



RED HAW STATE PARK

24550 US Hwy 34, Chariton, IA 50049

Welcome to Red Haw State Park. The quiet, 649-acre park first opened to the public in 1939. Visitors are inspired by its beauty and tranquility. We hope your visit is an enjoyable one spent fishing, hiking, camping, swimming, picnicking, or as a long-time frequenter of Red Haw once said, “just lazing away beautiful days.”

PARK AMENITIES/POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

Red Haw’s 70-acre lake has long been known as a premier pan-fishing destination, especially for large bluegill. A lake renovation project in 2002 has helped to continue this tradition with excellent catches reported of bluegill, crappie, red ear sunfish, channel catfish and largemouth bass. Several fishing jetties and numerous shoreline accesses make for easy bank fishing. Two boat ramps provide access for boaters.

Campers can enjoy a heavily shaded campground with electric sites, a playground and modern rest rooms and shower facilities. A boat ramp is nearby and trail accesses connect to several picnic areas and the beach.

A 4-mile marked grass trail hugs the lake through the timbered park and provides access on the south to an adjacent 229-acre wildlife management area with large parcels of reconstructed prairie. An upper trail east of the lake and short trails elsewhere provide exploratory options for hikers. The east and south trail system traverses undeveloped areas and hikers may be able to catch a glimpse of the numerous wildlife species in the park.

Red Haw’s beach is a popular area for swimming, sun bathing and volley ball. Three open shelters may be reserved for special occasions or used for free on a first-come, first-served basis. The historic CCC-built stone shelter with its large fireplace is especially popular for weddings and other large gatherings and available to reserve online. Red Haw’s lake lies on three sides, providing nearby fishing and placid views.

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Only electric trolling motors may be operated on the lake. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENTS/ATTRACTIONS

Visit the park in mid-to late April and enjoy the brilliance of thousands of red bud trees in bloom. Farmers market, Fourth of July festivities, bike rides and car shows are just a few examples of city-sponsored events. The Cinder Path Bike Trail from Chariton to Humeston, the Pin Oak Marsh Conservation Center, the Lucas County Museum and the John L. Lewis Labor and Mining Museum are nearby attractions. Race fans can enjoy the Knoxville Raceway located 30 minutes north of Chariton on Hwy 14. Thirty minutes to the southeast, visitors can explore the Rathbun Lake area and the new Honey Creek Resort State Park. Golfers should not miss the opportunity to challenge the 18-hole championship course located there.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

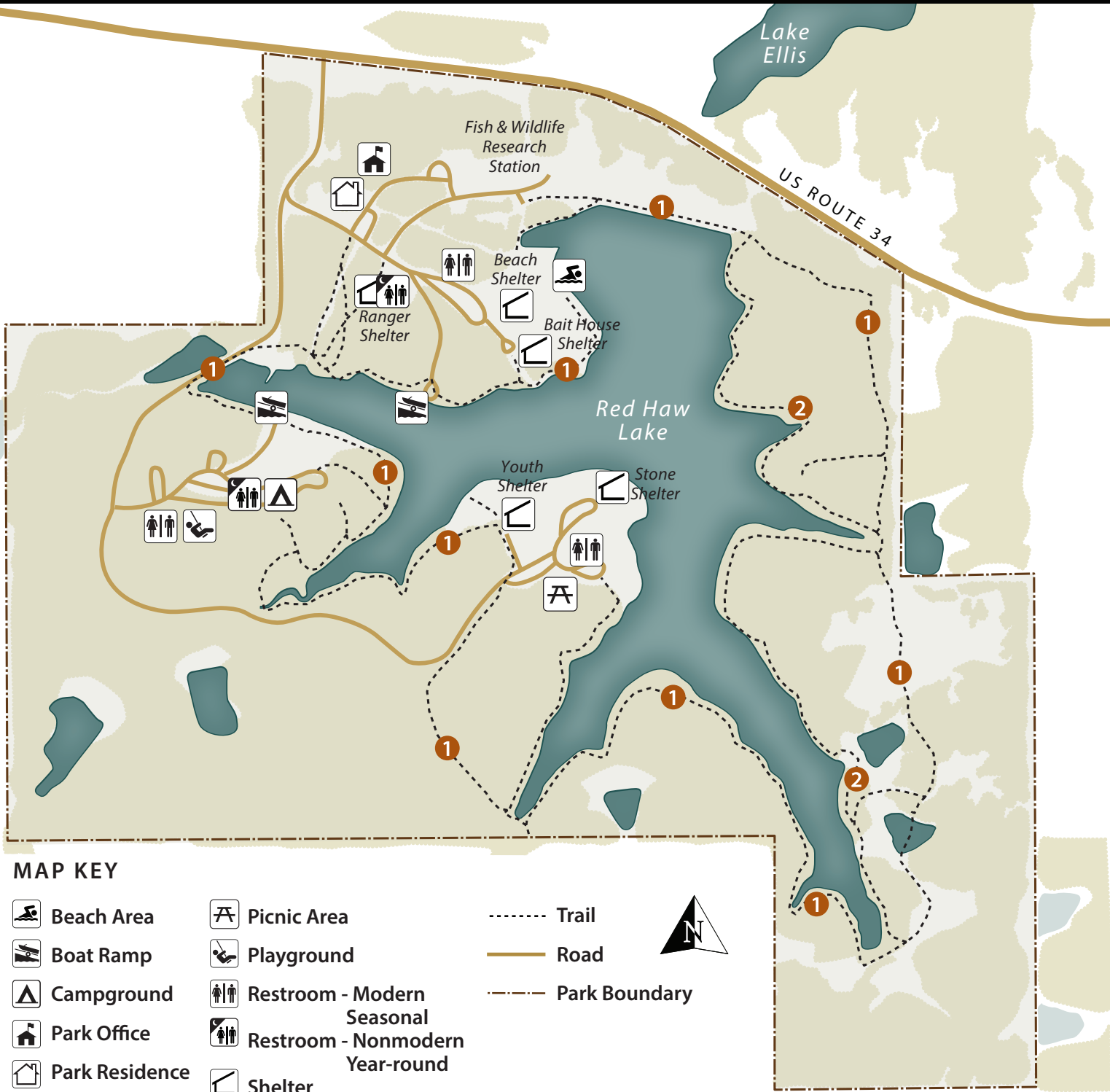
Park Office: 641.774.5632
Park Manager: Riley Henry

SEVERE WEATHER

Red Haw does not have a designated shelter. Park staff will make every effort to alert visitors in the event of severe weather watches or warnings.

For emergencies, please call 911.

For reservations, visit <https://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com/> or call 877.427.2757



TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Lake Loop	Hiking, Biking, Snowmobiling	4 mi.	Moderate	1 hr 36 mins
2 Lower Lake Loop	Hiking, Biking, Snowmobiling	1.1 mi.	Moderate	26 minutes

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.
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