

Volksweg Trail

Surface: Paved

Length: 17 Miles

The Volksweg Trail features an asphalt surface that extends 12 miles along the north side of Lake Red Rock, a 3.8 mile section of trail linking the Howell Station Recreation Area to the City of Pella, and a 1.5 mile section connecting Howell Station to the South Tailwater and Ivans Recreation Areas. Mile markers define the 12 mile section of trail from Howell Station to Cordova County Park.

Bikers and hikers will pass through mature stands of timber, restored prairies, pine plantations, campgrounds and other recreation areas. Many spots offer fantastic views of Lake Red Rock. Benches and picnic areas for resting are available along the way.

The Volksweg Trail was made possible through a partnership of Private, Federal, State, County and City agencies. A large portion of the trail was funded through the Des Moines River Greenbelt Program.

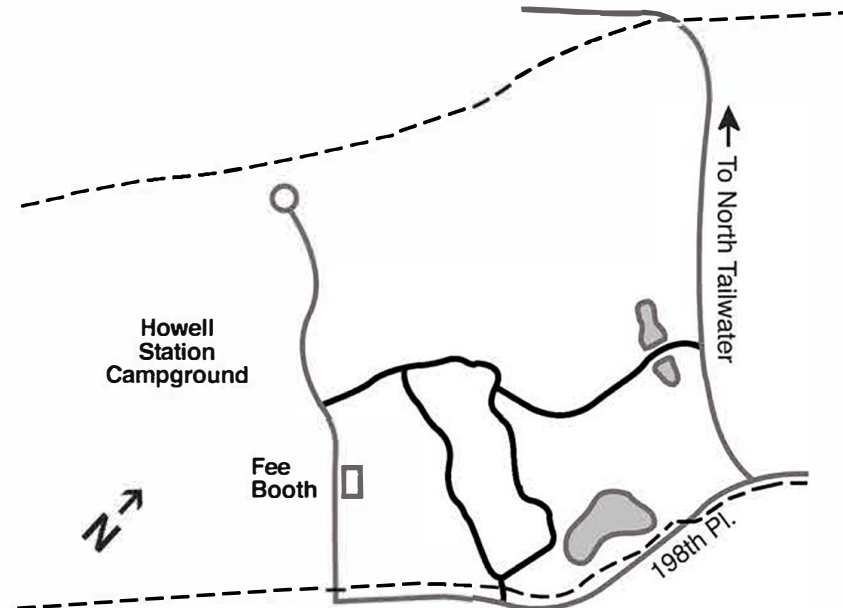
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Howell Station Prairie Trail



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

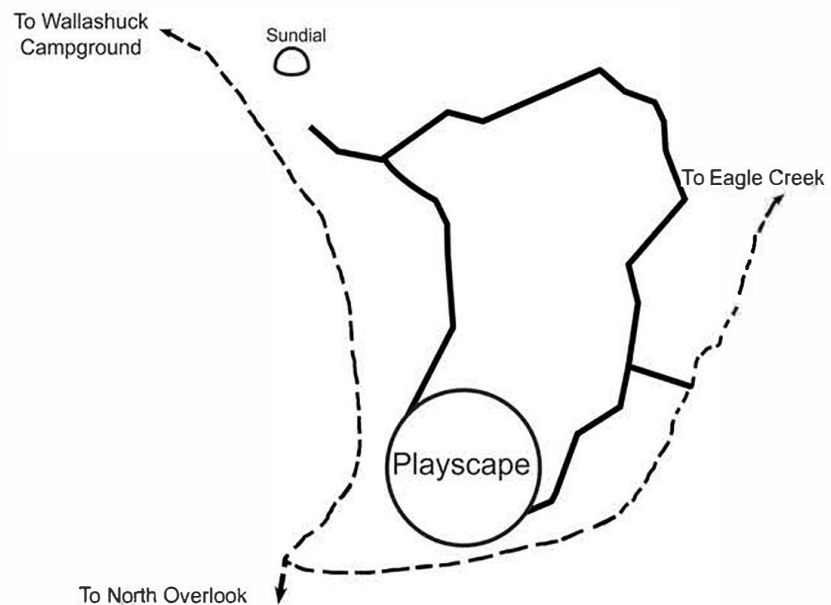
This trail was named after the Karr family that lived in the town of Cordova. The path winds through pristine oak hickory forest. A portion of the trail is designated as a self-guided interpretive trail.

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!

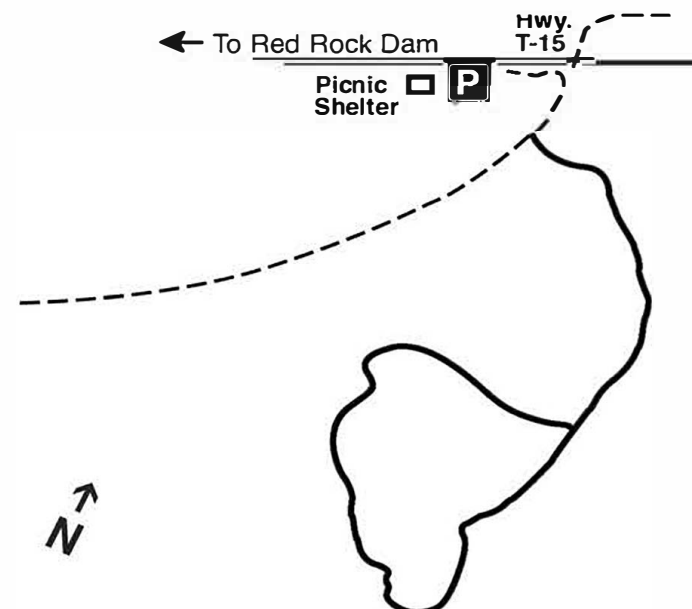
North Overlook Trail



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.

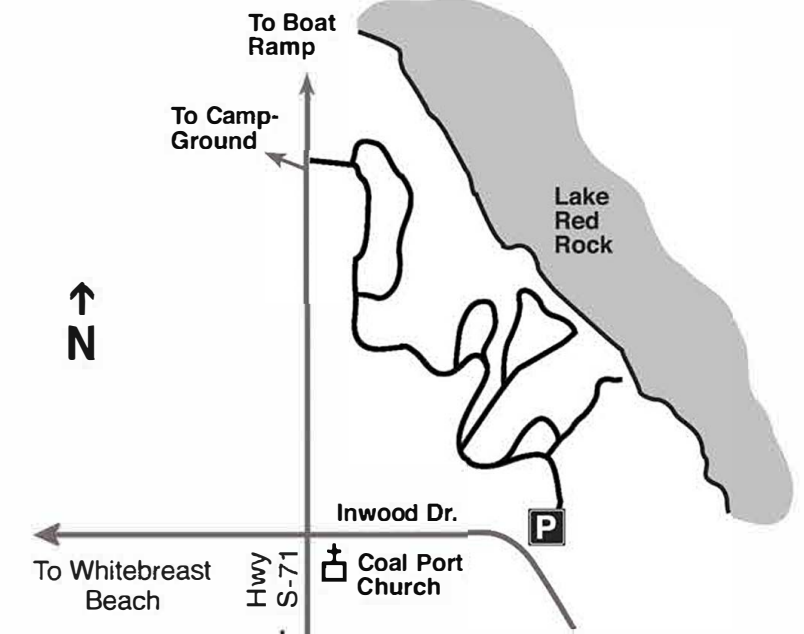
"Stu" Kuyper Trail



Surface: Grass/Earthen Path

Length: 1.5 Miles

Location: Whitebreast Recreation Area



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