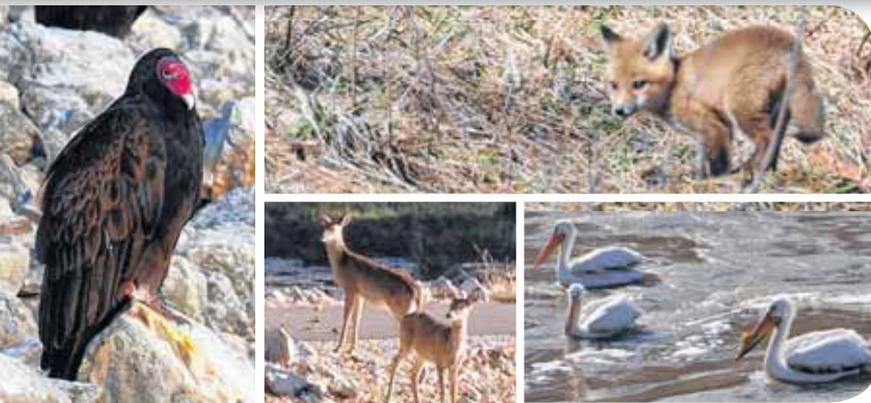




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**Coralville Lake** or Reservoir, sometimes lovingly referred to as “the Res,” was formed in the 1950s when the Coralville Dam was built to control the flooding of the Iowa River. Today, 23-mile-long Coralville Lake offers seven campgrounds and a number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

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.



## contact info:

### Coralville Lake

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# 2014 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](http://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% discount. Please inquire at the Administration Office on the east side of dam or call (319) 338-3543, ext. 6300 for further details. Order form is available online at [www.coralvillelake.org](http://www.coralvillelake.org)

## VISITOR CENTER

APRIL 19 - OCT. 19: Mon- Fri: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., Sun & holidays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OCT. 20, 2014 - APRIL 11, 2015: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 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 September 30: Sandy Beach Day Use, Mehaffey Bridge Boat Ramp and West Overlook Day Use

## Join us for fun all summer long.

Summer fun in North Liberty starts when our waterslides open on Memorial Day weekend, continues July 12 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.



Visit us in person or online at [northlibertyiowa.org](http://northlibertyiowa.org).

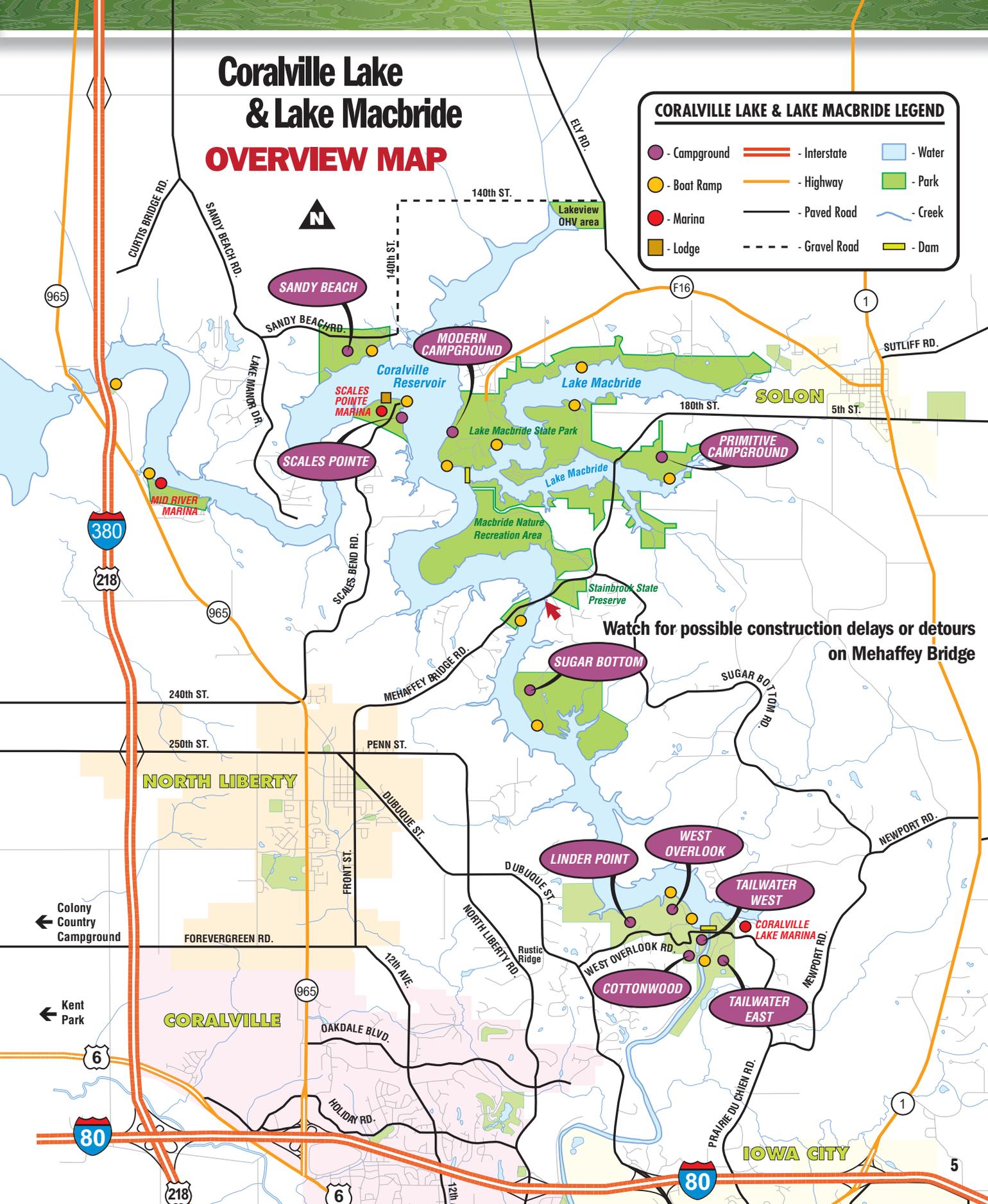


# Coralville Lake & Lake Macbride

## OVERVIEW MAP

### CORALVILLE LAKE & LAKE MACBRIDE LEGEND

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



# Big changes coming to Visitor Center

The Coralville Lake Visitor Center is located at the east end of the dam. An outdoor gazebo also sits atop the hill next to the Visitor Center overlooking the lake and a native prairie planting.



Usually the Visitor Center features exhibits about the history and natural resources of the area, but this year, the entire exhibit area has been gutted to prepare for a renovation. All the old exhibits are gone, and the floor was even taken down to the concrete slab. The old quarry tiles under the carpet had a nasty habit of breaking up, and what had started out as a new floor project grew into a complete makeover.

Several long-time staff members believe it has been at least 30 to 35 years since any major changes were made in the space, so a major update was long overdue.

The long range renovation plans include some major changes from the main entry point to old walls coming down and new walls going up and may take 1 ½ to 2 years to actually complete.

For this summer, the big change will be the exhibit space itself.

The fossils will return, as well as a few of the newer exhibits, but they may only be in temporary settings this year. By this summer sketches of the new and improved Visitor Center should start to be available.

Brochures and maps will still be available, but they will be reduced in variety, focusing more on Corps facilities and the major local visitor guides, such as the Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty Visitors Guide, the Iowa Tour Guide and a few others.

The movie about Coralville Lake and the floods of 1993 and 2008, can still be viewed in the theatre upon request. The video may also be purchased along with postcards.

## Coralville Lake Visitor Center:

**April 19 – Oct. 19, 2014:**

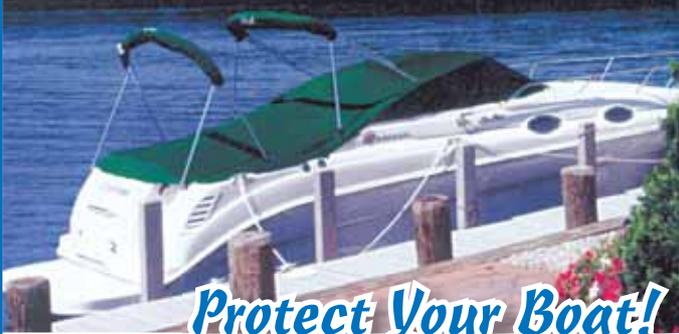
Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,  
Saturday, Sunday, holidays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

**Oct. 20 – April 11, 2015:**

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Closed weekends

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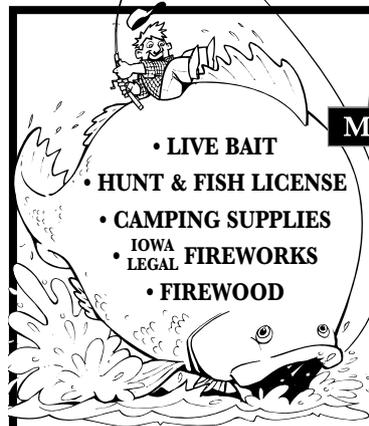
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# Camping

## 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 hook-ups. 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 primitive 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](http://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.**

### 2014 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

## 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% 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.exploreiowaparks.com](http://www.exploreiowaparks.com). 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 (MNRA) 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>

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County Road W4F / Sandy Beach Road

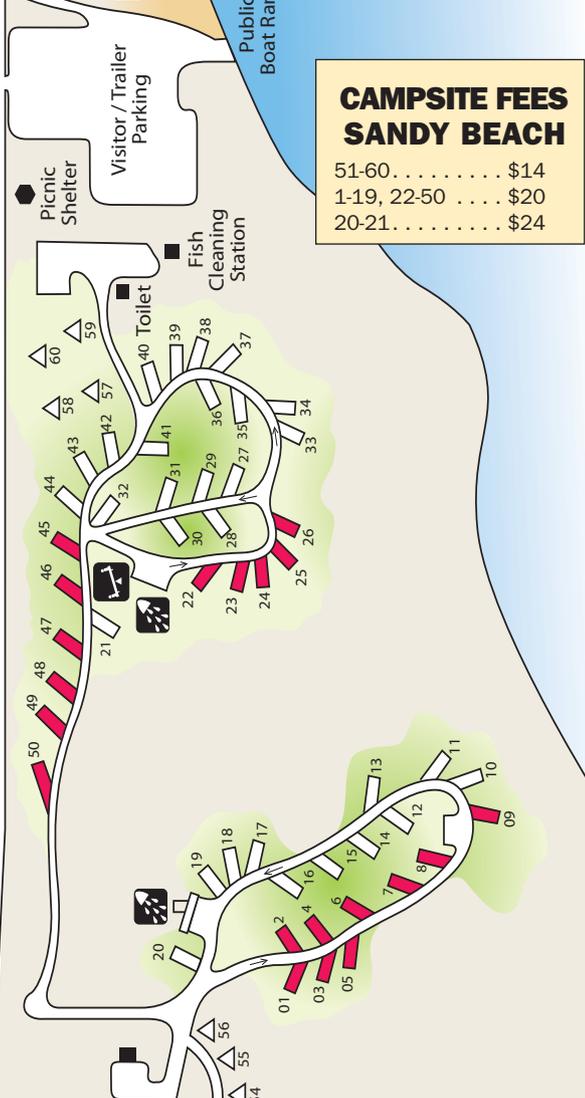
To Shueyville, I-380 / Hwy 218, Hwy 965

Day Use Area  
Toilet  
Change House  
Beach

# Coralville Lake

## CAMPSITE FEES SANDY BEACH

51-60	.....	\$14
1-19, 22-50	.....	\$20
20-21	.....	\$24



# Sandy Beach

## 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

Main exit to County Road

# 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](http://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

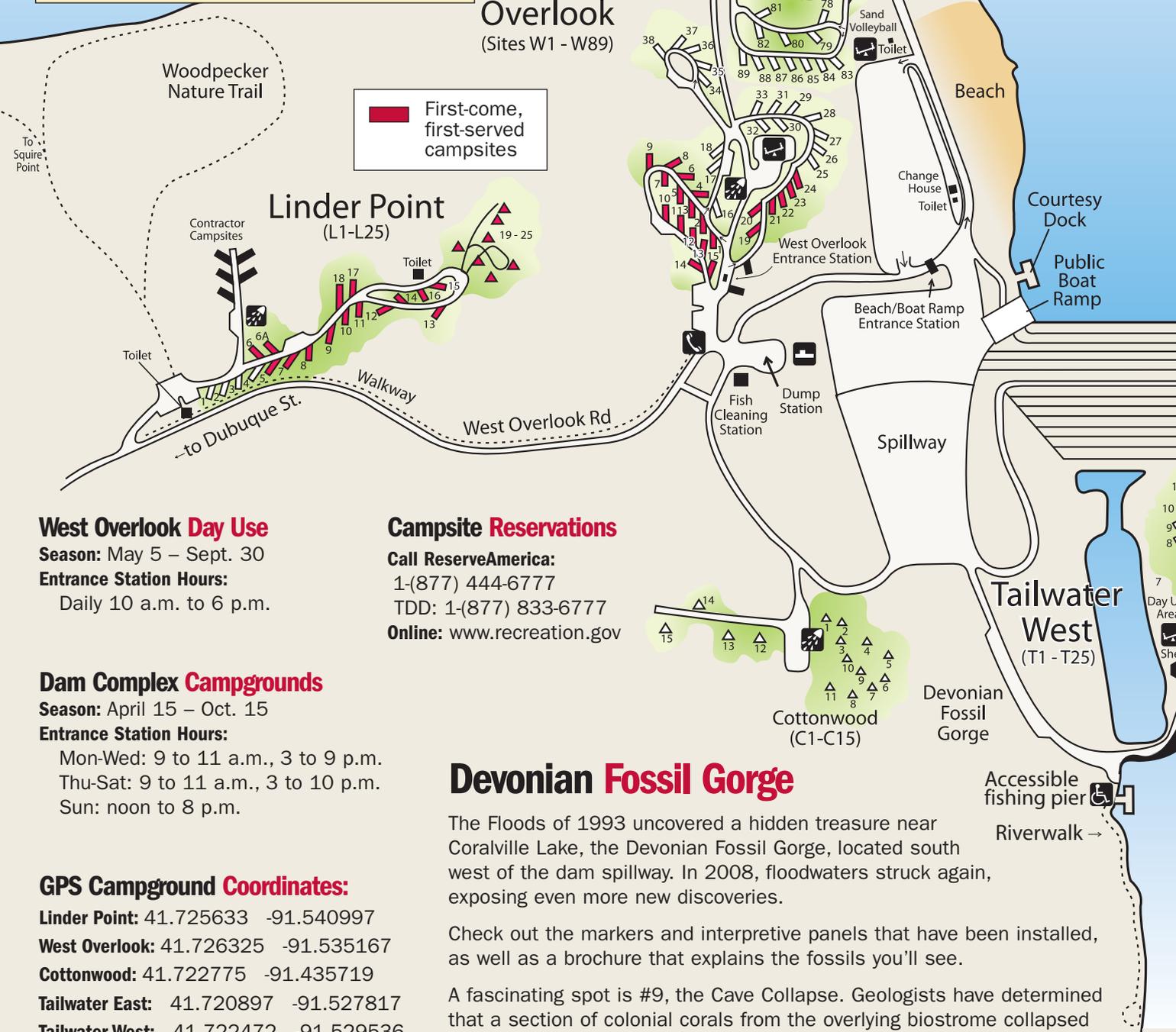
Reserving site B229 includes the sites in Group Loop B2, B230-B233, for a total of five sites. The fee is \$100 per night.

### 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
<b>LINDER POINT</b>		E6-E19, E25-E28.....	
L19-L25.....	\$14	E20-E24.....	\$20
L13-L16.....	\$16	<b>TAILWATER WEST</b>	
L9-L12, L17-L18.....	\$20	T21-T25.....	\$14
L1-L8.....	\$26	T1-T2, T4, T6, T8-T12, T14	\$24
<b>WEST OVERLOOK</b>		T15, T17.....	\$24
W1 - W89.....	\$20	T3, T5, T7, T13, T16, T18-	
		T20.....	\$26



### West Overlook Day Use

Season: May 5 – Sept. 30

Entrance Station Hours:

Daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Dam Complex Campgrounds

Season: April 15 – Oct. 15

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 Campground Coordinates:

Linder Point: 41.725633 -91.540997

West Overlook: 41.726325 -91.535167

Cottonwood: 41.722775 -91.435719

Tailwater East: 41.720897 -91.527817

Tailwater West: 41.722472 -91.529536

### Campsite Reservations

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Online: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

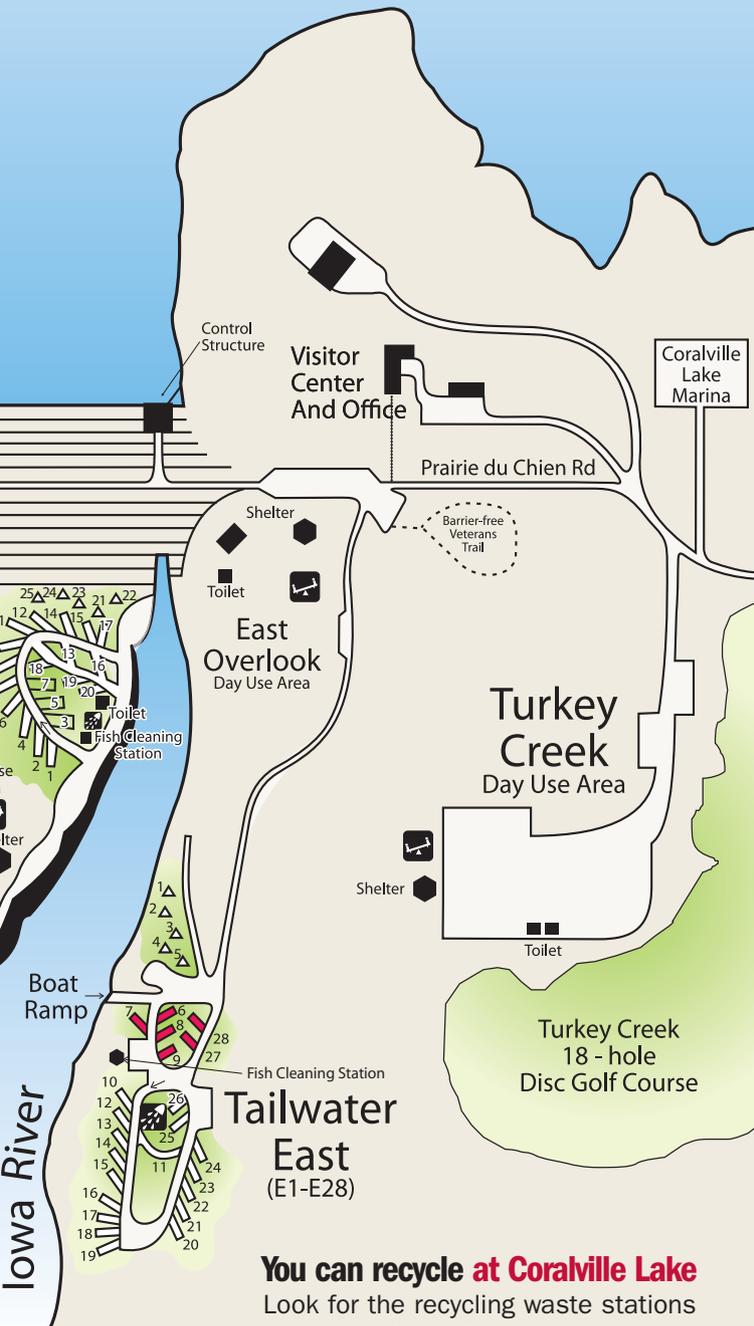
## Devonian Fossil Gorge

The Floods of 1993 uncovered a hidden treasure near Coralville Lake, the Devonian Fossil Gorge, located south west of the dam spillway. In 2008, floodwaters struck again, exposing even more new discoveries.

Check out the markers and interpretive panels that have been installed, as well as a brochure that explains the fossils you'll see.

A fascinating spot is #9, the Cave Collapse. Geologists have determined that a section of colonial corals from the overlying biostrome collapsed into a cave and were then "cemented" to the cave floor. Erosion has revealed the cave and exposed the fossils and cave walls.

# Coralville Lake



## You can recycle at Coralville Lake

Look for the recycling waste stations next to the garbage dumpsters.  
No sorting required.

## Volunteer opportunities abound at Coralville Lake

Coralville Lake needs your help! With a limited staff and a very large area to take care of, the Corps of Engineers at Coralville Lake relies heavily upon volunteers. This year the public can participate in a variety of projects and events. A volunteer can choose to work two hours, two days, or longer, if so inclined.

Some opportunities are date specific and advance signup is usually required. Events start at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.; dates and times can be flexible to accommodate you or your group. The dates in red indicate free camping will be available to volunteers working a minimum of 4 hours. Preregistration is required a minimum of 24 hours before the event start time, and early registration is highly recommended. Sign up for these by calling (319) 338-3543 Ext 6300.

- April 26 (25 - 27): EARTH DAY EVENT
- May 17 (16 - 18): Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) or Garlic Mustard Pull
- Aug. 16 (15 - 17): Shoreline Clean-up
- Sept. 27 (26 - 28): NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY
- Oct. 4 (3-5): Prairie Seed Collection
- Oct. 18 Prairie Seed Collection
- Nov. 08: Prairie Seed Collection
- Nov. 15: Prairie Seed Collection

Other opportunities are more ongoing, but sporadic, and some can be a season-long type of appointment. The more sporadic positions would be the interpretive guides, guest speakers, and program presenters.

If you have an idea for a campground program and could present it, we're looking for you! These are on an as-needed basis, and also depend upon each person's expertise. We welcome anyone wishing to volunteer as a guest speaker for a campground program.

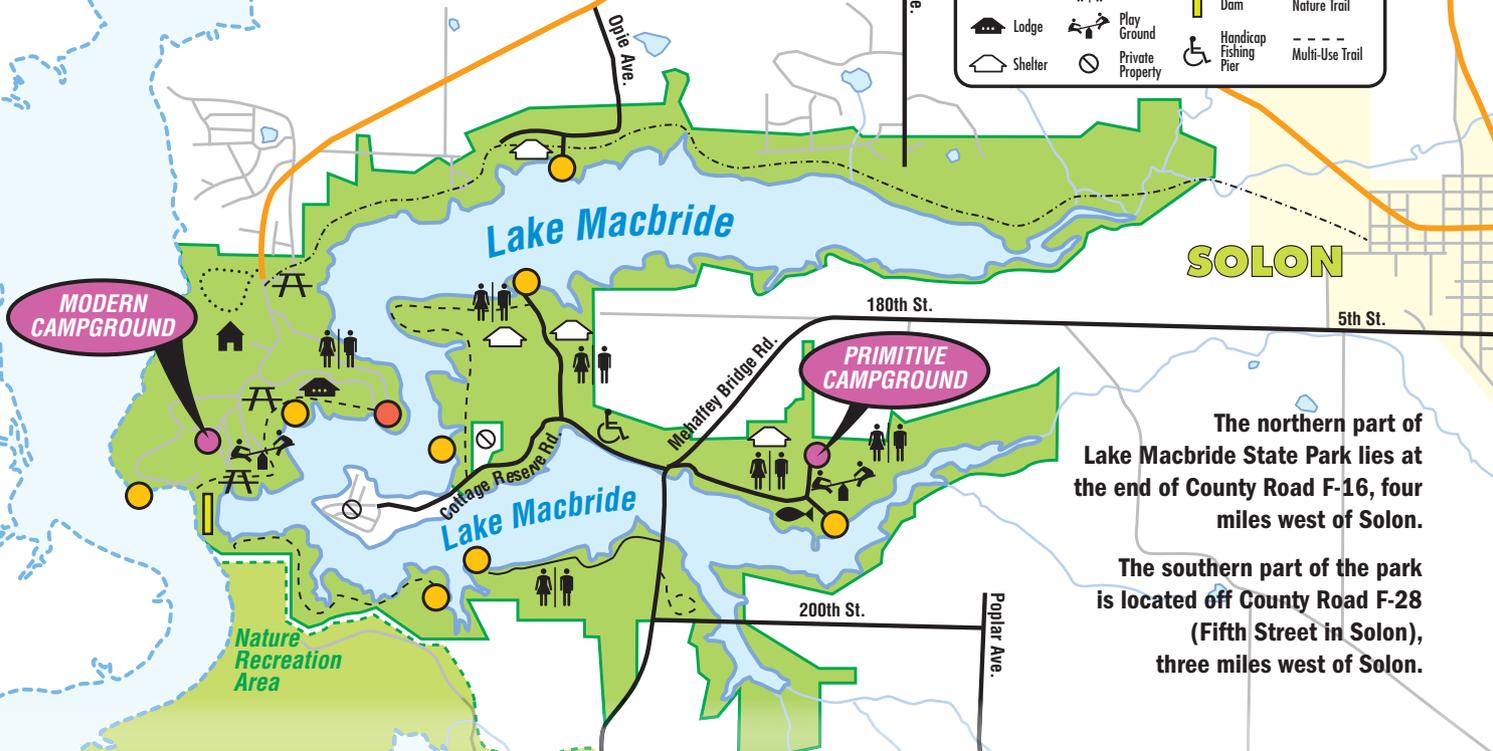
If you want more details and/or are interested in volunteering for any of these, check out our website ([www.coralvillelake.org](http://www.coralvillelake.org)), our Facebook page, the Cultural Corridor website ([www.culturalcorridor.org](http://www.culturalcorridor.org)), call our office (319) 338-3543 Ext 6300, or email [coralville.lake@usace.army.mil](mailto:coralville.lake@usace.army.mil).

# Lake Macbride

## 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



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

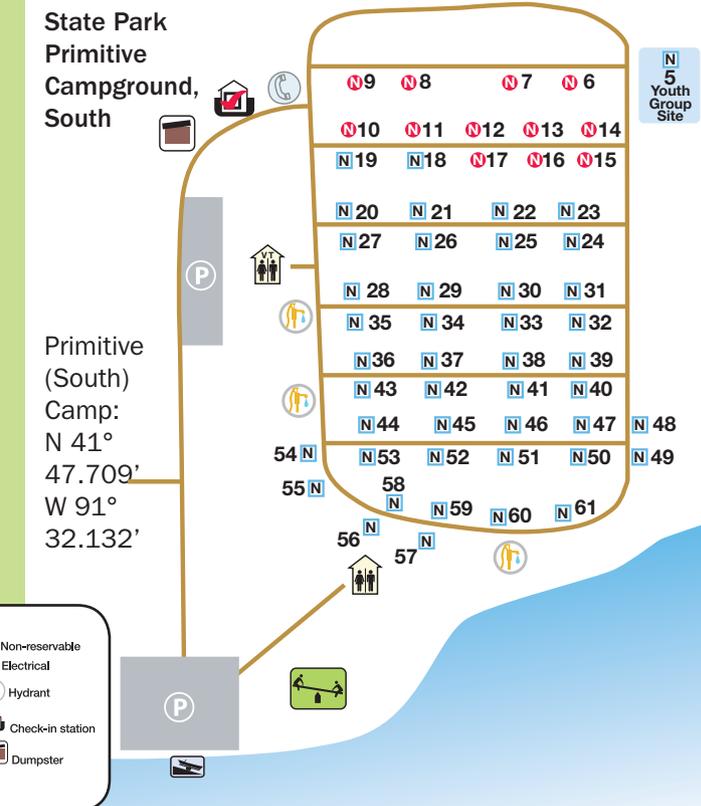
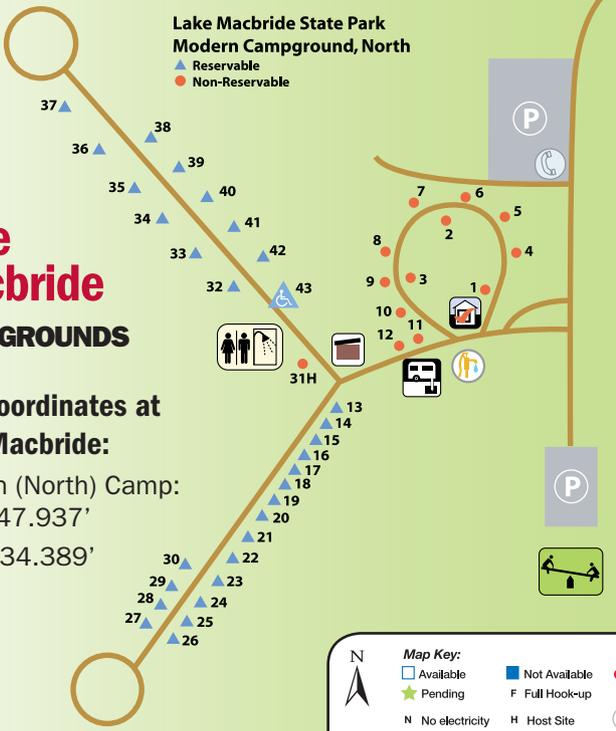
## CAMPGROUNDS

### GPS Coordinates at Lake Macbride:

Modern (North) Camp:  
 N 41° 47.937'  
 W 91° 34.389'

### Lake Macbride State Park Primitive Campground, South

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



# Campground Programs and other events

Each year, the Sugar Bottom Campground Amphitheatre hosts a variety of campground programs. All of these 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
- The Pella Wildlife Company will be back with a live ambassador from the wild
- "Rocket Man" Randy McEntaffer launching his model rockets

Some new exciting programs include Family Folk Medicine, an archaeological presentation and maybe even a puppet show!

Evening campground programs are scheduled on Saturday evenings beginning Memorial Day weekend and going through Labor Day weekend. Some programs start at 7 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. and others may start at 8 p.m. to better accommodate the audio/visual presentations. Check the weekly fliers posted on the bulletin boards, ask a ranger or call the office at (319) 338-3543, Ext 6300.



## CAMPGROUND PROGRAMS

### Sugar Bottom Campground Amphitheatre

**May 24, 7 p.m.**

"Invasion of the Tree Snatchers"

**Sat, May 31, 7 p.m.**

Will Wolves Return to Iowa? Pella Wildlife Company

**Sat, June 14, 8 p.m.**

Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron

**Sat, June 21, 8 p.m.**

Moth Lighting, Jim Durbin

**Sat, June 28, 7 p.m.**

Rockets! Randall McEntaffer

**Fri, July 4, 11 a.m.**

Kids Bike Parade

**Sat, July 5, 8 p.m.**

Archaeological Finds of Coralville Lake



**Sat, July 12, 7 p.m.**

Storyteller, Perry Ross

**Sat, July 19, 8 p.m.**

Nature's Garbage Man - The Turkey Vulture, Karen Disbrow

**Sat, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.**

Raptors! Macbride Raptor Project

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Mon, May 26, 1:30 p.m.**

Memorial Day Veteran's Trail Ceremony

This is an extra special event this year as we celebrate 25 years of honoring local veterans for their service to our country.

**Sat, June 21, 8 a.m. to noon**

Turkey Vulture Festival, East Overlook Picnic Area

**Sun, Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Pelican Festival, Hawkeye Wildlife Area

**Feb. 7, 2015**

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

Information on programs may be found at [www.coralvillelake.org](http://www.coralvillelake.org) or [www.Facebook.com/coralvillelake](http://www.Facebook.com/coralvillelake). You may also call (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 a campground program! In the event of inclement weather, call (319) 338-3543 Ext 6300 to ask about cancellations.

# 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](http://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.**

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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.

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.icormtb.org](http://www.icormtb.org). Other trail maps can be found at [www.coralvillelake.org](http://www.coralvillelake.org).

## 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.

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# Swimming and Boating

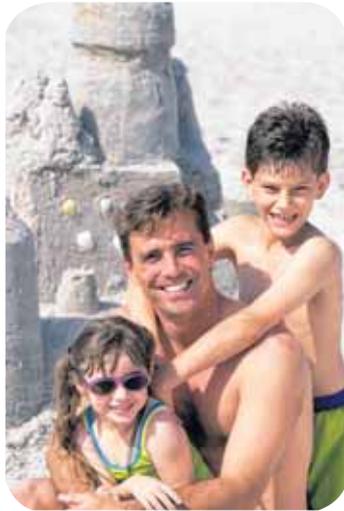
## Lake Macbride

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](http://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 non-residents.)

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](http://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-lb. fish.

Check out [www.takemefishing.org](http://www.takemefishing.org) for tons of info about what's biting and how to get your family hooked on fishing.

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## Be safe on your boat:

- Take a safe boating course.
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- 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:

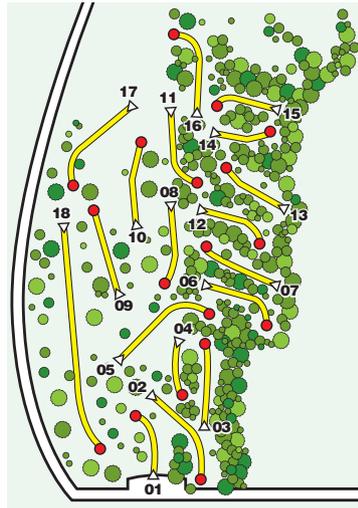
- Don't exceed 5 mph within 100 feet of craft going 5 mph or less.
- Keep a distance of 50 feet when both are going over 5 mph.
- Don't exceed 10 mph when vision is not clear 200 feet ahead.

# 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.

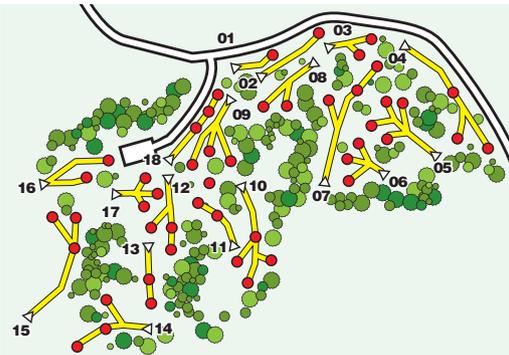
The disc golf course located in the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area offers a mix of open and wooded areas on rolling terrain that makes for a challenging 18 holes. The access road to Sugar Bottom is off Mehaffey Bridge Road.

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, x6319. For Lake Macbride, call (319) 624-2200.

For more information on local caches, go online to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) or [www.iowageocachers.org](http://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 which 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.exploreiowaparks.com](http://www.exploreiowaparks.com). Four open picnic shelters are also available for rent. For locations, see the map in this guide or view the online map at [www.exploreiowaparks.com](http://www.exploreiowaparks.com). Open shelters may be reserved online at [www.exploreiowaparks.com](http://www.exploreiowaparks.com) for a \$25 fee plus tax.



## Coralville Lake

Six picnic shelters are available. The daily fee to reserve a shelter from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 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.

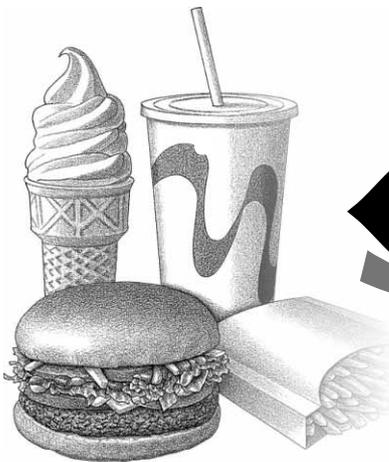
There are individual picnic tables and grills throughout each picnic area. Three concrete, universally-accessible picnic sites at Coralville Lake's West Overlook Day Use Area are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## 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 <http://recserv.uiowa.edu/Apps/Programs/MacbrideRaptorProject.aspx>

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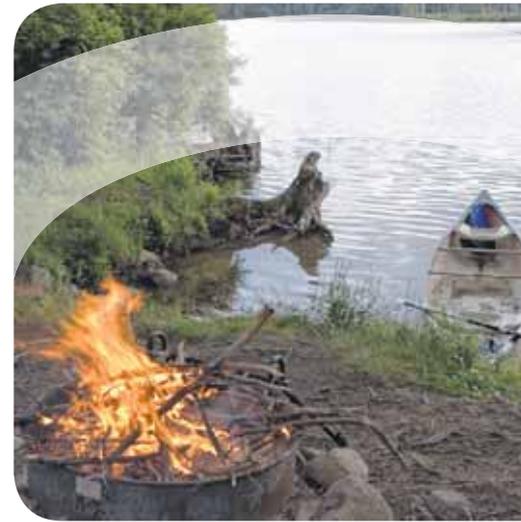
# Don't move firewood

Emerald Ash Borer, or EAB, was first discovered in 2002 in Detroit, Michigan. It is believed to have been brought here unintentionally in packing materials from its native habitat in Asia. While the adult beetle may nibble at leaves, the destructive part of this insect's life cycle is the larvae, which feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the ability of the tree to move water and nutrients which ultimately leads to the tree's death. Since its arrival in the United States, EAB has killed tens of millions of trees in 22 states, costing homeowners, municipalities and other public agencies billions of dollars for removal of the now dead and hazardous trees and replanting.

EAB beetles are only capable of flying an estimated five miles during their dispersal each year. Since the spread of the beetle

over the 12 years since its initial discovery is now more than 1,000 miles, 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, aimed at limiting the movement of firewood and any pests the firewood may be harboring.

In 2014, as EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) swiftly marches across Iowa, we hope to save our trees from this and other pests that are commonly transported on firewood such as Asian Longhorn Beetle, 1000 Canker Disease, Gypsy Moth, and Oak Wilt by 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.



You may notice green ribbons which have been placed on some ash trees. Take note of these trees now, because the next time you visit these ash trees may be gone. Please understand that something as simple as moving firewood may be what kills that tree.



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