VOLGA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

10225 Ivy Rd, Fayette, IA 52142

The Volga River State Recreation Area is located in one of the most scenic parts of the state. Northeast Iowa is often referred to as "Little Switzerland" because of its rugged topography, rock outcroppings and forest cover -- a sharp contrast to the majority of the state's rolling hills, farmland and scattered stands of timber. The heavily wooded, rugged area of Volga River is an exciting setting for a variety of outdoor recreation activities through out the year.

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

Frog Hollow Lake, located in the northern part of the recreation area, is a 138-acre artificial lake with a diverse fishery. The lake's mainstay is its populations of bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass and channel catfish. Sailboating and canoeing are very popular on this lake. There is a three-lane boat ramp, a floating fishing pier, and shoreline sidewalk and jetties, all universally accessible. Picnic areas and a small open shelter are located next to the lake area. There is no swimming in this lake.

The Volga River, which meanders through the southern part of the recreation area, holds smallmouth bass, rock bass and channel catfish. It also provides a beautiful float trip for kayaks and canoes as it travels through large tracks of timber with steep rock outcroppings. Because the river meanders so much through the area, you can go on a five-hour float and only travel 3 miles between river entrance and exit points. River access points are marked and easily accessible.

One of the major features of Volga River State Recreation Area is the 22 miles of multi-use trails. In the summer months, they are heavily used by equestrian riders, mountain bikers and hikers. In the winter, they provide outdoor activities for snowmobilers and cross-county skiers. The trails are groomed for these activities. Call the park office about trail conditions and accessibility.

Volga River has two campgrounds. The Lakeview campground has several campsites and one organized youth group campsite. The Albany Campground has a myriad of equestrian campsites and some non-equestrian primitive campsites.

The Volga River State Recreation Area is also a 5,700-acre public hunting area. Because of the various types of habitat -- prairie, timber, open meadow, crop fields, wetlands, lake and river -- this area has a variety of wildlife species to hunt. Everything from waterfowl, small game, wild turkey and whitetail deer are hunted during open seasons. There is a 40 target, mile long public archery range that begins near the turn-around above the Albany Campground.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Any size motor may be operated at no-wake speeds on Frog Hollow Lake. Trail users stay on designated trails. Hunting is prohibited near buildings and campgrounds. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

The Fayette County Fair in West Union, located 5 miles north of the area, is held the last week of July. The Upper Iowa University in Fayette, located 3 miles south of the area, has activities worth checking out throughout the school year.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 563.425.4161
Park Ranger: Jeff Hildebrand
Park Manager: Andy Roach
For emergencies, please call 911.
For reservations, visit https://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com/ or call 877.427.2757

SEVERE WEATHER

There are no designated storm shelters in the Volga River State Recreation Area.

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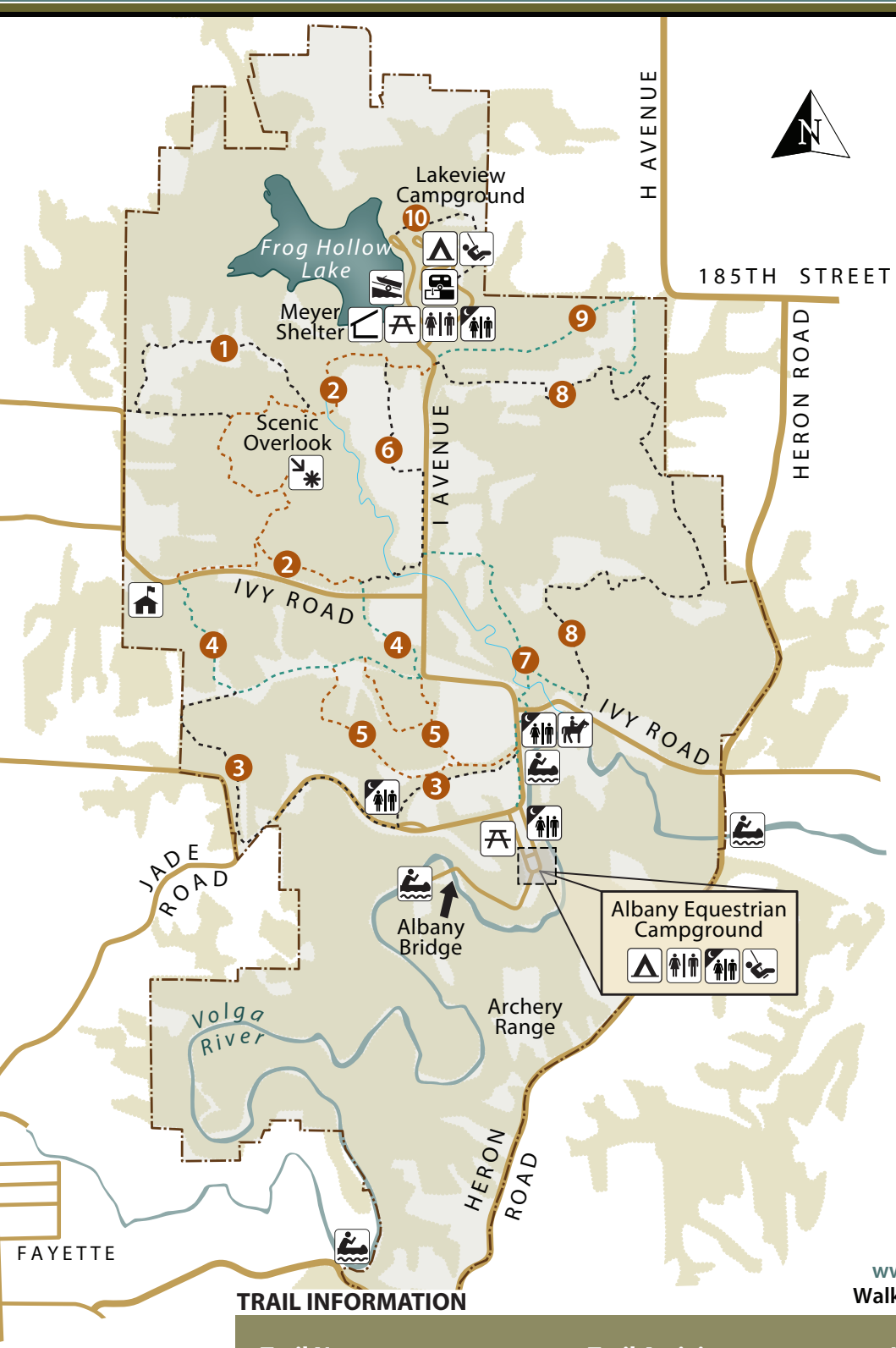

MAP KEY

- Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Canoe Access
- Dump Station
- Equestrian Day Use
- Park Office
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Point of Interest
- Restroom - Modern Seasonal
- Restroom - Nonmodern Year-round
- Shelter
- Trail
- Road
- Park Boundary

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Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Orchard Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.8 mi.	Moderate	43 min.
2 Frog Hollow Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	2.6 mi.	Moderate	1 hr.
3 Deport Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	2.4 mi.	Moderate	58 min.
4 Ridge Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.7 mi.	Moderate	41 min.
5 Albany Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.7 mi.	Moderate	41 min.
6 Prairie Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	3.3 mi.	Easy	1 hr.-15 min.
7 Lower Lima Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian	1.5 mi.	Moderate	36 min.
8 Lima Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	4.5 mi.	Hard	1 hr.-48 min.
9 Upper Lima	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, X-Country Ski	1.8 mi.	Moderate	43 min.
10 Campground Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	.75 mi.	Moderate	17 min.