

2023 OFFICIAL VISITOR'S GUIDE

Coralville Lake • Lake Macbride



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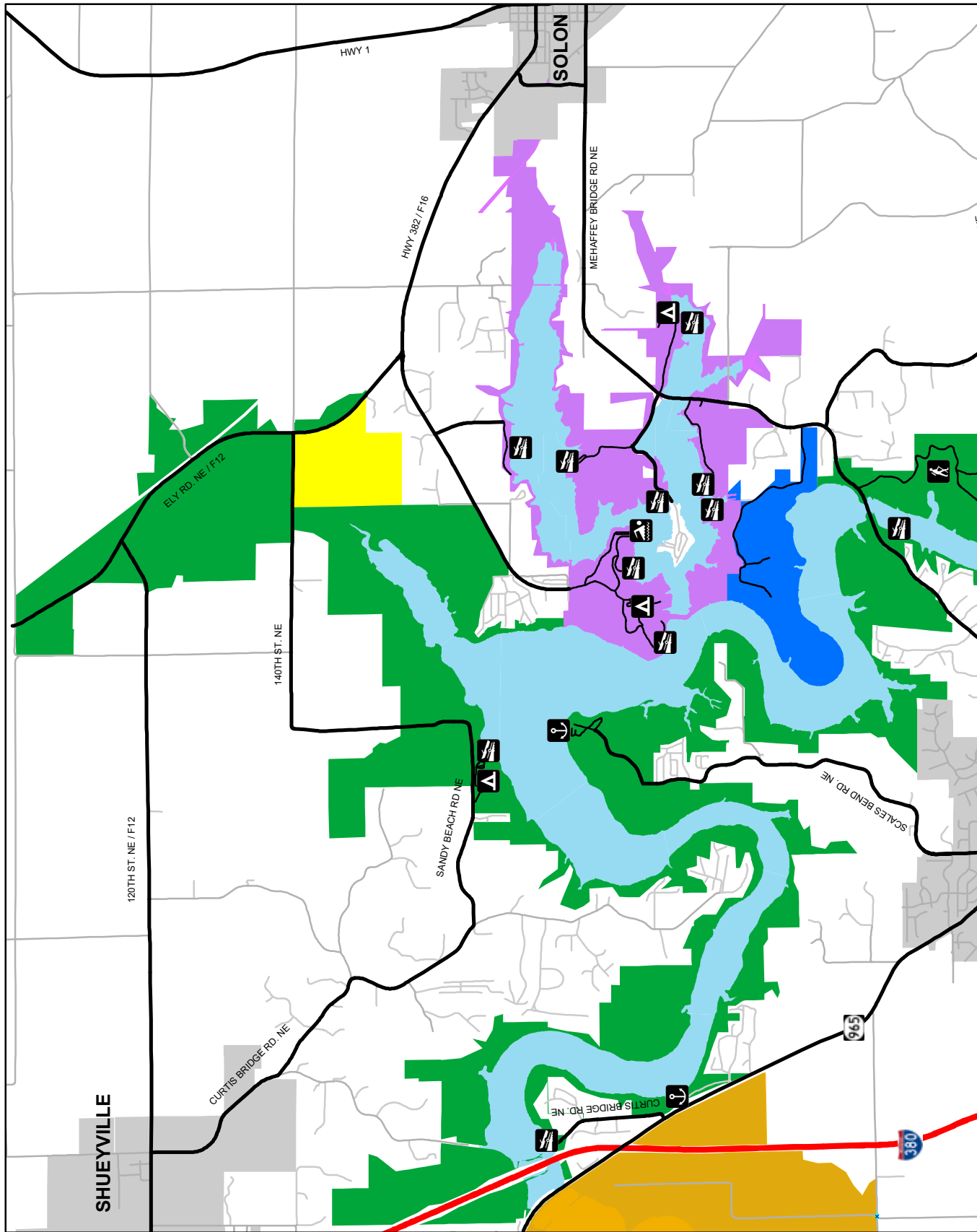
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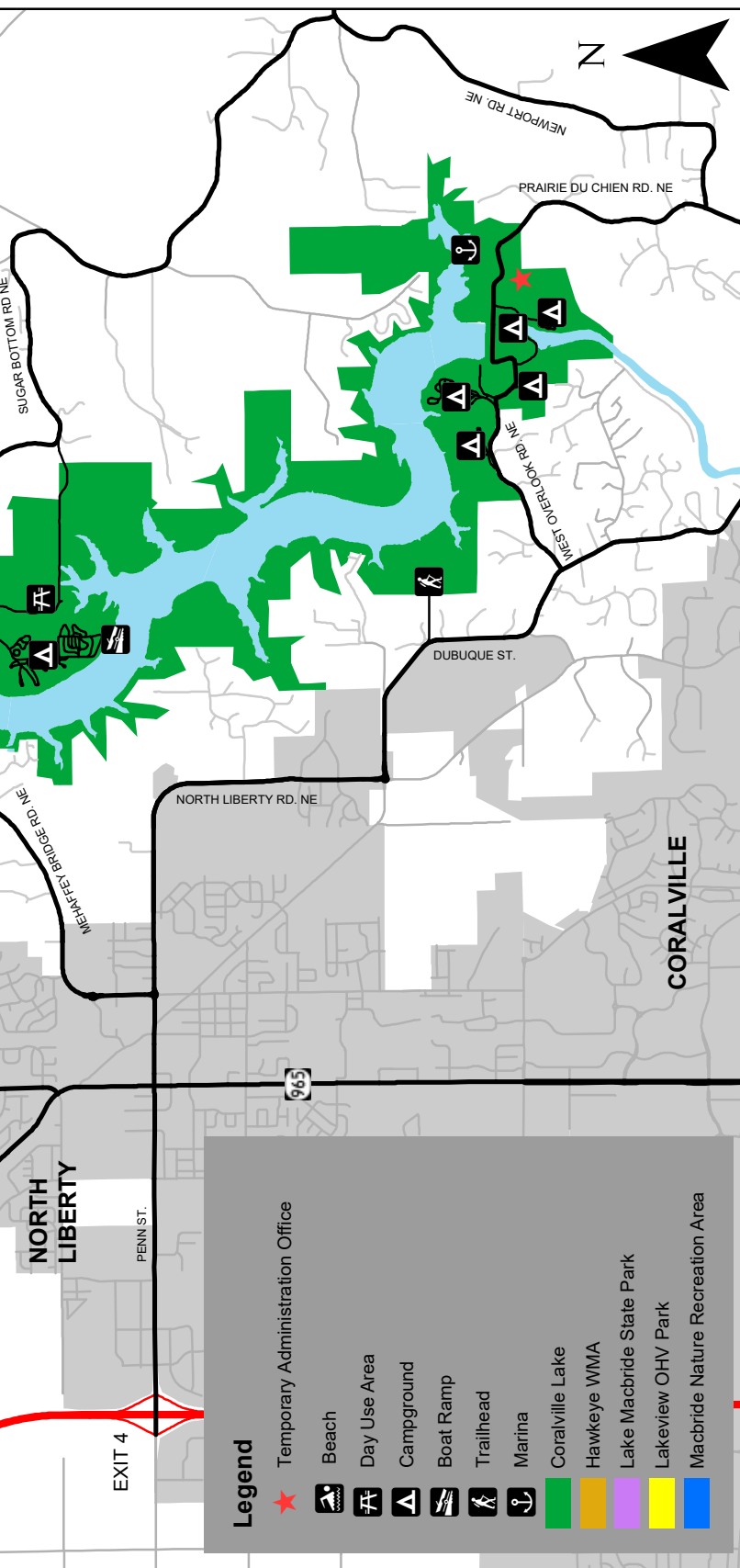
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How to contact us

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 Lake Level Information319-338-3543 Opt 1
 District Office, Rock Island.....309-794-4200
 NRRS Camping and Shelter
 Reservations.....877-444-6777
EMERGENCIES 911
 Johnson County Sheriff
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 DNR Headquarters515-725-8200
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 Macbride Raptor Project..... 319-624-7178

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Coralville Lake

2023 Recreation Seasons at Coralville Lake

| Campgrounds | Number of Sites / # Reservable* | Dates Available | Site Fee With Electric | Site Fee Non-Electric | Fee Booth Telephone #'s |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| West Overlook | 89 / 89* | May 1 - Oct. 15 | \$20, \$24 | N/A | 319-338-3685 |
| Cottonwood | 11 / 11* | May 26 - Sept. 4 | N/A | \$14 (Tent Only Sites) | 319-338-3685 |
| Linder Point | 17 / 17* | May 1 - Oct. 15 | \$22, \$26 | N/A | 319-338-3685 |
| Tailwater East | 22 / 22* | May 1 - Oct. 15 | \$20, \$22 | N/A | 319-338-3685 |
| Tailwater West | 22 / 22* | May 1 - Oct. 15 | \$24, \$26 | \$14 (Tent Only Sites) | 319-338-3685 |
| Sugar Bottom | 247 / 247** | May 1 - Sept. 30 | \$20, \$22, \$26 | \$14 (Tent Only Sites) | 319-624-2102 |
| Sandy Beach | 58 / 58* | May 1 - Sept. 30 | \$20, \$24 | \$14 (Tent Only Sites) | 319-848-4400 |

RESERVABLE GROUP CAMPING

| Campground | Number of Sites | Cost/Night | Dates Available |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| Sugar Bottom | 10 (Loop A) | \$200 | May 1 - Sept. 30 |

*The National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) will allow you to make individual campsite reservations up to 6 months in advance and group campsite reservations up to one year in advance by calling 877-444-6777 or by going online to www.recreation.gov.

*Reservations can be made on the same day as arrival.

*Check-in: 4 p.m., Check-out: 3 p.m.

PICNIC SHELTERS

| Day Use Area | # of Shelters / # Reservable* | Dates of Availability | Reservation Fee |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| East Overlook | 2 / 2* | May 1 - Sept. 30 | \$50 |
| Tailwater West | 1 / 1* | May 1 - Sept. 30 | \$50 |
| Sandy Beach | 1 / 0* | May 1 - Sept. 30 | N/A |
| Sugar Bottom | 1 / 1* | May 1 - Sept. 30 | \$50 |
| West Overlook | 4 / 0* | May 1 - Sept. 30 | N/A |

*Shelters can be reserved by calling 877-444-6777 or by going online to recreation.gov

*All shelters are available on a first-come basis for free when not reserved.

*All picnic/shelter areas open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

BOAT RAMPS

| Day Use Area | Dates Open |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Mehaffey | Year Round |
| Sugar Bottom Campground | May 1 - Sept. 30 |
| Sandy Beach | Year Round |
| West Overlook Campground | May 1 - Oct. 16 |
| West Overlook Day Use | April 1 - Nov. 30 |

Day Use Fees are charged April 1 - Sept. 30 at Mehaffey and West Overlook Day Use; \$5/day or purchase a \$40 Annual Pass for unlimited nationwide use. America The Beautiful Senior, Access, and Military Passes allow pass holders to utilize Day Use Areas free of charge. Registered campers with valid hangtag are allowed to utilize Day Use.

CAMPING FEES

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Non-electric tent site | \$14/night |
| 30 Amp electric | \$20/night |
| 50 Amp electric | \$22/night |
| 30 Amp / water/ sewer | \$24/night |
| 50 Amp / water | \$24/night |
| 50 Amp / water/ sewer | \$26/night |

Persons with Golden Age or Access Passes or America the Beautiful Interagency Senior or Access Passes are entitled to 50% discount on camping. Discount is NOT valid for group campsites.

PHONE #s

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Administration Office | 319-338-3543 Opt 2 |
| Lake Level Information | 319-338-3543 Opt 1 |
| District Office, Rock Island | 309-794-4200 |
| NRRS Camping & Shelter Reservations | 877-444-6777 |
| EMERGENCIES | 911 |
| Johnson County Sheriff (non-emergencies) | 319-356-6800 |

BEACHES

| Day Use Area | Dates Open |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Sugar Bottom Campground | May 26 - Sept. 4 |
| Sugar Bottom Day Use | May 26 - Sept. 4 |
| West Overlook Day Use | May 26 - Sept. 4 |

Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Beach fee is \$5 per private vehicle, \$2 per person for walk-in or bike-in, \$20 per bus or commercial vehicle. Children under 16 are free. Purchase a \$40 Annual Pass for unlimited nationwide use. America The Beautiful Senior, Access, and Military Passes allow pass holders to utilize Day Use Areas free of charge. Registered campers with valid hangtag are allowed to utilize Day Use Areas free of charge. Only registered campers can utilize the Sugar Bottom Campground beach.



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WEST OVERLOOK RECREATION AREA

WEST OVERLOOK CAMPGROUND
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FEE BOOTH HOURS
SUNDAY - SATURDAY:
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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Fee Booth



Boat Ramp



Dump Station



Fee Machine



Beach



Picnic Site



Shelter



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Playground

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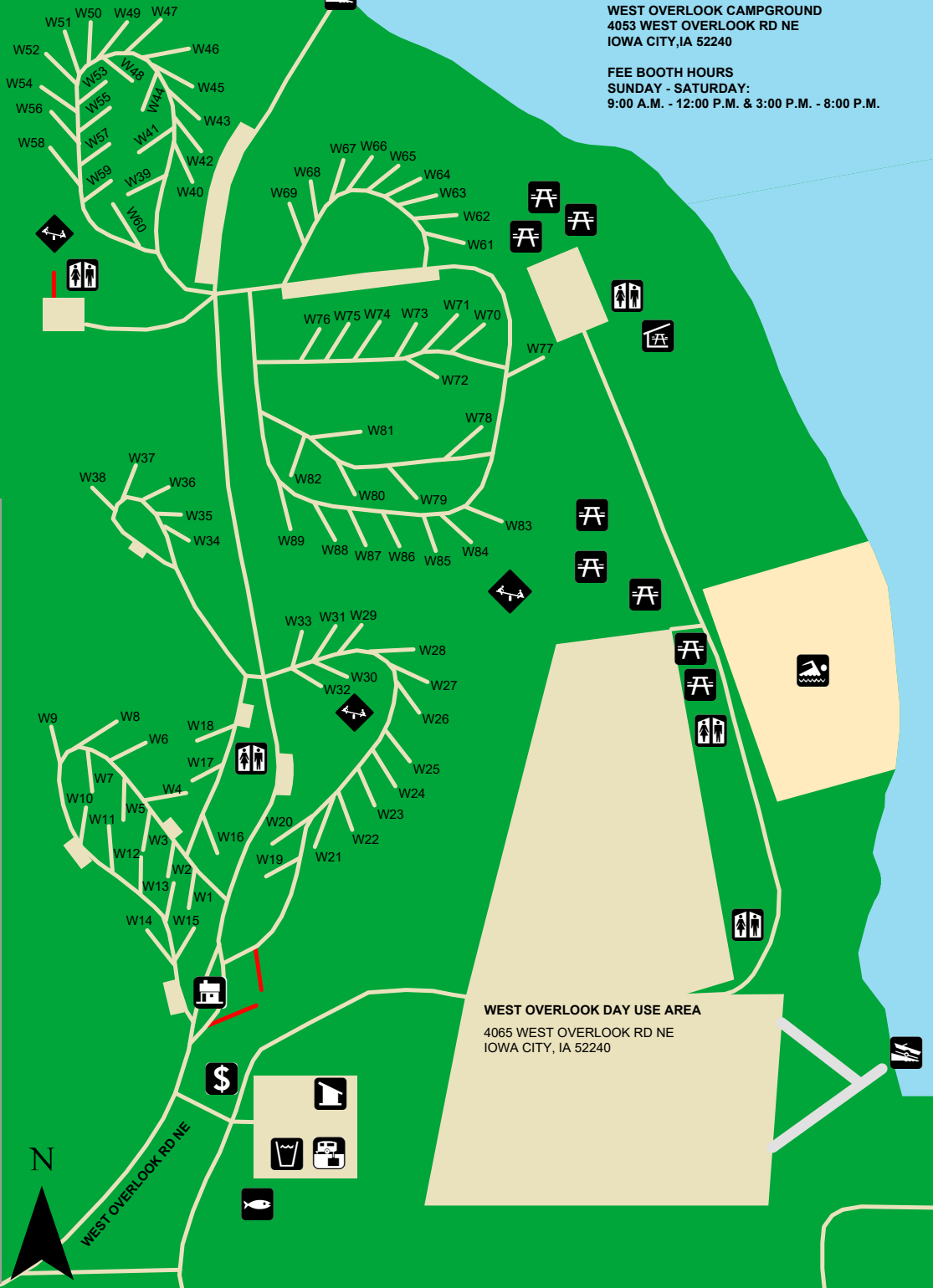
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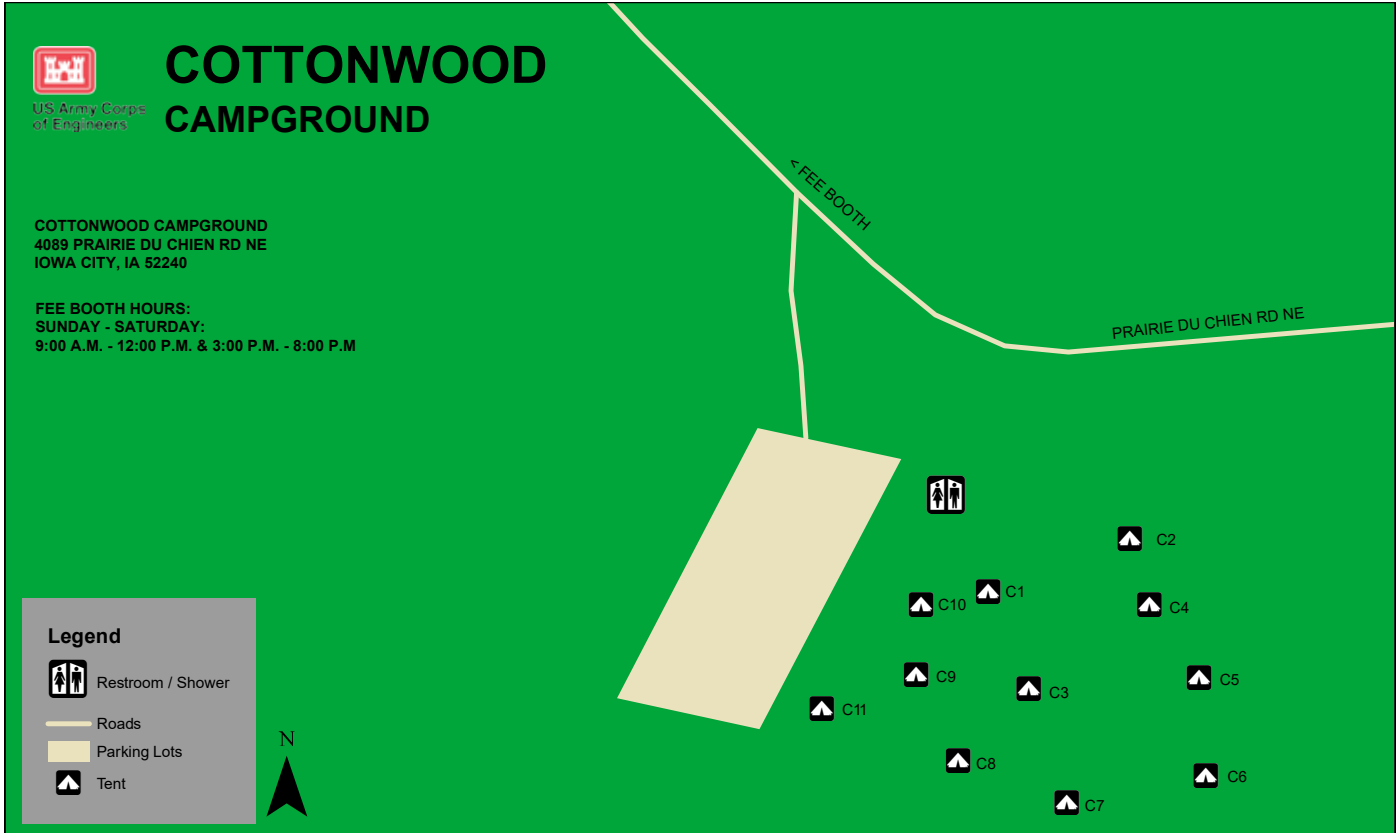
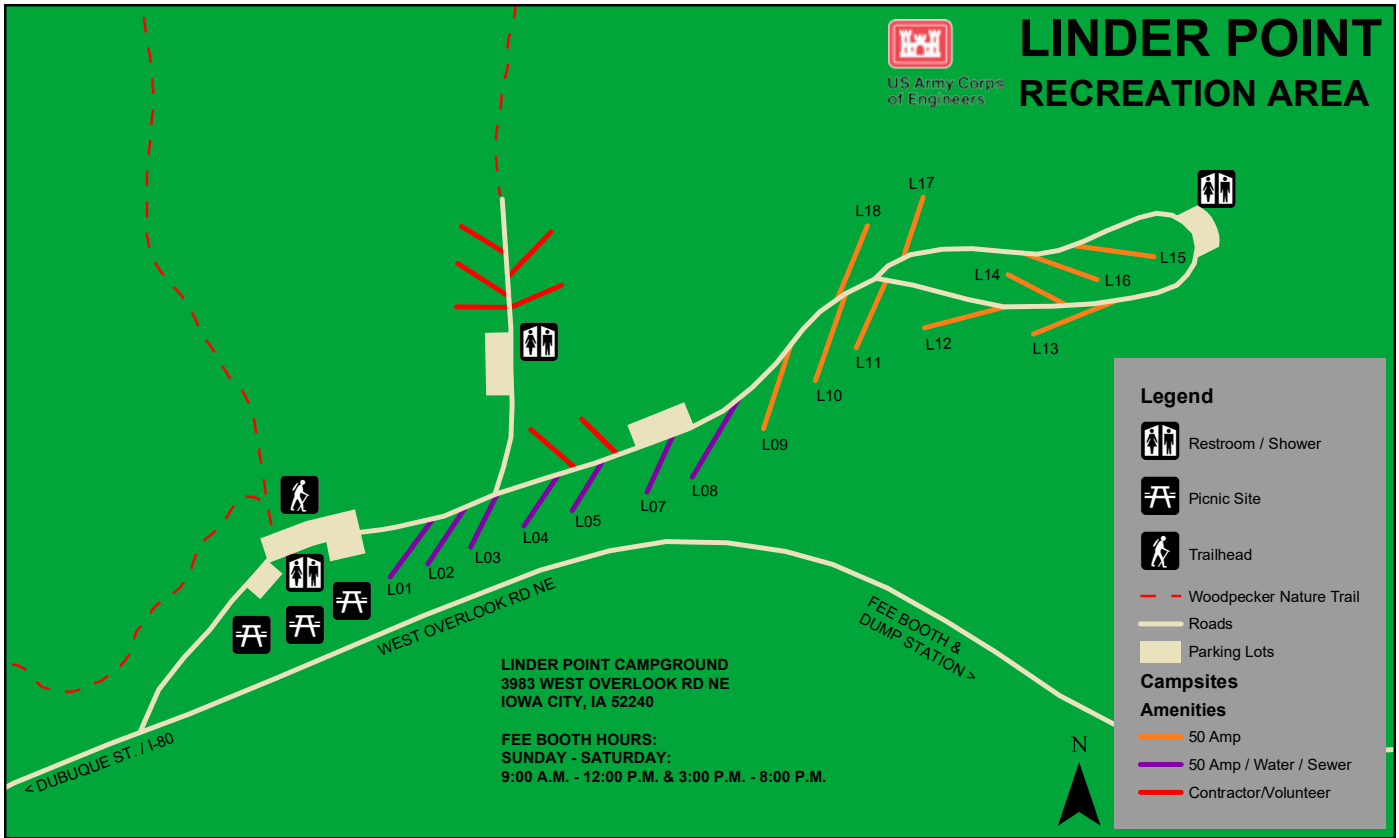
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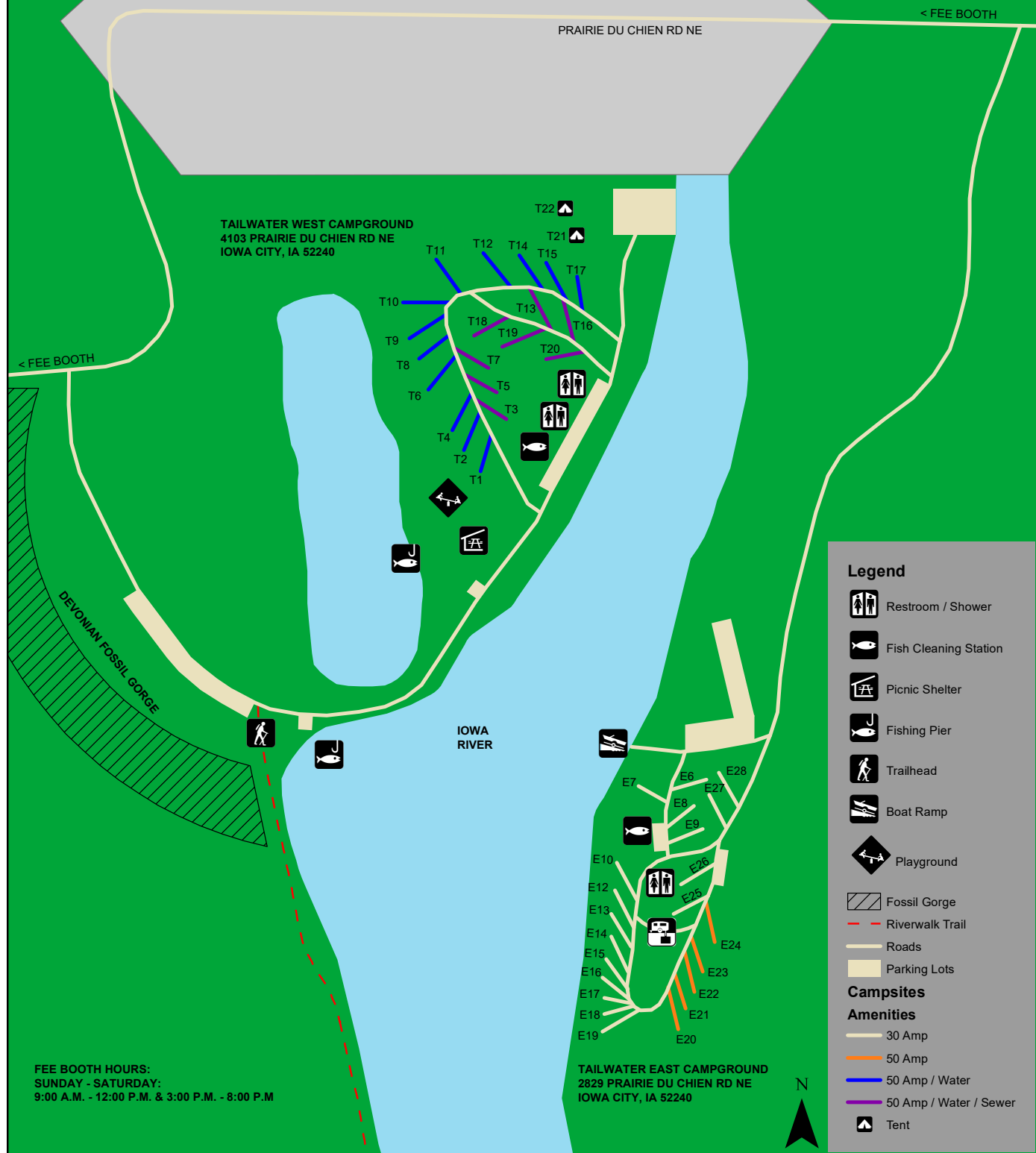






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TAILWATER WEST & TAILWATER EAST RECREATION AREAS

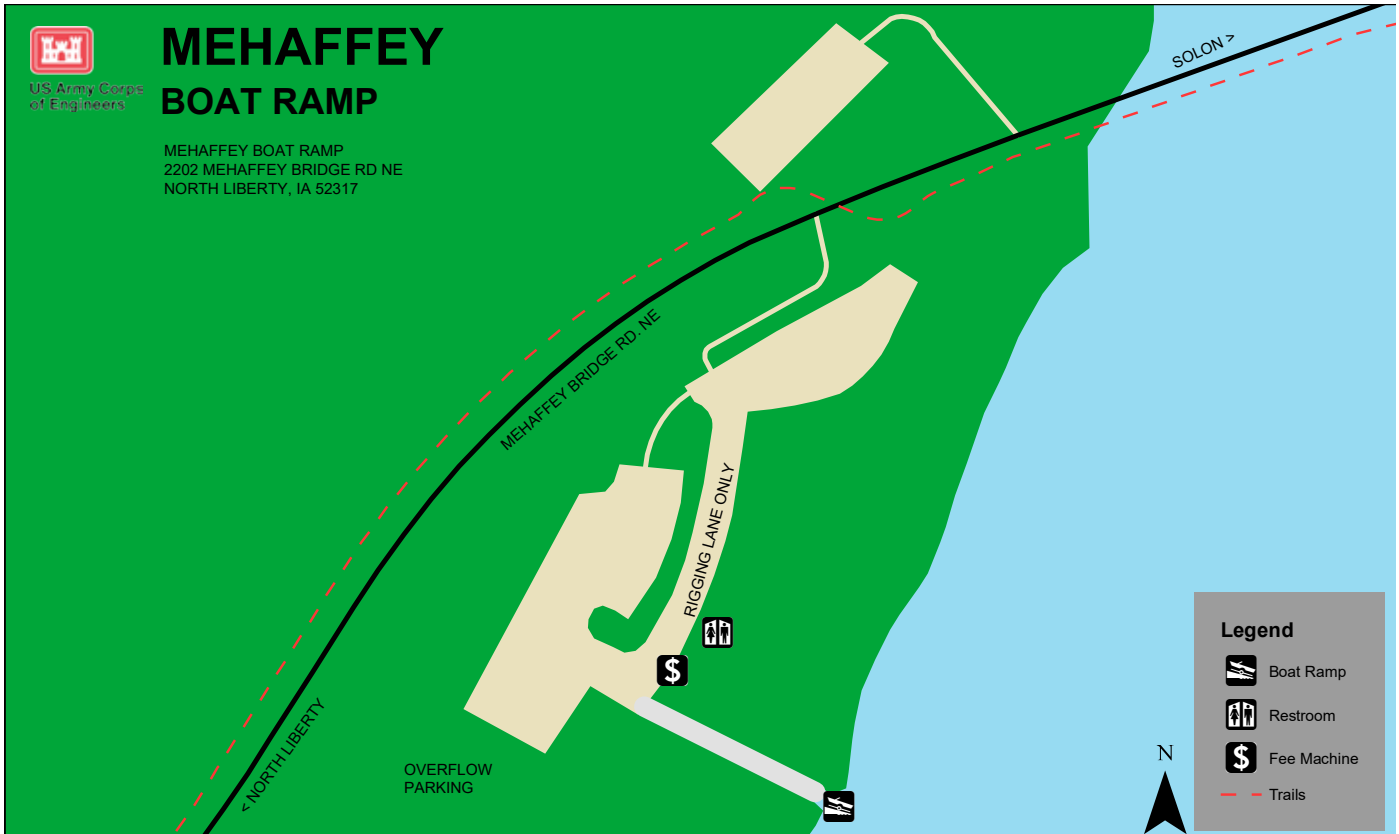
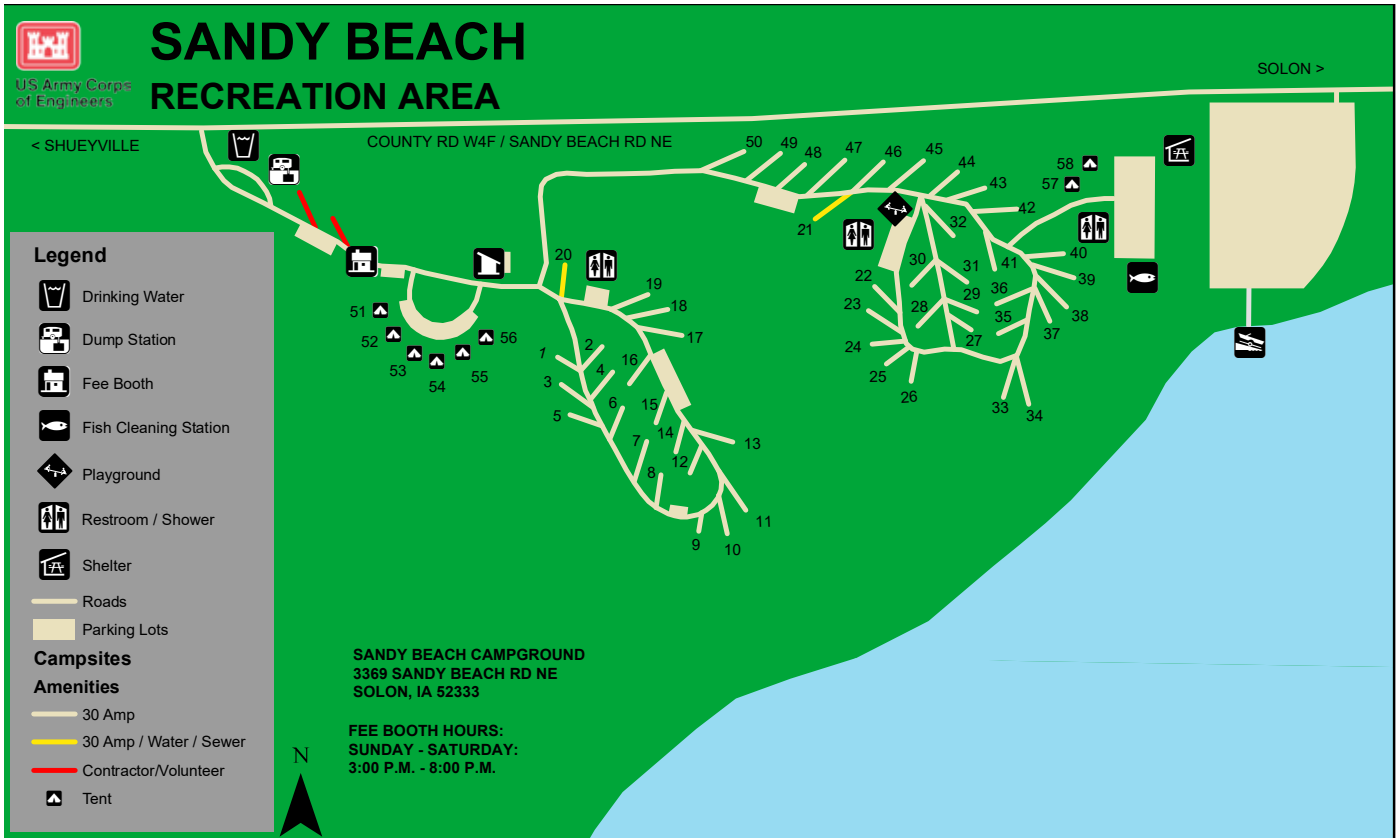


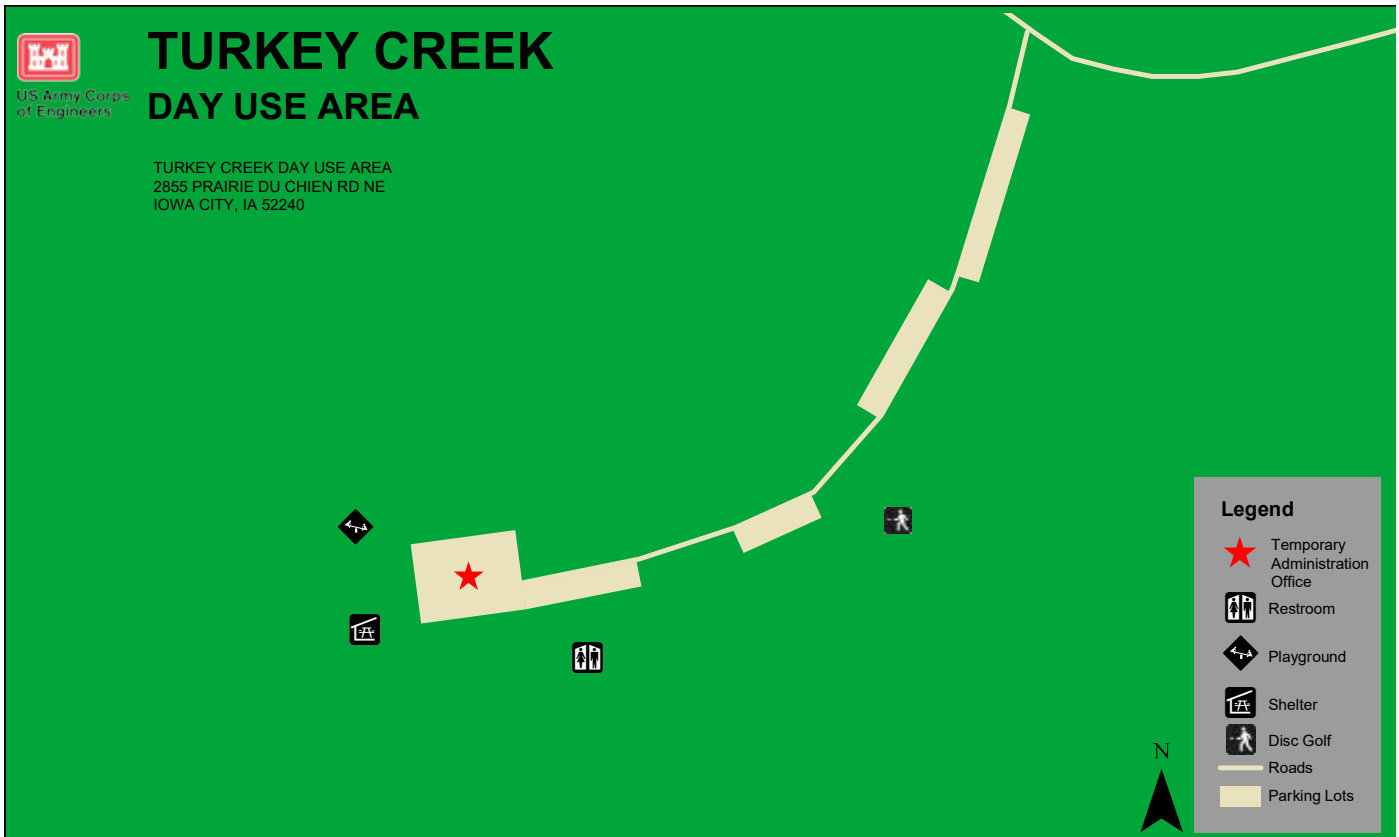


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SUGAR BOTTOM RECREATION AREA







Coralville Lake

Just north of Iowa City, Coralville Lake and Lake Macbride together offer a dynamic mix of recreational activities. Coralville Lake was formed in the 1950s when the Coralville Dam was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to control the flooding of the Iowa River. Today, the 23-mile-long lake offers three main campgrounds and several beaches and boat ramps.

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Go Camping

The Dam Complex is made up of five campgrounds. They include: Cottonwood, Linder Point, Tailwater East, Tailwater West and West Overlook. These campgrounds are located just north of Iowa City, near the Coralville Lake Dam. The Dam Complex provides sites ranging from primitive non-electric tent to full hookup that include water, sewer and electric. Sandy Beach Campground is located the farthest north from the Coralville Dam and is close to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This campground offers 58 campsites ranging from primitive tent to electric. Sugar Bottom Campground is located in the middle of the Coralville Lake area and is the largest with more than 200 campsites that range from primitive tent sites to full hookup sites. All campsites include a fire ring and picnic table. All campgrounds include modern restrooms and showers with hot and cold water, either gravel or concrete pad, sanitary dump station with potable water and at least one fish-cleaning station. Some have boat launching and swimming beaches for campers.



CHECK-IN: 4 p.m.

CHECK-OUT: 3 p.m.

QUIET HOURS: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

All campers must check in at the fee booth before setting up. After hours, campers without reservations must make a reservation by calling 877-444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov. If you have any questions regarding the reservation program, please contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 319-338-3543 ext. 6300 or email Coralville.Lake@usace.army.mil.

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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 accidental death for children. Wearing a life jacket has proved to be one of the best safety measures when on or around water. At Coralville Lake, there is no charge to borrow a youth or adult life jacket. The only requirement is knowing the person's weight so that you borrow the right size life jacket. When you are finished using the life jacket, simply return it to the life jacket loaner station, to any park ranger, park entrance station or the Visitor Center. You can borrow a life jacket free of charge from any of the life jacket loaner stations at Coralville Lake beaches and boat ramps.

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Want to support a healthy, vibrant Coralville Lake? Please join Friends of Coralville Lake, whose mission is to enhance the lake and the surrounding land by bringing together organizations, businesses and individuals. The group has been instrumental in managing prairie burns, planning the Halloween events, providing firewood, and improving the Veterans Trail. By joining FoCL, you support an organization dedicated to making sure that visitors will be able to enjoy the Coralville Lake area well into the future. [To find out more, go online to **www.friendsofcoralvillelake.org**](http://www.friendsofcoralvillelake.org) or [check us out on Facebook](#).



Iowa Raptor Project

The University of Iowa's Macbride Nature Recreation Area (2095 Mehaffey Bridge Road N.E., Solon) is home to the Iowa Raptor Project, where nearly a dozen species of native birds of prey are on display for visitors year-round to enjoy and learn about raptors and raptor conservation. Off-site and on-site educational programming can be arranged by calling 319-624-7178 or go online at <http://recserv.uiowa.edu/iowaraptorproject>. [Visit the outdoor facility year-round April 1 - Oct. 31, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 1 - March 31, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.](#)



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Lake Macbride

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.

Camping AT LAKE MACBRIDE

Lake Macbride's modern campground features a shower/restroom facility, back-in site pads complete with 20-50 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 Oct. 15, full hook-up sites are \$26 and all other sites are \$20. After this time, prices are reduced to \$18 and \$12, respectively. Seventy-five 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 \$12. After this time, all sites are \$6. Interested campers may reserve a site in this campground by calling toll free **1-877-427-2757** or going online at **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.

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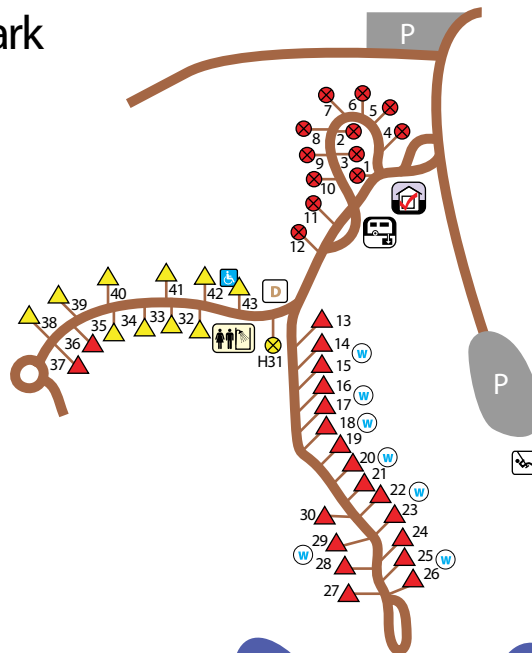


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Lake Macbride State Park

Modern Campground, North

- Reservable
- 50-amp
- Full hook-up
- Non-Reservable
- 50-amp
- Full hook-up
- Water Hydrant



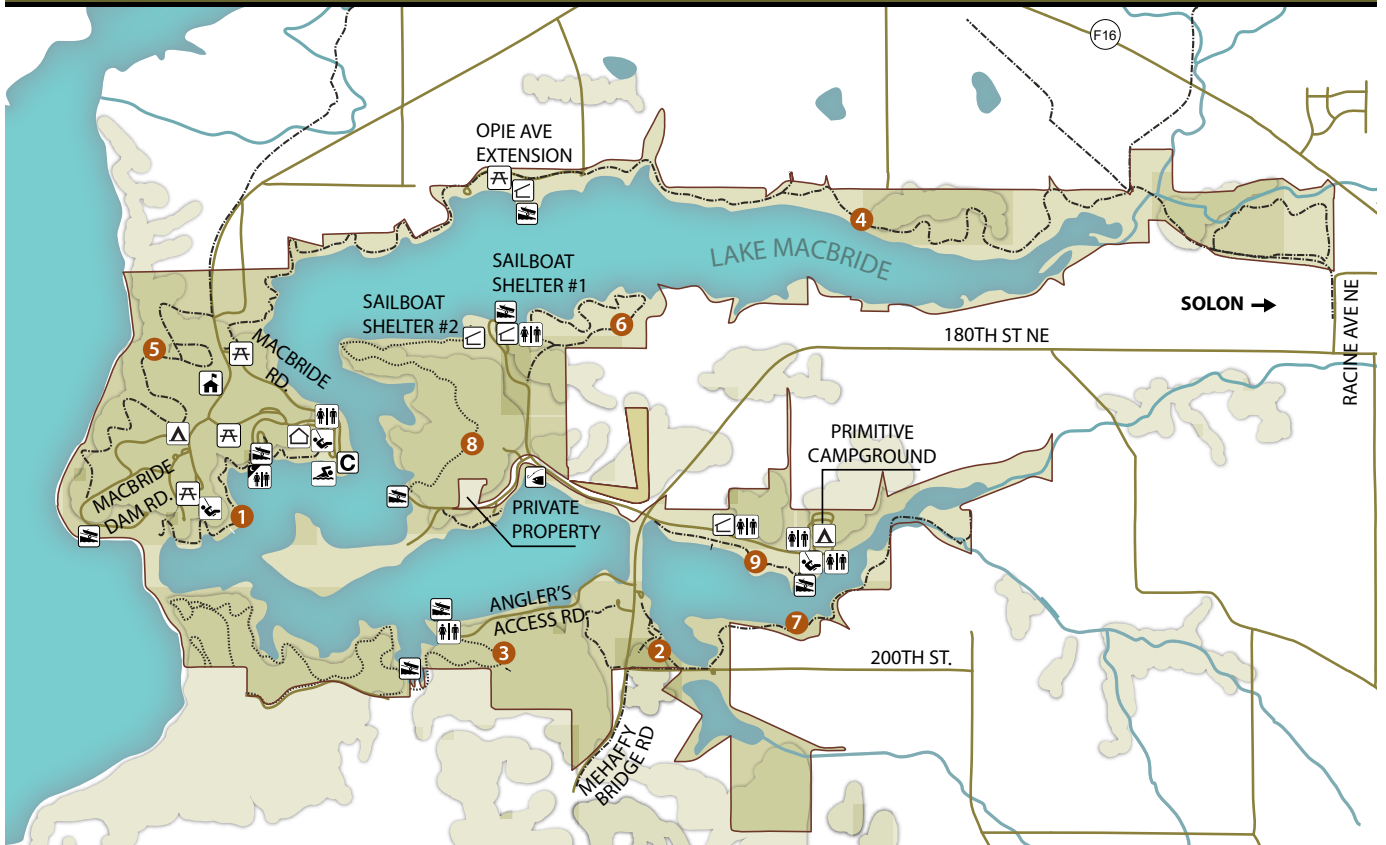
Lake Macbride

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Lake Macbride is nestled immediately adjacent to Coralville Lake, where power boats and jet skis are allowed to operate. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates numerous campgrounds, beaches and boat ramps along Coralville Lake. While there, explore the Devonian Fossil Gorge exposed by the floods of 1993. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum is located in nearby West Branch. Iowa Children's Museum, Amana Colonies and University of Iowa's Museum of Natural History are just a few of many local attractions in the surrounding Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area.



LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK



MAP KEY



| | | | |
|--|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | Beach Area | | Day-Use Lodge |
| | Boat Ramp | | Picnic Area |
| | Concession/Boat Rental | | Park Office |
| | Shelter | | Playground |
| | Fishing Pier | | Restroom - Modern Seasonal |
| | Campground | | Restroom - Nonmodern Year-round |

TRAIL INFORMATION

| Trail Name | Trail Activity | Length | Level of Difficulty | Estimated Hike Time |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Beach to Dam | Hiking | 1 mi | Easy | 5-10 min |
| 2 Brock's Bridge | Hiking | 0.3 mi | Easy | 5-10 min |
| 3 Field Campus | Hiking | 2.3 mi | Moderate | 10-20 min |
| 4 North Shore | Hiking, Biking, Mountain Biking | 4.7 mi | Moderate | 20-30 min |
| 5 North Snowmobile | Hiking, Snowmobiling | 1.5 mi | Moderate | 30-40 min |
| 6 Osprey | Hiking | 1.2 mi | Easy | 30-40 min |
| 7 South Snowmobile | Hiking, Snowmobiling | 1.3 mi | Moderate | 40-50 min |
| 8 White Pine | Hiking | 1.4 mi | Moderate | 40-50 min |
| 9 South Prairie | Hiking | 0.6 mi | Easy | 1-1.5 hr |

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2 mph.

www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks

Fishing AT LAKE MACBRIDE

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 \$22. (One-week or one-day licenses also are available. Fees are higher for out-of-state residents.)

Purchase your license at various stores in the area, including Casey's, BP and Sam's Main Street Market in Solon; L.D. Express in North Liberty; Fin and Feather in Iowa City; or Scheels or Walmart in Coralville. Or purchase and print a fishing license from the DNR website, iowadnr.gov. Or you can call 800-367-1188. 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 takemefishing.org for tons of info about what's biting and how to get your family hooked on fishing.

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JUNE 4-5-6**

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FISHING FAQs

How old do I need to be to buy a license?

- 16 years of age. Kids younger than 16 don't need a license to fish but may need to purchase a trout fee.

How much does a fishing license cost?

- \$22 for an annual fishing license; seven-day \$15.50; one-day \$10.50.
- Non-Iowa residents pay \$12 for one-day; \$20.50 for three-day; \$37.50 for seven-day; and \$48 for an annual license.

How many fish can I catch?

- Daily bag limits: Panfish - 25; Largemouth Bass - 3; Walleye - 5; Catfish - 8; Muskellunge - 1; White bass/Wipers - none
- Length limits: Panfish - none; Largemouth Bass - 15" minimum on Lake Macbride and 12" on Coralville Lake; Walleye - none; Catfish - none; Muskellunge - 40"; White bass/Wipers - none
- Two lines maximum, unless you pay \$14 for an annual third-line privilege.

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.

Check Iowa DNR fishing regulations at iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Fishing-Licenses-Laws



Reserve a shelter

AT LAKE MACBRIDE

The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed a number of facilities at Lake Macbride in the 1930s including a beautiful, enclosed stone shelter. The enclosed lodge shelter (day use only) is available for rent for \$200 per holiday or weekend day plus tax (\$100 for weekdays), which includes electricity, water, modern restrooms, kitchen facilities and oak tables and benches. The main lodge may be reserved online at www.iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com. Three open picnic shelters are also available for rent. For locations, please see the map in this guide or view the online map at www.iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com. Open shelters may be reserved online at www.iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com for a \$25 fee plus tax.

Special park rules

All boats must operate at no-wake speed. From the Thursday before Memorial Day through Labor Day each year, there is a 10-horsepower limit on the lake. Please note: alcohol, smoking, glass and pets are prohibited inside the beach fence. Please pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

Severe weather

The stone day-use lodge, shower building or any vault latrines can be used for emergency shelters. The nearest sirens sound at the park and in Solon in the event of a tornado warning. It is to your benefit to carry a weather radio and carefully monitor local radio channels.

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AT LAKE MACBRIDE

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

Lake Macbride also features a 5-mile rock surface trail along the lake from Solon to the park entrance. In 2019, the Hoover Nature Trail (paved) extension from Ely to Solon was completed, and the easternmost mile runs adjacent to the North Shore Trail as you end in Solon.



SUBMITTED BY JANE BARTHEL

Points of interest

Lake Macbride offers 900 acres of artificial lake prime for catching bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, hybrid striped bass, muskie and the elusive Kentucky spotted bass. Fishing amenities include seven boat ramps, one universally accessible fishing pier, a dozen fishing jetties, great shoreline access throughout and a fish-cleaning station. A section of the lake shoreline is designated as 24-hour fishing access and is described in the Iowa Fishing Regulations book. A state-maintained boat ramp and dock on the adjacent Coralville Lake provides access to the Iowa River at no cost to park visitors. Ramp users must follow park hours, however, and vacate by 10:30 p.m. On a hot day, Lake Macbride's beach, located in the northern unit of the park, is the perfect place to cool off or simply relax and enjoy the view. Alcohol of any kind is prohibited inside the fence at the beach area. Located nearby is a boat rental

and concession operation. Here, visitors can rent a pontoon, motorboat, paddleboat, canoe or kayak to enjoy a little time on the lake. For overnight accommodations, Lake Macbride offers one modern campground with restroom and shower facilities, electricity and water, as well as one primitive campground with several campsites and running water. The park offers a day-use lodge and four open shelters to rent for your family or company function. A 5-mile crushed limestone multi-use trail is located on the north side of the lake and connects the park to the community of Solon. While a majority of this trail runs along the shoreline of Lake Macbride, several portions pass through oak/hickory forest or alongside restored Iowa prairie. More than seven miles of additional hiking trails await your visit, including one especially scenic crushed limestone trail that extends 1.25 miles between the beach and Lake Macbride's dam.

Swimming and boating

AT LAKE MACBRIDE

No lifeguards are provided, so park visitors may swim at their own risk. Swimming is restricted to the designated beach area only, and alcohol is prohibited.

A variety of boats are available for rent. 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-\$55 an hour. Paddleboats, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards rent for \$10-\$15 an hour.*

There are seven boat ramps on Lake Macbride. Please see the area map for ramp locations. 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). Beach closures of up to two hours are possible on weekends and holidays at Lake Macbride State Park due to high visitation and limited parking at the beach area. During these times, vehicles will be stopped at the park entrance and asked to return to the beach at a later time or asked to visit one of the other beaches in Johnson County such as Sandy Beach, Sugar Bottom, West Overlook or Kent Park. Beach hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Make weekend and holiday plans accordingly.

**Check with Tina Hoffman for current boat rental prices: cell 319-360-3053.*



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