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Due to major construction work on the Mehaffey Bridge, traffic will be restricted to one lane (width of 9 feet, 6 inches) for a major portion of the summer. Please be prepared for significant traffic delays. Alternate routes to Sugar Bottom may be preferable. For more information, contact the Johnson County Engineer's Office at (319) 356-6046, or its Secondary Roads page at www.johnson-county.com

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Coralville Lake or Reservoir, sometimes lovingly referred to as “the Res,” was formed in the 1950s when the Coralville Dam was built to control the flooding of the Iowa River. Today, 23-mile-long Coralville Lake offers seven campgrounds and a number of beaches and boat ramps.

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Coralville Lake

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Located to the north and east of Coralville Lake, **Lake Macbride State Park** is Iowa’s largest state park. With two campgrounds, seven boat ramps and a public beach, you’ll find it easy to enjoy the day or even a whole week at Lake Macbride.

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CORALVILLE LAKE

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RAGBRAI TO RIDE ACROSS DAM THIS SUMMER!

Friday, July 24, RAGBRAI — the annual bicycle ride across Iowa with 10,000 riders — is scheduled to ride across the Coralville Dam. There will be traffic delays, and you may want to take another route.



2015 Coralville Lake facility schedule

CAMPING AREAS DATES OF FULL SERVICE ENTRANCE STATION HOURS

CAMPING AREAS	DATES OF FULL SERVICE	ENTRANCE STATION HOURS
DAM COMPLEX		
West Overlook	April 15 - Oct. 15	M-W: 9-11am, 3-9pm; Th-Sat: 9-11am, 3-10pm; and Sun: noon-8pm
Cottonwood	April 15 - Oct. 15	(register at West Overlook)
Linder Point	April 15 - Oct. 15	(same as above)
Tailwater East	April 15 - Oct. 15	(same as above)
Tailwater West	April 15 - Oct. 15	(same as above)
Sandy Beach	May 1 - Sept. 30	Sat-Wed: 4-8pm; Thu-Fri: 4-9pm
Sugar Bottom	May 1 - Sept. 30	M-W: 9-11am, 3-9pm; Th-Sat: 9-11am, 3-10pm; and Sun: noon-8pm

RESERVABLE GROUP CAMPING

AREA	NUMBER OF SITES	COST PER NIGHT	DATES AVAILABLE
Sugar Bottom	10 (Loop A)	\$200	May 1 - Sept. 30
	4 (Loop B1)	\$80	May 1 - Sept. 30
	5 (Loop B2)	\$100	May 1 - Sept. 30
	10 (Loop C)	\$200	May 1 - Sept. 30

NOTE: All group camp reservations will be taken through the National Recreation Reservation Service. Call toll free 1-(877) 444-6777 or go online to www.recreation.gov

RESERVABLE PICNIC SHELTERS NUMBER OF SHELTERS DATES AVAILABLE

RESERVABLE PICNIC SHELTERS	NUMBER OF SHELTERS	DATES AVAILABLE
Turkey Creek	1	April 15 - Oct. 15
East Overlook	2	April 15 - Oct. 15
Tailwater West	1	April 15 - Oct. 15
West Overlook Day Use	1	April 15 - Oct. 15
Sugar Bottom Day Use	1	May 1 - Sept. 30

NOTE: The cost to reserve a shelter is \$50. Picnic shelters are available on a first-come, first-served basis when not reserved. Call (319) 338-3543 x6300 to reserve

BEACHES

Sandy Beach*	April 1 - Sept. 30
Sugar Bottom Camp	May 1 - Sept. 30
Sugar Bottom Day Use	May 1 - Sept. 30
West Overlook Day Use*	April 1 - Sept. 30

*NOTE: A \$1 charge for guests age 12 and up, with a \$4/car load maximum, will be charged for beach usage. A \$30 Annual Pass valid for 1 year may be purchased. Holders of the America the Beautiful Senior, America the Beautiful Access, Golden Age or the Golden Access Pass are entitled to a 50 percent discount. The Annual Pass order form is available online at www.coralvillelake.org

VISITOR CENTER

APRIL 18 to OCT. 18: Mon.-Fri.: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat., Sun., & Holidays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OCT. 19, 2015 to APRIL 15, 2016: Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Closed Sat., Sun., & Holidays

BOAT RAMPS

Day Use Fee of \$3/day or \$30/annual pass are in effect at the following ramps from April 1 through Sept. 30: Sandy Beach Day Use, Mehaffey Bridge Boat Ramp and West Overlook Day Use.



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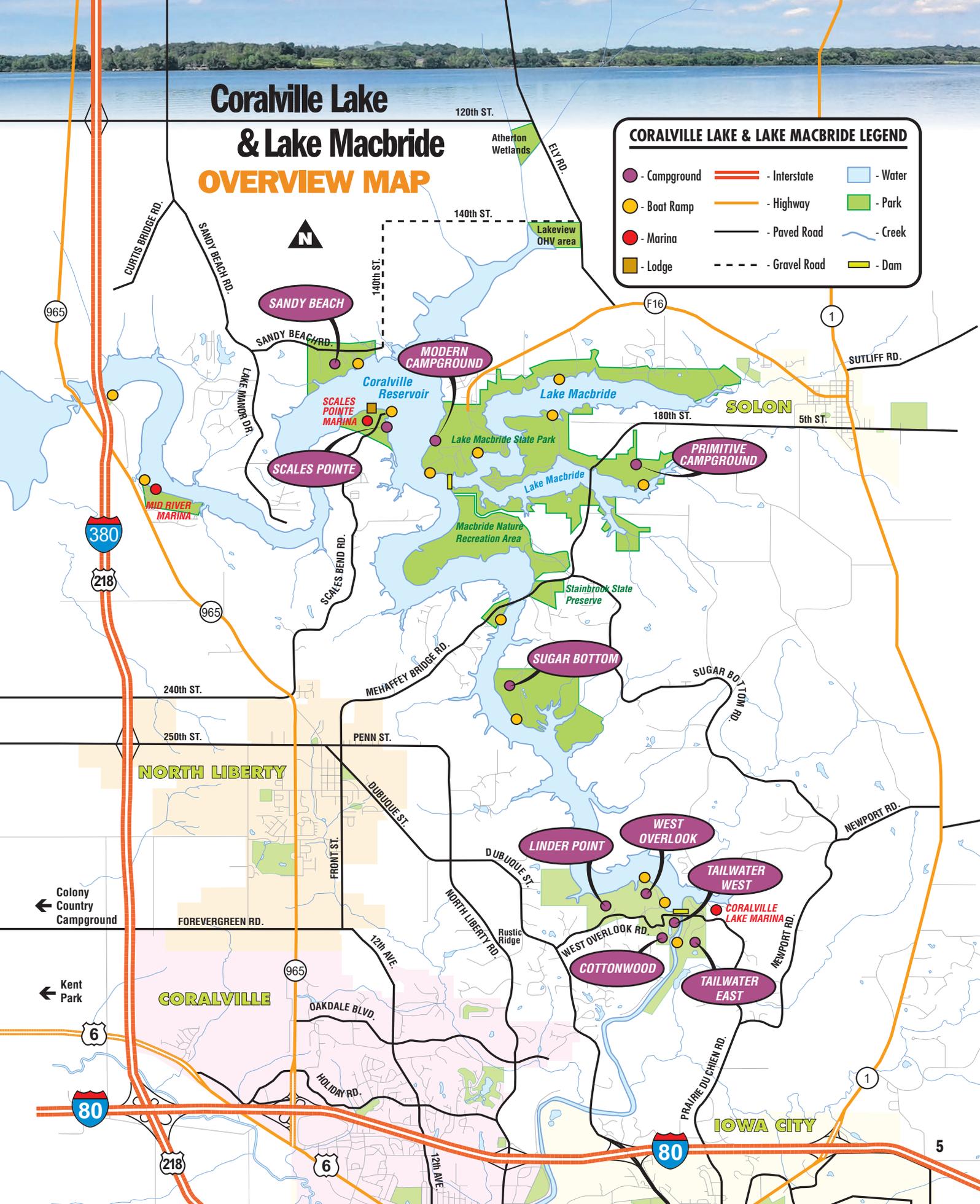
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Coralville Lake & Lake Macbride

OVERVIEW MAP

CORALVILLE LAKE & LAKE MACBRIDE LEGEND

- Campground
- Boat Ramp
- Marina
- Lodge
- Interstate
- Highway
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Water
- Park
- Creek
- Dam



More changes coming to Visitor Center

The remodel project for the Coralville Lake Main Office and Visitor Center at the east side of the dam is forging ahead, albeit a bit slower than hoped. Gutting and updating the interior of the Visitor Center display space during the winter of 2013-14 was the first step of the project. Completing the outside work is the next step in Phase 1. The contractor has begun the process of preparing to move a large transformer away from the office to allow for expansion. The entire east wall of the building will be moved out about 12 feet.

Before workers can extend this 65-foot length of wall, multiple electrical boxes will be moved out of what was the interpreter's office into a separate space being created in the current front office. The interpreter's office will eventually become the reception area for the Visitor Center and office with one main public entry for the building.

The additional floor space will equal almost 800 square feet, creating room for a separate gift shop adjacent to the new reception area. Access to the public restrooms will be from an interior hallway running south of the main entryway. The



old restroom doors on the inside of the exhibit space will then be filled in and covered, resulting in more wall space for interpretive displays.

Once there is more wall space in the Visitor Center exhibit area, an overall design layout for old and new exhibits can be finalized.

The exterior of the building will be sporting some exciting visual changes, which will be especially noticeable in the large Visitor Center windows on the west side. In the ongoing effort to prevent bird collisions with the window glass, we found a new product to place on the outside of the glass. Installation of "CollideEscape" window treatments will eliminate the reflectivity of the windows, which will result in fewer bird collisions with the mirror-like glass. It also reduces the conduction of UV/IR rays by 50 percent, so it should decrease our carbon footprint as well. Large-scale graphics of native birds applied to the outside of the product will provide visual impact and can even be seen from your car when driving across the dam.

This remodel project is crucial and way overdue. The process will be completed in phases and may take another 12 to 18 months. Please bear with us and keep checking back on the progress. When this is completely finished, it will have been well worth the wait.

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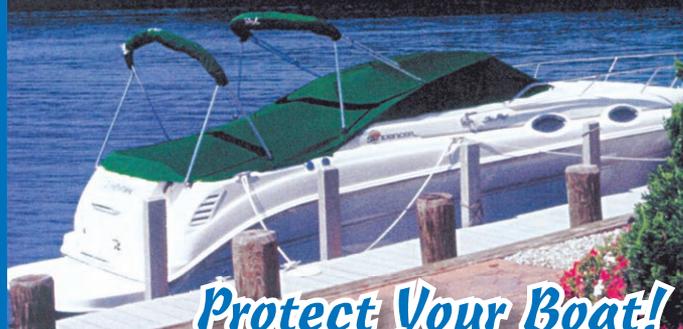
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Camping

At Coralville Lake

The Dam Complex is made up of five campgrounds: West Overlook, Linder Point, Cottonwood, Tailwater East and Tailwater West.

Tailwater East and Tailwater West are located below the dam along the Iowa River. The Tailwater West campground has 20 campsites complete with concrete pads. Some sites have full hook-ups — water, electric and sewer. Other sites only have water and electrical hookups. The tent-only sites are consolidated at the north end of the area.

Sugar Bottom and Sandy Beach campgrounds are located upstream from the Dam on the 23-mile long lake.

Campers can choose from non-electric, walk-in tent sites to full-service sites. All campsites have a picnic table and fire ring. Sites suitable for RVs have a gravel or concrete camp pad. All campgrounds offer modern restrooms and showers, a sanitary dump station and at least one fish cleaning station. Many have boat launch facilities and a beach. Fees range from \$14 to \$26.

For more information on Coralville Lake campgrounds, go online to www.coralvillelake.org or call (319) 338-3543, ext. 6300.

CHECK-IN: 6 p.m. • CHECK-OUT: 5 p.m. • QUIET HOURS: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

2015 CORALVILLE LAKE CAMPING FEES

SITE TYPE	FEE
Tent, non-electric	\$14
RV, non-electric	\$16
30 Amp electric.	\$20
50 Amp electric.	\$22
30 Amp, water/sewer	\$24
50 Amp, water only	\$24
50 Amp, water/sewer	\$26

MORE RESERVABLE CAMPSITES IN 2016:

Starting next year, customers will be able to reserve an additional 89 campsites through the National Recreation Reservation Service. The only sites that will remain available on a first-come, first-served basis will be the sites that are subject to flooding.

At Lake Macbride

Lake Macbride's modern campground features a shower/restroom facility, back-in site pads complete with 20 to 50 amp electrical service, picnic tables and fire rings. Eleven sites have full hook-ups, and an additional 17 sites have hydrants for potable water. From May 1 to Sept. 30, full hook-up sites are \$19 and all other sites are \$16. After this time, prices are reduced to \$14 and \$11, respectively. 75 percent of these sites are reservable.

The primitive campground in the southern portion of the park has 57 campsites, and both flush and non-flush restrooms. This campground is situated in a shaded/semi-timbered area near the lake. During the recreational season, all sites are \$9. After this time, all sites are \$6. You may reserve a site in either campground by calling 1-(877) 427-2757 or going online to www.iowadnr.gov. Walk-in camping is also available, and permits can be obtained by self-registering for a non-reservable site at the entrance of the campground.

CHECK-IN TIME: 4 p.m. • CHECK-OUT TIME: 3 p.m.
QUIET HOURS: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.



At Macbride Nature Recreation Area

At the Macbride Nature Recreation Area, there are two areas designated for camping. The primitive group campsites, Wolf sites 1–5, can accommodate 10 to 20 people for \$20 per night. The Fox sites 1–8 are individual campsites available for \$10 per night. Campsites may be reserved in advance at the Field House Membership Desk on the UI campus in Iowa City. Sites that are not reserved, other than Bluestem Campsite & Social Center, are

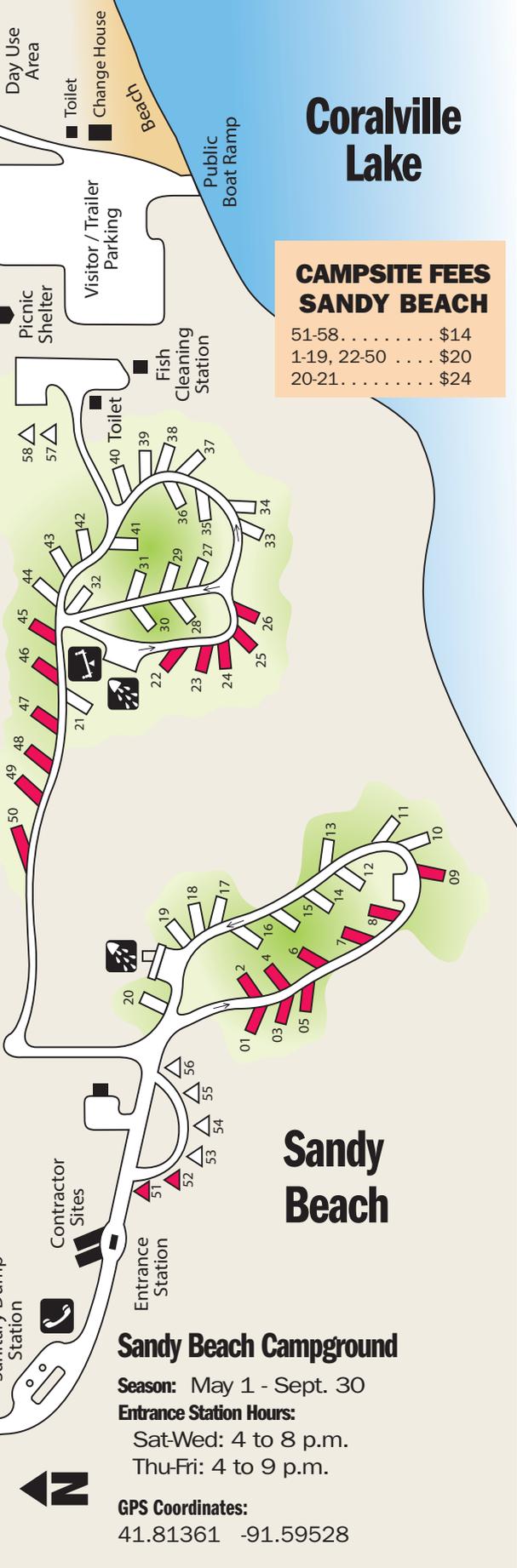
available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (319) 335-9847 or go online to <http://recserv.uiowa.edu/Apps/Facilities/MacbrideNatureRecreationArea.aspx>

Macbride Nature Recreation Area Hours:
April 1 to Oct. 31: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Nov. 1 to March 31: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To Solon, Hwy 1 via CR / F16

County Road W4F / Sandy Beach Road

To Shueyville, I-380 / Hwy 218, Hwy 965



Coralville Lake

CAMPSITE FEES SANDY BEACH

51-58.....	\$14
1-19, 22-50	\$20
20-21.....	\$24

Sandy Beach Campground

Season: May 1 - Sept. 30

Entrance Station Hours:

Sat-Wed: 4 to 8 p.m.

Thu-Fri: 4 to 9 p.m.

GPS Coordinates:

41.81361 -91.59528

CAMPSITE FEES - SUGAR BOTTOM

1-7, 95-104	\$14
8-51, 69-94, 105-190	\$20
Group loops A, B & C per site.	\$20
(see Group Camping info below)	
192-214	\$22
52-63	\$24
191,300-311	\$26

First-come, first-served campsites



Sugar Bottom

Group Camp Areas
Site Nos. A215-C243

Sugar Bottom Campground

Season: May 1 - Sept. 30

Entrance Station Hours:

Mon-Wed: 9 to 11 a.m., 3 to 9 p.m.

Thu-Sat: 9 to 11 a.m., 3 to 10 p.m.

Sun: noon to 8 p.m.

GPS Coordinates:

41.75639 -91.55917



Group Camping

The Sugar Bottom Group Camp Area has four loops, A, B1, B2 and C. Individual group loops range from 4 to 10 sites. Large groups may reserve more than one group loop for a maximum of 29 campsites. To make a group campground reservation, call 1-(877) 444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Group Loop A

Reserving site A215 includes the remaining sites in Group Loop A, A216-A224, for a total of 10 sites. The fee is \$200 per night.

Group Loop B1

Reserving site B225 includes the sites in Group Loop B1, B226-B228, for a total of four sites. The fee is \$80 per night.

Group Loop B2

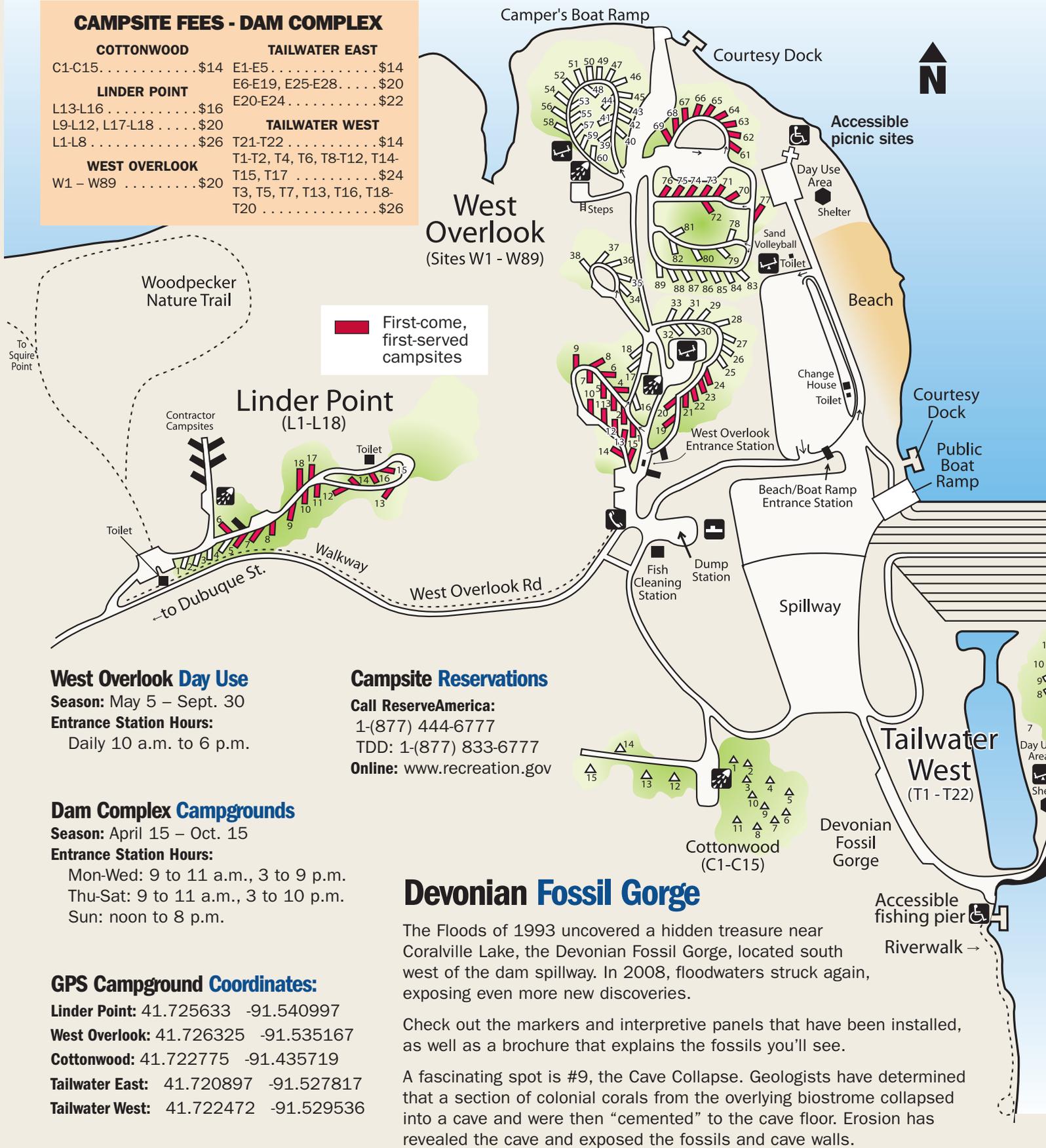
Reserving site B229 includes the sites in Group Loop B2, B230-B233, for a total of five sites. The fee is \$100 per night.

Group Loop C

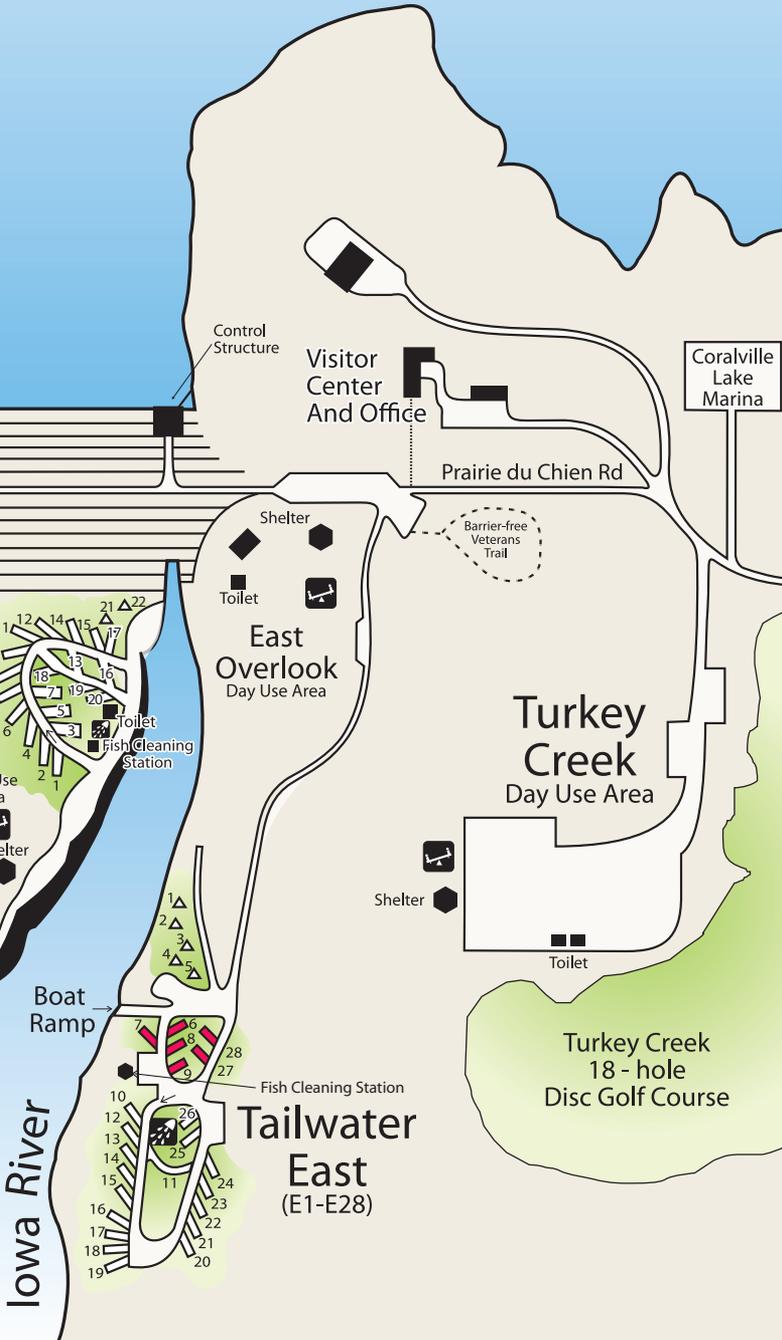
Reserving site C234 includes the sites in Group Loop C, C235-C243, for a total of 10 campsites. The fee is \$200 per night.

CAMPSITE FEES - DAM COMPLEX

COTTONWOOD		TAILWATER EAST	
C1-C15\$14	E1-E5\$14
LINDER POINT		E6-E19, E25-E28.....\$20	
L13-L16\$16	E20-E24.....\$22	
L9-L12, L17-L18\$20	TAILWATER WEST	
L1-L8\$26	T21-T22.....\$14	
WEST OVERLOOK		T1-T2, T4, T6, T8-T12, T14-T15, T17.....\$24	
W1 - W89\$20	T3, T5, T7, T13, T16, T18-T20.....\$26	



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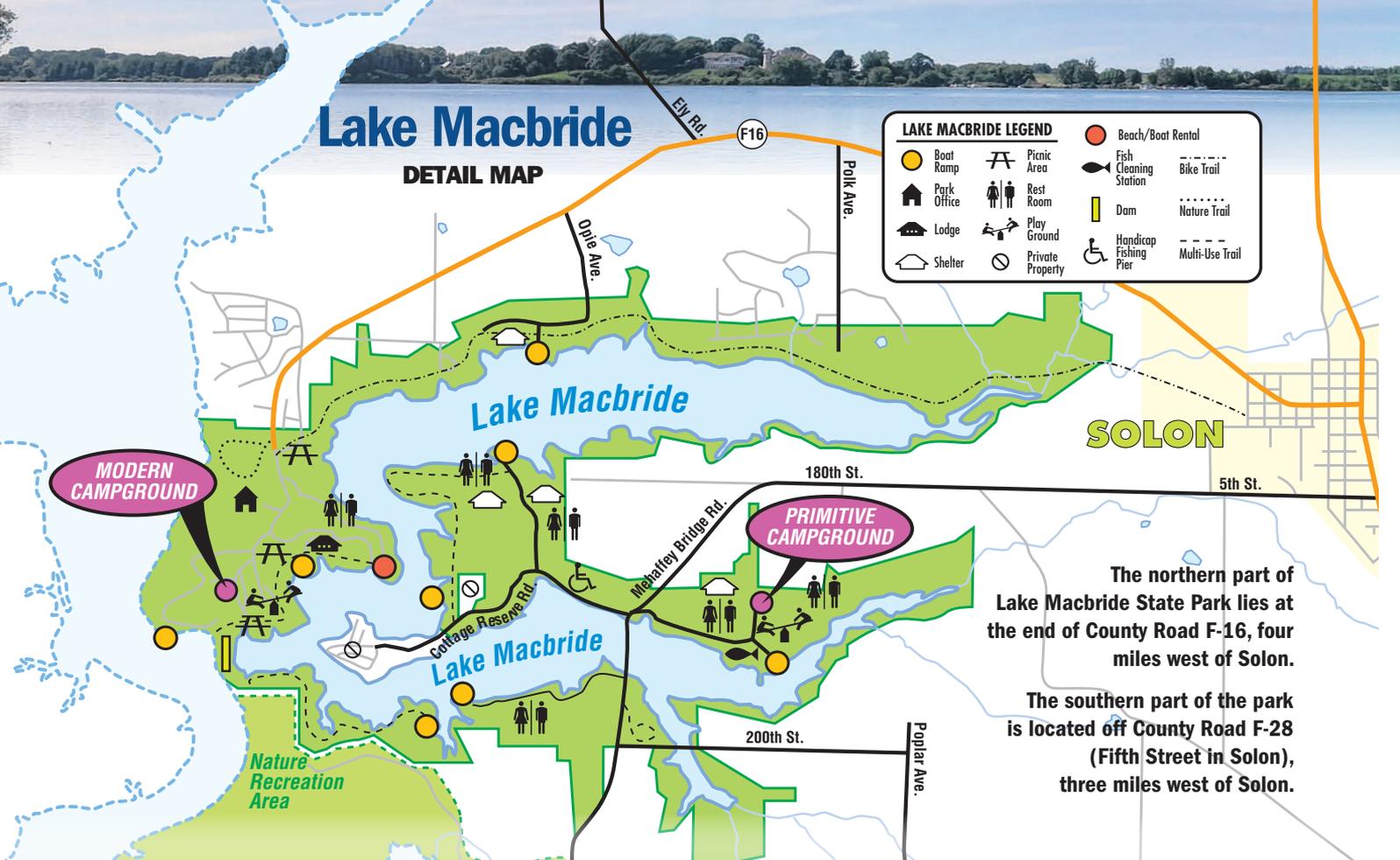
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DETAIL MAP

LAKE MACBRIDE LEGEND

- Boat Ramp
- Park Office
- Lodge
- Shelter
- Picnic Area
- Rest Room
- Play Ground
- Private Property
- Beach/Boat Rental
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Dam
- Handicap Fishing Pier
- Bike Trail
- Nature Trail
- Multi-Use Trail



SOLON

The northern part of Lake Macbride State Park lies at the end of County Road F-16, four miles west of Solon.

The southern part of the park is located off County Road F-28 (Fifth Street in Solon), three miles west of Solon.

Lake Macbride CAMPGROUNDS

GPS Coordinates at Lake Macbride:
 Modern (North) Camp:
 N 41° 47.937'
 W 91° 34.389'

Lake Macbride State Park Modern Campground, North

▲ Reservable
 ● Non-Reservable

Map Key:
 □ Available ■ Not Available ● Non-reservable
 ★ Pending F Full Hook-up E Electrical
 N No electricity H Host Site ⚡ Hydrant
 🎡 Playground 🚻 Vaulted toilet 🏠 Check-in station
 🅇 Parking lot 🚤 Boat ramp 🗑️ Dumpster
 📞 Phone 🏠 Youth Site

Lake Macbride State Park Primitive Campground, South

Primitive (South) Camp:
 N 41° 47.709'
 W 91° 32.132'

N 5 Youth Group Site

N 9	N 8	N 7	N 6
N 10	N 11	N 12	N 13
N 14	N 15	N 16	N 17
N 18	N 19	N 20	N 21
N 22	N 23	N 24	N 25
N 26	N 27	N 28	N 29
N 30	N 31	N 32	N 33
N 34	N 35	N 36	N 37
N 38	N 39	N 40	N 41
N 42	N 43	N 44	N 45
N 46	N 47	N 48	N 49
N 50	N 51	N 52	N 53
N 54	N 55	N 56	N 57
N 58	N 59	N 60	N 61

Campground programs and other events

All campground programs are free to the public, and you do not have to be camping to attend.

RETURNING CAMPGROUND

FAVORITES INCLUDE:

- Live birds of prey from the Macbride Raptor Center
- Perry Ross, an exceptional story teller with true stories
- “Rocket Man” Randy McEntaffer launching his model rockets

Some new exciting programs include Native American toys and games, and some good family movies for good measure.

Saturday evening campground programs are scheduled weekly beginning with the Memorial Day weekend and going through Labor Day weekend. Not all programs are determined yet, but there will be some kind of activity or event every Saturday evening, barring bad weather or other circumstances beyond our control. Some programs run 7 to 8 p.m., and others may run later, from 8 to 9 p.m., (movies may run longer) to better accommodate the audio/visual presentations. Check the weekly fliers posted on the bulletin boards, ask a ranger, call our office at (319) 338-3543, Ext. 6300, or go to our website.

CAMPGROUND PROGRAMS

Sugar Bottom Campground Amphitheater

Sat., May 23, 7 p.m.

Live Raptors, Luke Hart from Macbride Raptor Project

Sat., May 30

TBD

Sat., June 6

TBD

Sat., June 13, 7 p.m.

Native American Games & Toys, Cherie Haury-Artz

Sat., June 20, 7 p.m.

Storytelling, Perry Ross

Sat., June 27, 8 p.m.

Mothra! Jim Durbin

Sat., July 4, 10 a.m.

Independence Day, Kids' Bike Parade & more

Sat., July 11

TBD

Sat., July 18, 8 p.m.

The Iowa Time Machine, Cherie Haury-Artz

Sat., July 25, 8 p.m.

Movie Night

Sat., Aug. 1

TBD

Sat., Aug. 8, 7 p.m.

Dog Days of Summer Pet Day

Sat., Aug. 15

Nature Hike

Sat., Aug. 22

Movie Night

Sat., Aug. 29

TBD

Sat., Sept. 5

Last campground program of the season, TBD

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mon., May 25, 1:30 p.m.

Memorial Day Veterans

Trail Ceremony

Sat., June 20,

8 a.m. to noon

Turkey Vulture Festival, East Overlook Picnic Area

Sun., Sept. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pelican Festival, Hawkeye Wildlife Area

Feb. 6, 2016

Eagle Watch & Expo, indoor venue location to be determined, outdoor venue at Tailwater West

Information on any of our programs may be found on our website at www.coralvillelake.org or the Cultural Corridor site at www.culturalcorridor.org, or our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/coralvillelake. You may also call our office at (319) 338-3543, ext. 6300, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays during the summer call between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Remember, all programs are free to the public and you do not have to be camping to attend. Please check regularly for updates on programs. The topics could change by the actual date. In the event of inclement weather, some programs may have to be canceled. Please call (319) 338-3543 ext. 6300 in advance if you have a question about possible cancellations, or again, check our Facebook page.



Borrow a life jacket, save a life

Playing in and around the water with your kids or grandkids can be a lot of fun, but you need to keep safety in mind. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children. Wearing a life jacket has proved to be one of the best safety measures when children are around water.

There is no charge to borrow a life jacket. The only requirement is parents need to know the weight of their child so that they borrow the right size of life jacket.



When you are finished using the life jacket, simply return it to the self-serve kiosk, to any park ranger, park entrance station or the Visitor Center.

The Corps of Engineers would like to thank Coralville Lake Marina for generously donating the life jackets. Without them, this program would not be possible. For more info on kids and water safety, go online to www.bobber.info to learn more from Bobber, The Water Safety Dog.

You can borrow a life jacket for children weighing up to 90 pounds free of charge from any of the self-serve kiosks at each of the Coralville Lake beaches.

CORALVILLE LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Coralville Lake is starting the process of revising the 1978 Master Plan. A Master Plan is a stewardship driven, land use management document. It focuses on the operations and maintenance of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) water resource project. As one of these projects, Coralville Lake has a Master Plan that conceptually establishes and guides the orderly development, administration, maintenance, preservation, enhancement and management of all natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the project.

Public input is critical throughout the Master Plan revision process. This process began in March 2015, and completion is anticipated to be in the spring of 2017. We ask that you visit our website at www.coralvillelake.org for the latest information.

Public input will be sought through online comment forms; written comments via mail or e-mail; Facebook; focus groups; and open houses. We want to know your vision for the future of Coralville Lake's recreation and natural resources. To submit comments and/or be added to an e-mail list to receive updates and notifications, please visit the website or contact the Coralville Lake Project Office.

Join us for fun all summer long.

Summer fun in North Liberty starts when our waterslides open on Memorial Day weekend, continues July 11 with North Liberty Blues & BBQ in new Centennial Park, and goes through Salute to Summer just before Labor Day. And in our pools, and on our trails, and in our parks, fun happens every day in between, too.



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Hit the trails: Hike, bike or run

AT CORALVILLE LAKE

The Cedar Valley Nature Trail, located along the entrance road to the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area, winds its way past a cave used by ancient Native Americans, through tall timber, into lush ravines and over scenic bridges.

Squire Point and Woodpecker Trails connect to form a five-mile network. The **Woodpecker Nature Trail** entrance, located by the Linder Point Recreation Area off Dubuque Street, offers marked stops along the trail. The **Squire Point Trail** is located north of the dam off Dubuque Street.

Tailwater Riverwalk is a hard-surfaced trail that provides great access for fishing downstream on the west bank. It is also a pleasant half-mile walk round trip on a warm sunny day as it is mostly well-shaded. Along the trail you also

will find three picnic sites complete with a picnic table and a grill.

The Veterans Trail, located near the dam, is a barrier-free 1/4-mile looped trail. Each year on Memorial Day, a dedication ceremony is held to honor local veterans. Stops along the trail are now marked with QR codes to use with smart phones for a recorded message about the particular veteran or veterans mentioned at the spot.

Mountain bikers of all skill levels can bike nearly ten miles of one-way trails on the **Sugar Bottom Mountain Bike Trail**, which are marked by level of difficulty. For a Sugar Bottom trail map, go to www.icorrmtnb.org. Other trail maps can be found at www.coralvillelake.org.

Multi-Purpose Trail at Sugar Bottom is a hard-surfaced trail that provides access between the campground and the

day use area. One section of the trail stretches from the entrance road just outside the campground gate to the day use area and is about a half mile long. Another section begins in the campground near site #311, goes west to the day use area and is about a quarter mile long.

AT LAKE MACBRIDE

A 17-mile trail system provides spectacular views of shorebirds, waterfowl and osprey. During winter months, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are popular.

Lake Macbride also features a five-mile rock surface trail along the lake from Solon to the park entrance.

Another scenic 1.5-mile pedestrian trail runs between the park beach and the dam.

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Swimming and boating

Lake Macbride

There's no place better than Lake Macbride's beach for cooling off on a hot summer day. No lifeguards are provided, so park visitors swim at their own risk. Swimming is restricted to the designated beach area.

A variety of boats are available for rent near the beach. The boat rental office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Reservations can be made at (319) 624-2315. Pontoon boats seat up to 11 passengers and rent for \$50 to \$55 an hour. Motorboats seat up to four and rent for \$22 to \$25 per hour. Paddleboats, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards rent for \$10 to \$15 an hour.

There are seven boat ramps on Lake Macbride (see pg. 12). A 10-horsepower motor limit is in effect from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. At other times, there is an unrestricted horsepower motor limit operated at no-wake speed (5 mph maximum speed).



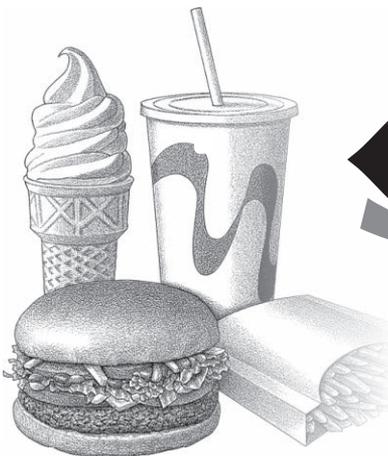
Coralville Lake

Offering more than 5,000 acres of water, Coralville Lake can't be beat for pleasure boating, water skiing and swimming.

Swimming beaches are located on Coralville Lake at the Sugar Bottom Day Use, Sandy Beach Day Use and West Overlook Day Use areas. The Sugar Bottom Day Use beach, which is located by the mountain bike trail, is free. The other two beaches charge \$1 per person for people 12 years of age and older; up to \$4 per car. No alcohol is allowed on any of the swimming beaches at Coralville Lake.

Boat ramps for registered campers are located within two of the three main campgrounds, West Overlook and Sugar Bottom. Registered campers may launch at any of the boat ramps free of charge with their hang tag displayed in the vehicle window. Boat ramps for non-campers are located at Mehaffey Bridge, West Overlook Day Use and Sandy Beach Day Use. The daily boat launch fee for non-campers is \$3. The Tailwater East campground has a free boat ramp for access to the Iowa River below the dam. Annual passes good for launching and beach use are available at the Coralville Lake office on the east side of the dam, at any entrance station or call (319) 338-3543, ext. 6300, or online at www.coralvillelake.org. The cost for an annual day use pass is \$30.

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Fishing

In both Lake Macbride and Coralville Lake, you can expect to find largemouth bass, walleye, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish.

In order to fish, you need to purchase an annual fishing license for \$19. (One-week or one-day licenses are also available. Fees are higher for out-of-state residents.)

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Purchase your license at various stores in the area, including Funcrest Bait & Tackle, Sam's Main Street Market in Solon and L.D. Express and Corridor Convenience in North Liberty. Or purchase and print a fishing license from the DNR website, www.iowadnr.gov.

Anglers are sure to appreciate the fish grinder at the fish cleaning station in Tailwater West. You do not need to be camping at Tailwater West to use the grinder, and it can handle up to a 10-pound fish.

Check out www.takemefishing.org for tons of info about what's biting and how to get your family hooked on fishing.



Be safe on your boat:

- Take a safe boating course.
- Put on your life jacket and leave your alcohol behind.
- Check the weather forecast.
- File a float plan with a friend.
- Check your boat for all required safety equipment.
- Check your electrical system and fuel system for gas fumes.
- Follow manufacturer-suggested procedures before starting up.
- Carry a navigational chart and know your waterway.
- Follow the navigation rules of the road, buoys and other aids to navigation.
- Be a safe boater, always post a sharp lookout.

Iowa's boating speed and distance regulations:

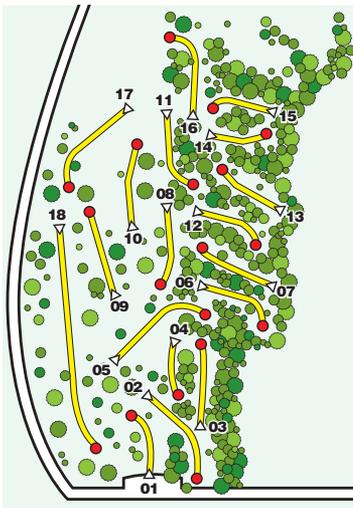
- Don't exceed 5 mph within 100 feet of craft going 5 mph or less.
- Keep a distance of 50 feet when both are going over 5 mph.
- Don't exceed 10 mph when vision is not clear 200 feet ahead.

Disc golf

A disc golf course at Turkey Creek, located on the east side of the Coralville Dam, offers 18 holes on sloped terrain with bordering wooded areas.

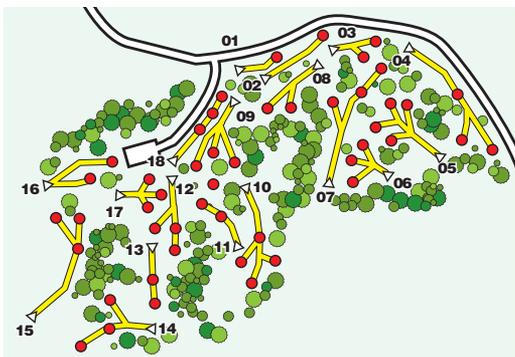
The disc golf course located in the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area offers a mix of open and wooded areas on rolling terrain that makes for a challenging 18 holes. The access road to Sugar Bottom is off Mehaffey Bridge Road.

Both disc golf courses at Coralville Lake are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis except when tournaments are scheduled.



▲ Sugar Bottom
Disc Golf Course

◀ Turkey Creek
Disc Golf Course



Geocaching:

High-tech treasure hunt

If you're looking for an adventure to coax your kids away from their high tech toys and get them outdoors, geocaching may be just what you are looking for.

Geocaching is a high tech treasure hunt that uses a handheld GPS unit to lead you in the direction of a hidden treasure (the cache).

Each cache consists of a container that holds a log book and various small prizes left by other geocachers to reward you for your find. The idea is to take a prize and leave a prize.

The hidden beauty of geocaching is in the location of the caches. We have many natural areas that are off the beaten path and seldom seen. Geocachers enjoy helping you to discover their own favorite areas by hiding caches in those places.

There are numerous geocaches located around Coralville Lake and Lake Macbride, just waiting for a new adventurer to find them.

If you want to set a geocache on public lands around Coralville Lake or Lake Macbride, you need to obtain a permit from the governing agency. For information about getting a permit at Coralville Lake call (319) 338-3543, ext. 6319. For Lake Macbride, call (319) 624-2200.

For more information on local caches, go online to www.geocaching.com or www.iowageocachers.org

Reserve a shelter

Lake Macbride

The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed a number of facilities at Lake Macbride during the 1930s, including a beautiful enclosed stone shelter that is available for rent for \$70 a day. This facility includes electricity, modern restrooms, kitchen facilities, and oak tables and benches. The main lodge may be reserved online at www.iowadnr.gov. Four open picnic shelters are also available for rent.



For locations, see the map in this guide or view the online map at www.iowadnr.gov. Open shelters may be reserved online at www.iowadnr.gov for a \$25 fee plus tax.

Coralville Lake

Six picnic shelters are available. The daily fee to reserve a shelter is \$50 and is non-refundable. Each shelter has pedestal grills, water, electrical outlets and restroom facilities nearby.

For reservations or more information, call (319) 338-3543, ext. 6300, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shelters can be used on a first-come, first-served basis when not reserved.

There are individual picnic tables and grills throughout each picnic area. Three concrete, universally accessible picnic sites at Coralville Lake's West Overlook Day Use Area are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

See raptors up close at the Macbride Raptor Center

At the Macbride Nature Recreation Area (south of Lake Macbride on Mehaffey Bridge Road), a large enclosure called a flight cage is used to prepare injured birds for release back into the wild. The Macbride Nature and Recreation Area also serves as a home to several species of permanently disabled eagles, hawks, owls and falcons. The public is welcome to visit year-round.

Guided tours may be arranged by calling (319) 398-5495 or go online to <http://recserv.uiowa.edu/Apps/Programs/MacbrideRaptorProject.aspx>. Visit the outdoor facility year round, April 1 to Oct. 31: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Nov. 1 to March 31: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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EAB beetles are only capable of flying an estimated 5 miles during their dispersal each year. It is known that the movement of this destructive pest has been aided by people transporting firewood. In 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District implemented a firewood policy, asking that people only bring certified wood into the park, or purchase wood at the park. Burn what you buy, and leave what you don't burn.

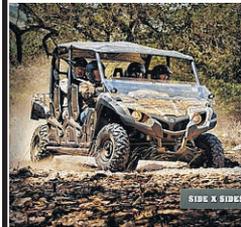
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