



## ROCK CREEK STATE PARK

5628 Rock Creek East, Kellogg, IA 50135

Rock Creek State Park, nestled into the eastern corner of Jasper County, was dedicated in 1952. It is a very popular park among campers, but also offers a number of day-use activities such as boating, fishing, swimming, and multi-use trail activities. Throughout the park are plenty of opportunities to view wildlife and to picnic.

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

Rock Creek's west side has a beach and shelter area along with knolls of tallgrass and shortgrass prairies. These areas are great to view wildlife, birds and butterflies. Wildlife management areas at the north and south ends of the lake, allow for pheasant, duck and deer hunting in the fall and winter. Thousands of ducks migrating to their summer breeding grounds in the spring take refuge in the solitude of Rock Creek. The concentrations of teal, bluebills and mallards offer an excellent opportunity for bird watching.

Along the lake are several artificial jetties next to boat ramps. At the south boat ramp, there is universally accessible fishing as well as boat slips available to rent April 15 to Oct. 15. Anglers can expect to catch crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass, walleye and channel catfish from the lake.

Rock Creek offers a myriad of campsites, both electric and non-electric, and some are along the water. The campground has modern restrooms and shower buildings. Adjacent to the campground is the Rock Creek concession, here you will find items such as boat rentals, bait, and firewood. An ADA fishing pier is available at the beach near the boat ramp

There are 8.5 miles of multi-use, non-paved trails around the perimeter of the lake for hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding and snowmobiling. There is a 5.5-mile bike trail along the park's east side that goes to the town of Grinnell.

### **SPECIAL PARK RULES**

Boats and other water craft have no motor restrictions but must operate at a 5 mph limit. If you are going to picnic, please carry out your trash with you. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

### **LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS**

The Iowa Speedway outside of Newton and the Knoxville Raceway, approximately 30 miles south of Newton on Hwy 14, host a number of racing events throughout the summer. Approximately 35 miles west, off Interstate 80, is the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge and Prairie Learning Center. The center offers a movie, interactive displays and bookstore/gift shop all related to the natural history of prairies and prairie restoration. The refuge has hiking trails and a drive-through bison/elk enclosure. The Jacob Krumm Nature Preserve in Grinnell, 7 miles southeast of Rock Creek, has excellent hiking trails. Mariposa County Park, located about 9 miles west of Rock Creek, has bison, prairie, a self-guided trail, pond and small campground.

### **LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

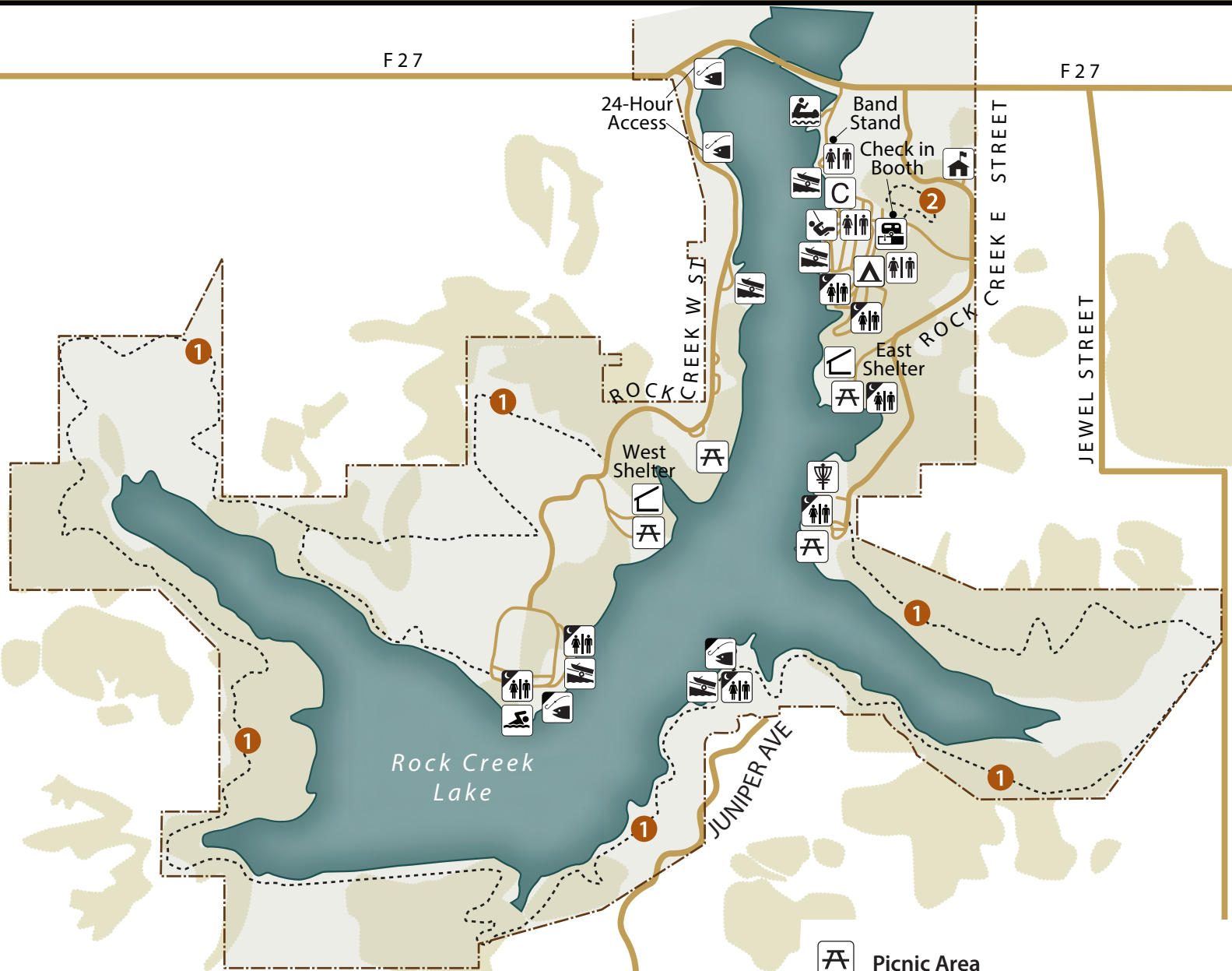
Park Office: 641.236.3722  
Park Ranger: Kory Kinnick  
Park Technician: Brian Andera

### **SEVERE WEATHER**

A siren will sound in the event of 70 mph winds or a tornado activity.

**For emergencies, please call 911.**

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



### MAP KEY



- Beach Area
- Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Canoe Access
- Concession

- Disk Golf
- Dump Station
- Fishing Pier/Jetty - Accessible
- Fishing Pier/Jetty
- Park Office

- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom - Modern Seasonal
- Restroom - Nonmodern Year-round
- Shelter
- Trail
- Road
- Park Boundary

### TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Multi-use Trail	Hike, equestrian, snowmobile, x-country ski	8.5 miles	Moderate	3.5 hours
2 Interpretive Trail	Hiking only	.25 mile	Moderate	5-10 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.  
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