



BRUSHY CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA 2802 Brushy Creek Rd., Lehigh, IA 50557

At 6,500 acres, Brushy Creek is one of Iowa's largest tracts of public recreation land with a mosaic of native prairie, grassland, timber, riparian and lake habitats. Dedicated in 1968, Brushy Creek remained a primitive and undeveloped recreation area until the 1990s. Dam construction began in 1993 and was finished in 1998, creating a 690-acre lake -- the deepest man-made permanent pool in Iowa. And today, with its extensive network of trails, Brushy Creek is also one of Iowa's premier equestrian areas. Visitors to Brushy Creek can get a real sense of being "away from it all" while enjoying a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities.

PARK POINTS OF INTEREST/THINGS TO DO

With more than 35 miles of multi-use trails, Brushy Creek is especially attractive to horseback riders, but also appealing to hikers, mountain bikers, snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. The Lake and Pond Trails provide 14 miles of gravel trail that is open in all weather conditions.

Two large, modern equestrian campgrounds and one non-equestrian campground are available. For the day-user, there are five picnic areas overlooking the lake or creek and a very large beach to enjoy a hot summer day.

Brushy Creek Lake has 21 miles of shoreline with four boat ramps and 8 fishing jetties. A universally accessible fishing pier is located on the west side of the lake. Anglers can try their luck fishing for bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye or muskellunge.

Brushy Creek has two gun ranges for public use. One is a target range for paper targets only, and the other is a shotgun range for clay pigeons.

Hunting is one of the most popular activities at Brushy Creek. Every year, hunters pursue a variety of game species ranging from pheasants, quail, rabbits and squirrels to white-tailed deer and wild turkey. A number of designated parking areas are located throughout Brushy Creek to provide convenient access for hunters.

Each spring, the park hosts a fishing derby for kids. Program event details are posted at the campground kiosks and also on the DNR website, <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Parks/Park-Events>

SPECIAL PARK RULES

Trails are closed to non-foot traffic during wet conditions. Call the park office for current trail conditions. Less than 5mph speed is required on the lake. Pick up the rules/regulations booklet for more information on general park rules.

LOCAL EVENT/ATTRACTIONS

Dolliver Memorial State Park is located about seven miles west. Check out www.greaterfortdodge.com for local attractions and upcoming events in Fort Dodge (16 miles northwest) and in the surrounding areas of Webster County.

LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Office: 515.543.8298
Park Rangers: Eddie Elkin & Matt Petersen
Park Manager: Amber O'Neill

SEVERE WEATHER

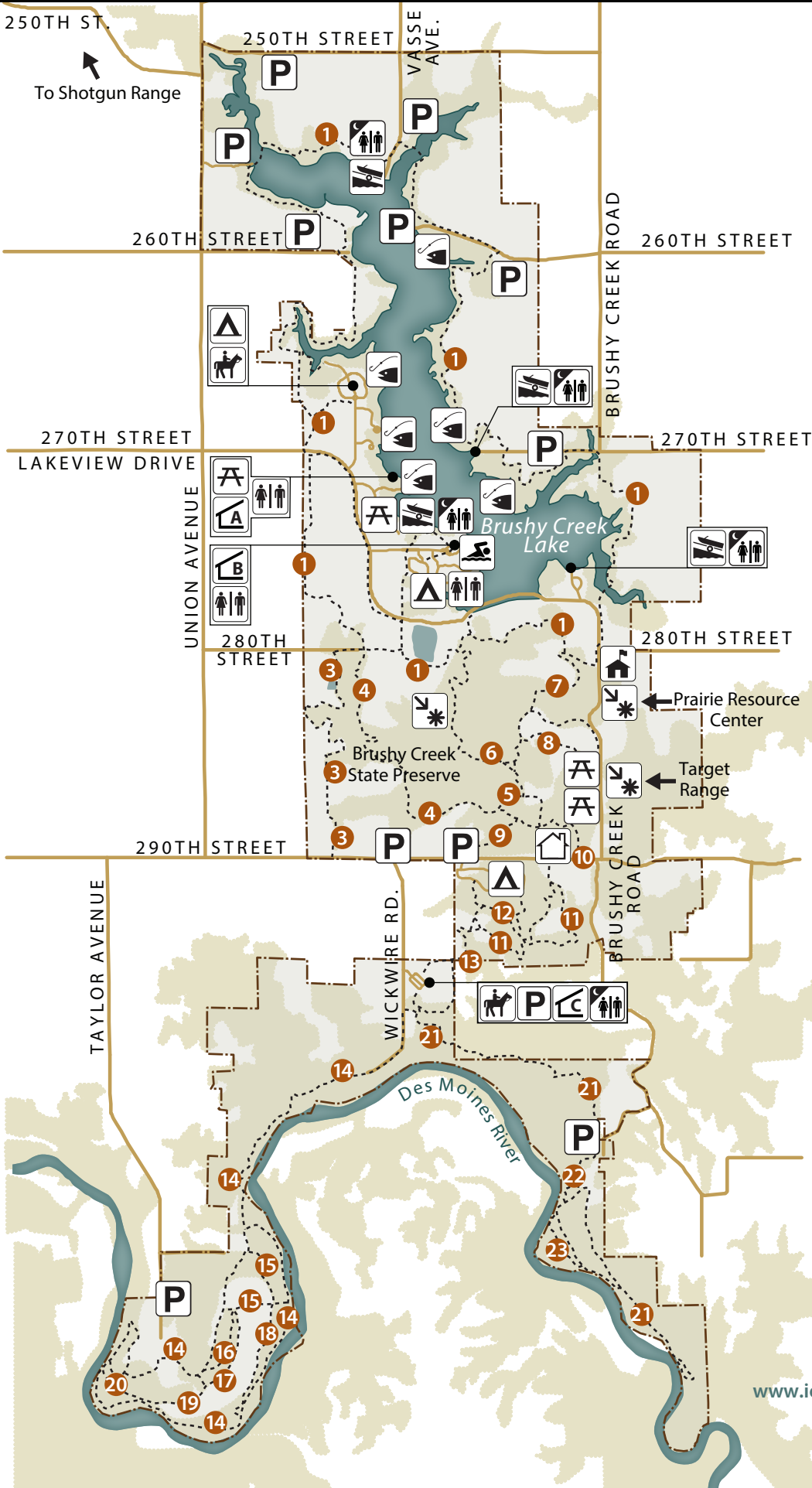
No designated storm shelters are available at the park. The park staff will attempt to contact and warn visitors if severe weather is approaching. Shower buildings are recommended for emergency shelter if necessary.

For emergencies, please call 911.

For reservations, visit: <http://lowastateparks.reserveamerica.com> or call 877.427.2757



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MAP KEY

- Beach Area
- Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Equestrian Day-Use
- Fishing Pier/Jetty
- Park Office
- Park Residence
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Point of Interest
- Restroom - Seasonal
- Restroom - Year-round
- Shelter
 - A - Fish Pier Point Shelter
 - B - Lakeview Shelter
 - C - South Day Use Shelter
- Trail
- Road
- Park Boundary



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Trail Name	Trail Activity	Length	Level of Difficulty	Estimated Hike Time
1 Lake Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	14 mi.	Moderate	5 hr.
2 Campground Trail	Hike, Bike	0.2 mi.	Easy	5 min.
3 Pond Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	3.5 mi.	Easy	1 hr. 10 min.
4 Clay Hill Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	2.0 mi.	Moderate	50 min.
5 Shortcut Hill Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.2 mi.	Moderate	5 min.
6 Preserve Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.5 mi.	Moderate	36 min.
7 Meadow Trail*	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.0 mi.	Moderate	24 min.
8 Big Rock Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.4 mi.	Easy	10 min.
9 Hackberry Trail	Hike, Bike, Snowmobile	0.3 mi.	Easy	7 min.
10 Bridge Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.1 mi.	Moderate	26 min.
11 Cemetery Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.2 mi.	Moderate	28 min.
12 Creek Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.7 mi.	Moderate	16 min.
13 Day Use Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	1.3 mi.	Moderate	31 min.
14 West River Loop	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	5.8 mi.	Moderate	2 hr. 30 min.
15 Deer Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.6 mi.	Easy	14 min.
16 Quarry Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.4 mi.	Moderate	10 min.
17 Cedar Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.5 mi.	Easy	12 min.
18 Maple Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.7 mi.	Easy	17 min.
19 Turkey Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.7 mi.	Easy	17 min.
20 Rocky Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.2 mi.	Moderate	5 min.
21 East River Loop*	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	3.92 mi.	Moderate	1 hr. 30 min.
22 Mouth Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.21 mi.	Easy	5 min.
23 Swamp Trail	Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Snowmobile	0.38 mi.	Easy	9 min.

Walking times are figured at a rate of 2.5 mph.

Check for trail closures on the park's website or contact the park office.

* Trails require wading or are impassible to hikers due to deep creek crossings.