

LAKE MACBRIDE

[Johnson County]

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Set GPS to W91 565830°, N 41 793890°

TYPE: Public State Park. Handicap Access. pets welcome.

DIRECTIONS: good paved interior rds. good paved access rd. (West of town) From town, W 5 mi on SR-382 to N campground; or W 4 mi on 5th St to S campground (L).

SITES: 98 available: 98 gravel sites.no patios, mostly shaded, 14 day max stay, Back-ins (14 x 30), 10 full hookups, 10 water, 10 sewer, 38 electric (30 amps).

FACILITIES: restrooms and showers, pit toilets, dumping station, public phone, firewood, snack bar, fish cleaning station.

RECREATION: Lake Macbride, lake, swimming, fishing, boat dock, boat ramp, boat rentals, boat marina, playground, pavilion, paddle boats, nature trails.

OPEN: Open all year.

RATES: \$9 to \$16 (Last year's).

Lake Macbride State Park, IA

Status: Open year round. [Season Dates](#)

Max reservation window: Wed Dec 04 2013

Description

Lake Macbride State Park is Iowa's largest state park, where 2,180 acres bids a variety of outdoor activities, including fishing, boating, swimming, camping, hiking, picnicking (reservable shelters and lodges) and much more. Located in the wooded valleys of Mill and Jordan Creeks, Lake Macbride is certain to meet the needs of outdoor enthusiasts.

Lake Macbride offers swimming as well as refreshments at the beautiful beach area. Swimming is restricted to the designated beach area only.

Multi-use trails wind for miles around the lake. All park trails offer opportunities for the sights and sounds of Iowa at its best. Bird watchers will thrill to the sight of nearly every songbird native to the region. During the spring and fall, shorebirds, waterfowl and ospreys are frequent visitors. During winter months, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are popular.

Recreation:

Trails

A five-mile crushed limestone multi-use trail is located on the north side of the lake and connects the park to the community of Solon. This trail is very popular with bicyclists. While a majority of this trail runs along the shoreline of Lake Macbride, several portions pass through oak/hickory forest or alongside restored Iowa prairie. More than seven miles of additional hiking trails await your visit, including one especially scenic crushed limestone trail that extends 1.5 miles between the beach and Lake 's dam.

Volkssport Trails & Events: Six permanent Volkssport trails have been established for seasonal use within state parks and recreation areas.

Lake Activities

On a hot day, Lake 's beach, located in the northern unit of the park, is the perfect place to cool off or simply relax and enjoy the view. Located nearby is a boat rental and concession operation. Lake Macbride offers 812 acres of artificial lake prime for catching fish including walleye, channel catfish and muskie. Lake Macbride may be the only lake in Iowa in which the prized Kentucky spotted bass can be caught. Fishing amenities include boat ramps, a universally accessible fishing pier, a dozen fishing jetties, boat rentals, great shoreline access throughout and a fish cleaning station. A section of the lake shoreline is designated as 24-hour fishing access.

A state-maintained boat ramp and dock on the adjacent Coralville Lake provides access to the Iowa River at no cost to park visitors. Ramp users must follow park hours, however, and vacate by 10:30 p.m.

Pontoons, motorboats, canoes and paddleboats are available for rent near the beach. The boat rental number is (319) 624-2315. All boats must operate at "no-wake" speed. A 10 horsepower motor limit is in effect on Lake Macbride from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. At other times there is an unrestricted horsepower motor limit operated at a "no-wake" speed. Pontoon docking spaces are available for rental, as are dry-storage spots for boats.

Facilities:

Picnicking/Shelters/Lodges

Lake Macbride State Park is a great place for a family picnic or get-together. Four open picnic shelters are available and may be reserved online. Two day-use lodges are also available and great for family reunions.

Camping

Lake Macbride State Park has two campgrounds. The modern campground in the northern unit of the park has electric and full hook-up (water and sewer) sites as well as a shower, restroom and trailer dump station.

The non-modern campground in the southern park unit has non-electric campsites and both flush and non-flush restrooms available. This campground is located in a beautiful shaded setting near the lake. Both campgrounds have a playground nearby.

Nearby Attractions:

Lake Macbride is nestled immediately adjacent to Coralville Lake, where power boats and jet skis are allowed to operate. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum is located nearby in West Branch. Iowa Children's Museum, Amana Colonies and the University of Iowa's Museum of Natural History are just a few of many local attractions in the surrounding Cedar Rapids/Iowa City area.

Services & Amenities:

Within Facility

- Bait
- Bicycling
- Boat Launch Ramp
- Boat Rental
- Boating
- Canoe Rental
- Canoeing
- Concession
- Dock Slips
- Dock, Boat
- Docks, Fishing
- Dump Station
- Firewood Sales
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Fishing
- Hiking
- INTERPRETIVE TRAIL
- Ice Sales
- Jogging/Running
- Lake
- Modern Restroom
- Mountain Biking
- PICNIC AREA
- Paddle Boating
- Park Office
- Playground
- RESTROOMS
- Showers
- Snowmobiling
- Swimming - Beach
- Toilet, Pit/Vault
- Trash Dumpster
- Water Hydrants
- Wildlife Viewing

Greater Than 1 Mile

- ATM/CASH MACHINE
- CHURCH
- GROCERY STORE
- Golf
- Town

Within 10 Miles

- Archery
- Hunting
- Jet-Skiing
- Viewing Platform/Overlk

Greater Than 10 Miles

- DUMP STATION, MARINA
- Fuel, Boats
- Fuel, Vehicles
- Geological Formations
- Hospital
- Interpretive Center
- MAINTENANCE, BOAT
- Marina
- Motel

Alerts and Important Information

None

Getting There:

GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude):

41.79389, -91.56583

41°47'38"N, 91°33'57"W

Directions from the main entrance to the modern campground: From Solon take County Road F16 west out of town for 5 miles, when entering the park follow the signs to the campground.

Directions to the Primitive campground: From Solon, take 5th St. west out of town for 3 miles. As you enter the park follow the sign to the campground.

Contact Information:

Mailing Address:

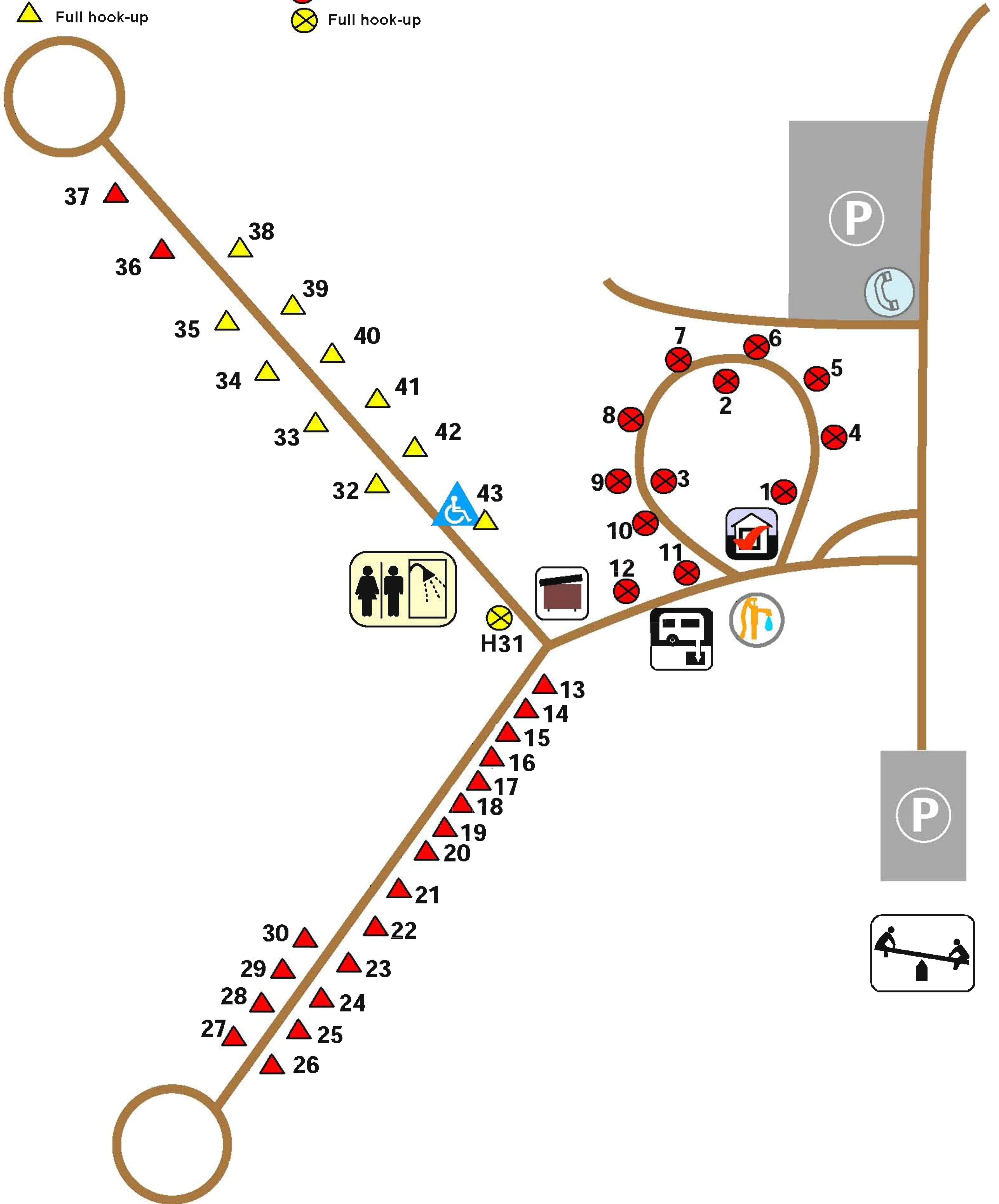
Lake Macbride State Park
3525 Hwy 382 NE
Solon IA 52333

Phone Number:

Information: (319) 624-2200



Lake Macbride State Park Modern Campground, North

- △ Reservable
- ▲ 50-amp
- ▲ Full hook-up
- ⊗ Non-Reservable
- ⊗ 50-amp
- ⊗ Full hook-up

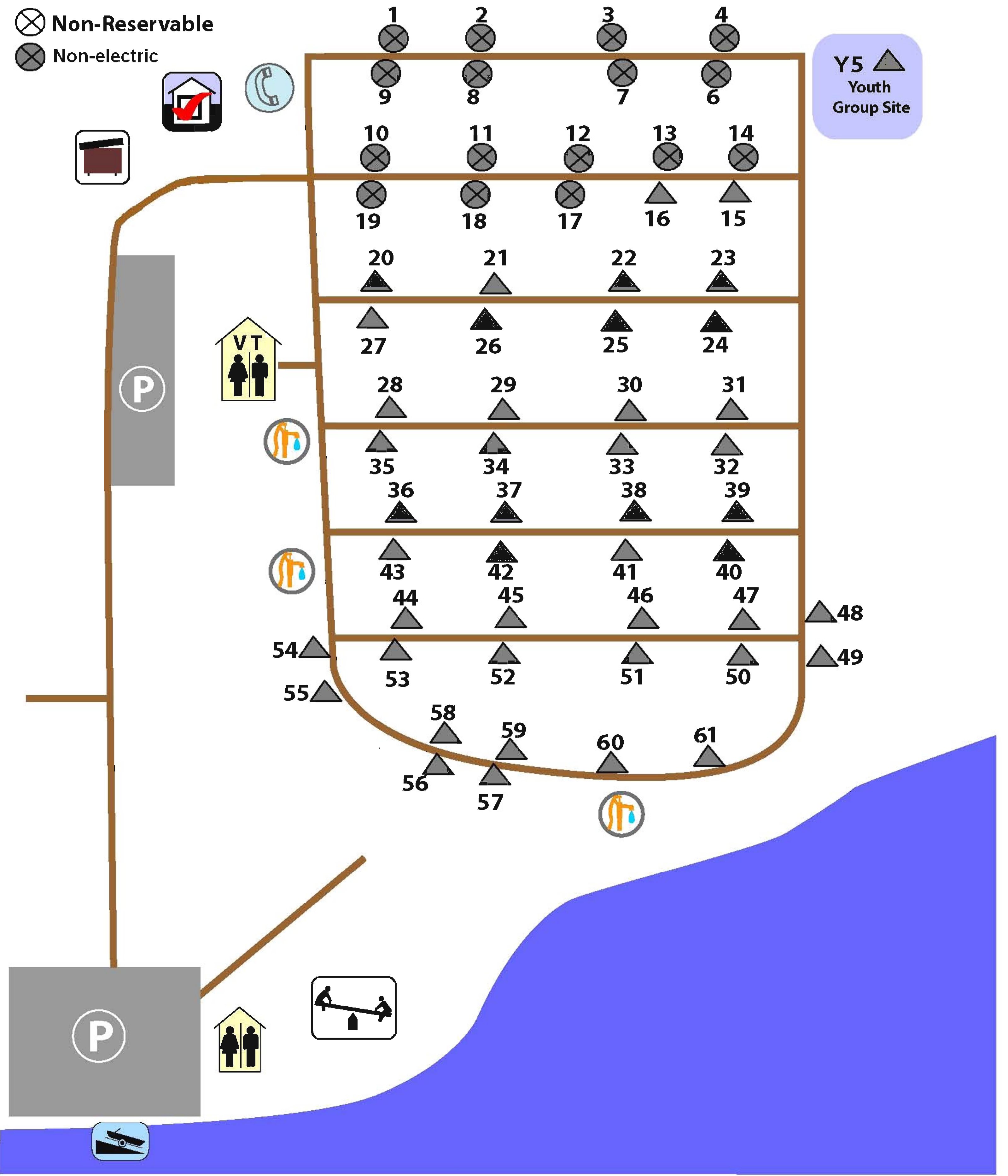


Lake Macbride State Park

Non-Modern South Campground

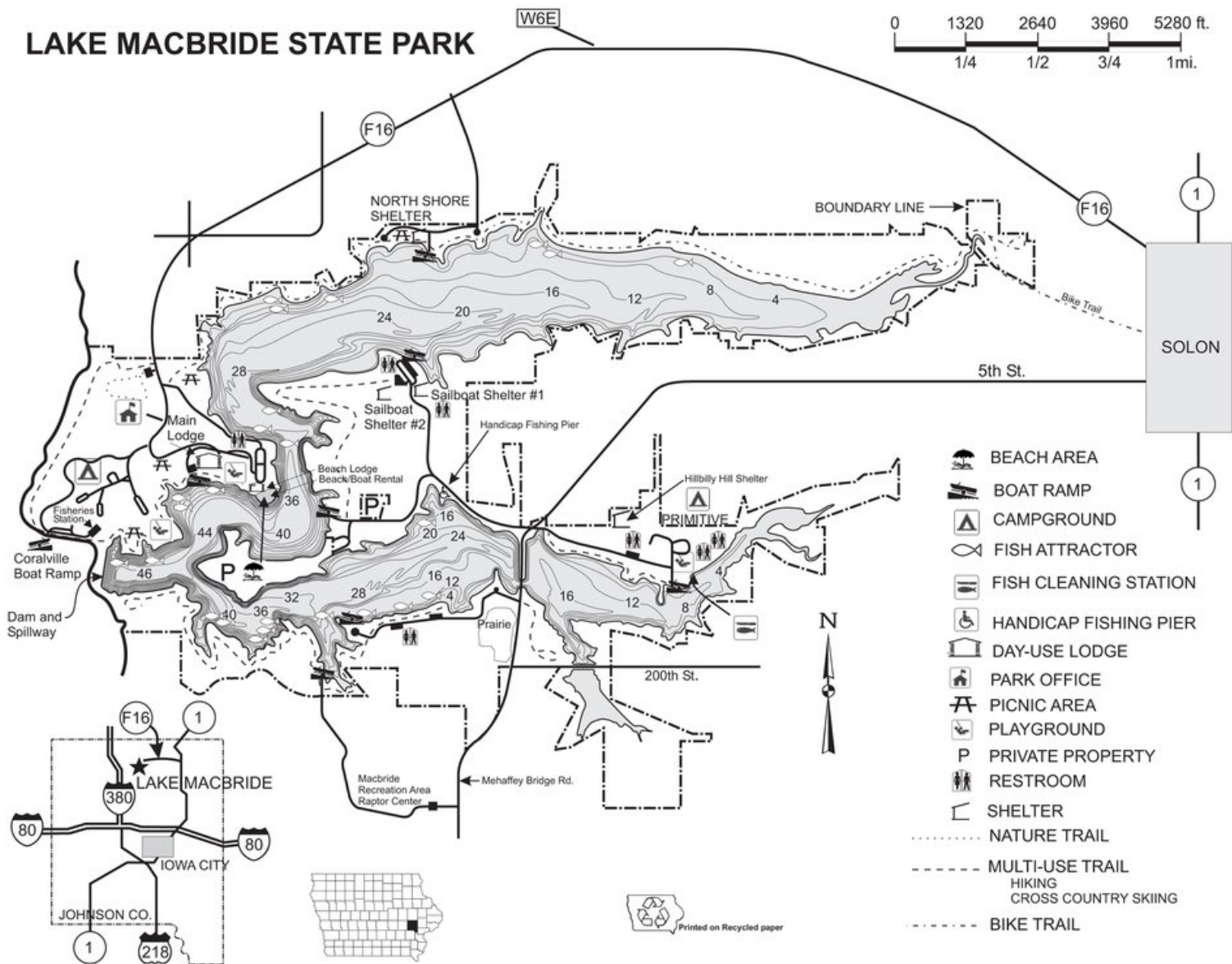
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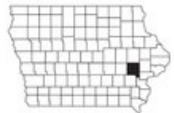
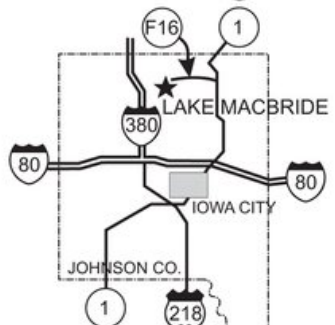


LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK

W6E



- BEACH AREA
- BOAT RAMP
- CAMPGROUND
- FISH ATTRACTOR
- FISH CLEANING STATION
- HANDICAP FISHING PIER
- DAY-USE LODGE
- PARK OFFICE
- PICNIC AREA
- PLAYGROUND
- PRIVATE PROPERTY
- RESTROOM
- SHELTER
- NATURE TRAIL
- MULTI-USE TRAIL
 - HIKING
 - CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
- BIKE TRAIL



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