

FORT DEFIANCE STATE PARK



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IOWA STATE PARKS
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(221 acres)

Rugged woodlands compliment the surrounding gently rolling farmland. Trails, picnic areas and scenic overlooks help visitors relax and unwind in nature's peaceful beauty. Lush vegetation adds to the park's appeal.

While exploring the trails, visitors surround themselves with hawthorn, plum, locust and many species of oak. In the spring, slopes are speckled with trillium, bloodroot, hepatica and violets. A small prairie with native grasses and flowers, including the endangered prairie bush clover, thrives on a secluded knoll.



Trails: Hiking, equestrian, cross-country skiing; self-guided interpretive trail



Picnicking/Shelters: Picnic areas throughout the park; open shelter for first-come/first-served use



Lodge: Universally accessible, seasonal day use; available for reservation



Camping: 8 electric, 8 non-electric; non-modern

Nearby attractions:

Estherville:

- *Emmet County Historical Society Museum Complex*
- *Emmet County Water Trails*
- *Sweet Corn Days:* parade, car show, craft fair, sweet corn (Aug.)
- *Peterson Point Pioneer Day:* entertainment, tours, food (Sept.)

Elinor Bedell State Park:

- Camping, picnicking, hiking, boating, swimming, fishing

Arnold's Park:

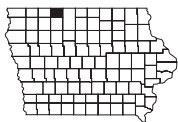
- *Amusement Park*
- *Abbie Gardner Cabin:* site of Spirit Lake Massacre
- *Okoboji Spirit Center:* welcome center, Maritime Museum

Okoboji:

- *Lakes Art Center:* art exhibits, theater, art classes

RESERVATIONS

To reserve a campsite or lodge, visit www.reserveiaparks.com call 1-877-IAPARKS (427-2757)



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