



## PILOT KNOB STATE PARK

2148 340th St, Forest City, IA 50436

Pilot Knob State Park was dedicated in 1924 and has drawn many visitors to explore its hidden treasures and historical structures. Camping, fishing, hiking, and bird watching are just a few of the activities Pilot Knob provides.

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

The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed several structures in 1934. The entrance portals, stone shelter, three stone bridges, amphitheater and observation tower are all listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The amphitheater will seat 1,000 and is a beautiful area where many couples have their wedding. The observation tower is 30 feet tall and was suppose to be 40 feet tall but winter set in and the CCC had to stop construction.

Pilot Knob has the only sphagnum bog in the state of Iowa. The bog is four acres and is home to many unique species, one of which is the carnivorous sundew plant. Adjacent to the bog is a four-acre lake. Because of its high acidity only specially adapted species can survive in the lake.

Pilot Knob is listed in the *Iowa Wildlife Viewing Guide*. The park is a wonderful area for bird watching, particularly during migrations. Deer and turkeys are prevalent and readily seen. Turkeys were reintroduced into the area in 1979 and have flourished. Much of the wildlife can be seen while walking the trails through the park. The park also offers one multi-use trail open to equestrian and bicycle use. Riders can enjoy over two miles of trails as they weave through the park on the multi-use trail.

There are several campsites (including electrical hook-ups available), modern showers, restroom facilities and a trailer dump station. A playground is located near the campground. Two open picnic shelters are available to reserve.

Pilot Knob has a 15-acre lake that has good bass and bluegill fishing. It is also a popular spot for ice fishing and ice skating.

Winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, sledding and snowmobiling. In winter, a warming house with electricity and heat is available for renting through the reservation system.

The Pilot Knob Recreation Area, just north of Pilot Knob State Park is available for public hunting, hiking, snowmobiling, bicycle riding and horseback riding.

### SPECIAL PARK RULES

Electric trolling motors only on the lake. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Winnebago Industries is located in Forest City, 4 miles away, and hosts the Annual Winnebago Itasca Travelers (W.I.T.) Rally in July. Also located in Forest City is the Tree Town Music Festival, held every year on the Thursday through Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend.

### LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 641.581.4835

Park Ranger: Michael Strauser

**For emergencies, please call 911**

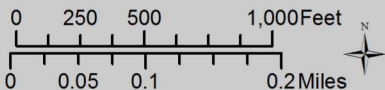
For reservations, visit: <http://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com> or call 877.427.2757

### SEVERE WEATHER

There are no designated storm shelters at the park. The shower building can be used in an emergency



- Campground
- Dump Station
- Park Office
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Point of Interest
- Rest Rooms - Modern
- Rest Rooms - Non-Modern
- Shelter
- Connector Trail
- Dead Man's Lake Trail
- Dead End Trail\*
- East - West Trail\*
- Equestrian Trail\*
- Fork Trail
- Lake View Trail
- McGrady Trail\*
- Plum Alley Trail
- Three Bridges Trail
- Tower Trail
- Roads



\* Multi-use Trails: Hiking  
X-C Skiing, Equestrian

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## Trail Map

