

Volksweg Trail

Surface: Paved

Length: 14 Miles

The Volksweg Trail extends 11 miles at Lake Red Rock, with an additional three-mile section of trail linking Howell Station to the City of Pella. Trail mile markers have been installed on a 9.5 mile section of trail from Howell Station to Roberts Creek. Another 1.5 miles of trail connects Howell Station to the South Tailwater and Ivans Campground areas.

The Volksweg Trail is a continually developing asphalt path. Currently, the trail connects Pella to the Howell Station Campground. From there, the trail follows the Des Moines River and winds through the North Overlook woods. The trail continues along the north side of the lake to the west side of Roberts Creek. The trail passes through mature timbered areas, restored prairies, pine plantations, open areas and offers fantastic views of Lake Red Rock. Benches and picnic tables for resting are available along the way.

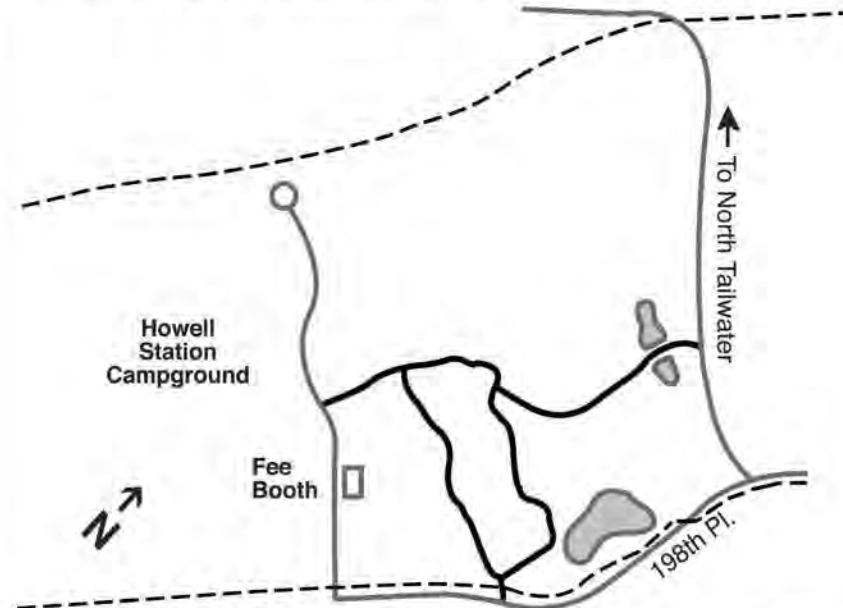
The Volksweg Trail is a combination of Private, Federal, State, County and City effort. A large portion of the path was funded through the Des Moines River Greenbelt Program.

--- Volksweg Trail ——— Earthen Trails

Howell Station Prairie Trail



Surface: Grass/Earthen Path Length: 1.5 Miles
Location: Howell Station Recreation Area



This trail takes you through an established prairie and woodland, it also features two wetlands that are frequented by waterfowl and various small mammals.

Eagle Lair Loop

Surface: Earthen Path Length: 0.6 mile
Location: Below the Red Rock Dam

This trail was named after the many bald eagles that feed and rest below the dam. This path connects directly to the Volksweg paved trail, and is located near Ivan's Campground.

Elk Rock Equestrian Trail

Surface: Earthen Path Length: 13 Miles
Location: Elk Rock State Park

This trail offers scenic beauty for horseback riders and nature lovers. A picturesque view of the Mile-Long Bridge is a highlight of this path.

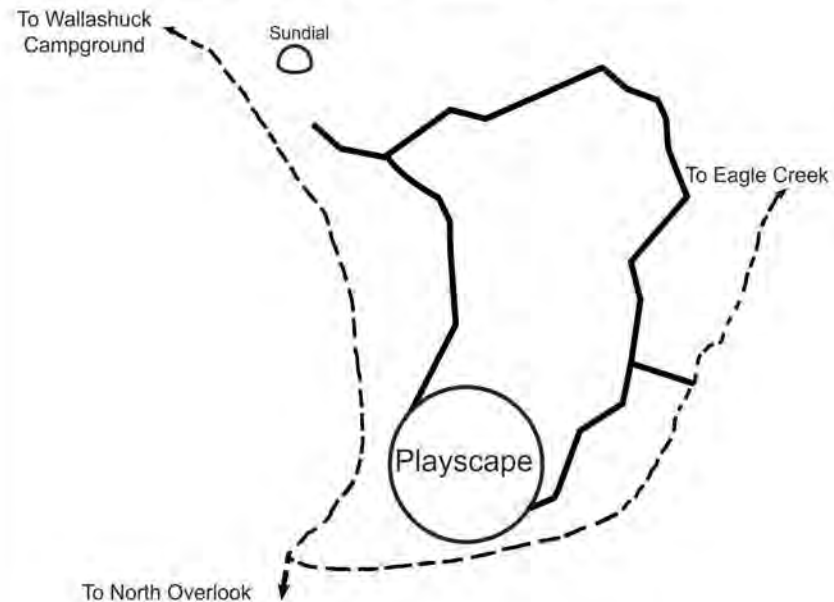
Karr Nature Trail

Surface: Earthen Path Length: 1.1 Miles
Location: Cordova County Park

This trail was named after the Karr family that lived in the town of Cordova. The path winds through pristine oak hickory forest. A portion of the trail is designated as a self-guided interpretive trail.

Playscape Nature Trail

Surface: Earthen Path Length: 0.25 Mile
Location: Along Volksweg Trail west of North Overlook Campground (near mile marker 2.5)

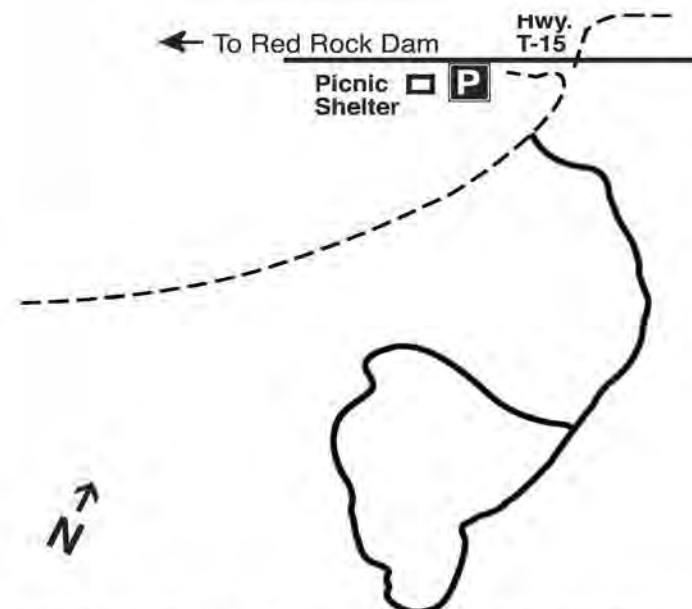


A short woodland path leads you from the natural play area to a prairie complete with sundial!

North Overlook Trail



Surface: Grass/Earthen Path Length: 1.1 Miles
Location: North Overlook Recreation Area

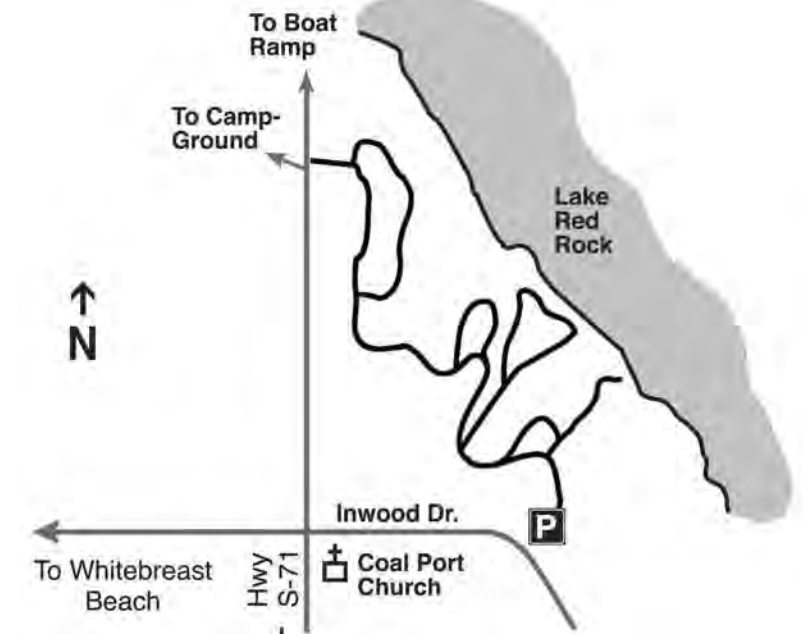


A beautiful wooded trail ideally suited for family and small groups. A nearby picnic area offers a great spot for lunch.

"Stu" Kuyper Trail



Surface: Grass/Earthen Path Length: 1.5 Miles
Location: Whitebreast Recreation Area



This wooded trail offers winding paths and a scenic lake view.