as a National Historic Landmark and Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area Partner Site. Native Americans once made their homes near the mouth of Catfish Creek where they traded furs with French Voyagers and worked the lead mines. Julien Dubuque, an early

European settler, received a land grant from the Governor of Spain to mine the land for lead. A monument honors Dubuque who is buried on this site.

The E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center showcases the history and features of the park, while native prairies and woodlands are bisected with hiking trails and scenic vistas.



Founded in 1920, Iowa's state park system boasts 87 state parks for you to explore and enjoy.



- Restroom - Non-Modern Year-Round
- E.B. Lyons Nature Center
- Picnic Area
- Parking
- Cemetery
- Wildlife Viewing/Observation Blind
- Canoe Access
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Point of Interest
- Julien Dubuque's Monument
- Shelter
- Youth Group Camp Site

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty*	Estimated Hike Time
America's State Tree Woodland Walk (ADA)	Hiking	0.5 mi	Easy	15-20 min
America's State Tree Woodland Walk (spur trail)	Hiking	0.3 mi	Easy	5-10 min
Calcite Trail	Hiking	1.4 mi	Moderate	40-50 min
Catfish Trail	Hiking	1.7 mi	Moderate	45-55 min
Cattesse Trail	Hiking	0.4 mi	Easy	10-15 min
Cedar Ridge Trail	Hiking & Cross Country Skiing	1.5 mi	Easy	40-50 min
Chief Peosta Trail	Hiking	0.5 mi	Moderate	10-15 min
Eagle Scout Trail	Hiking	2.8 mi	Moderate	1 ¼ - 1 ½ hr
Horseshoe Bluff Trail	Hiking	1.6 mi	Moderate	40-50 min
Julien Dubuque Trail	Hiking	0.5 mi	Moderate	10-15 min
Lead Mine Trail	Hiking	0.5 mi	Moderate	15-20 min
Mesquakie Trail	Hiking	0.9 mi	Moderate	25-35 min
Pine Chapel Trail	Hiking	0.5 mi	Moderate	15-20 min
Prairie Ridge Trail	Hiking & Cross Country Skiing	1.5 mi	Easy	40-50 min
Sauk and Fox Trail	Hiking	0.5 mi	Moderate	15-20 min

* **Difficulty index**
 Easy: Predominantly flat, even terrain
 Moderate: Sometimes steep or uneven terrain, may encounter significant elevation change

Plan ahead and prepare –

- Make sure you prepare for the day by bringing plenty of water, sunscreen, bug spray, and comfortable walking/hiking shoes
- Always make sure someone knows you are out on the trail.

Dispose of waste properly –

- Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter
- Pick up any litter you find on the trail and make the place better for the next visitor who comes along.

Respect wildlife –

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. Leave all young wildlife as you find them and don't assume they've been abandoned. Many adults hide young to keep them safe while they are out feeding or leading predators away.

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