

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).

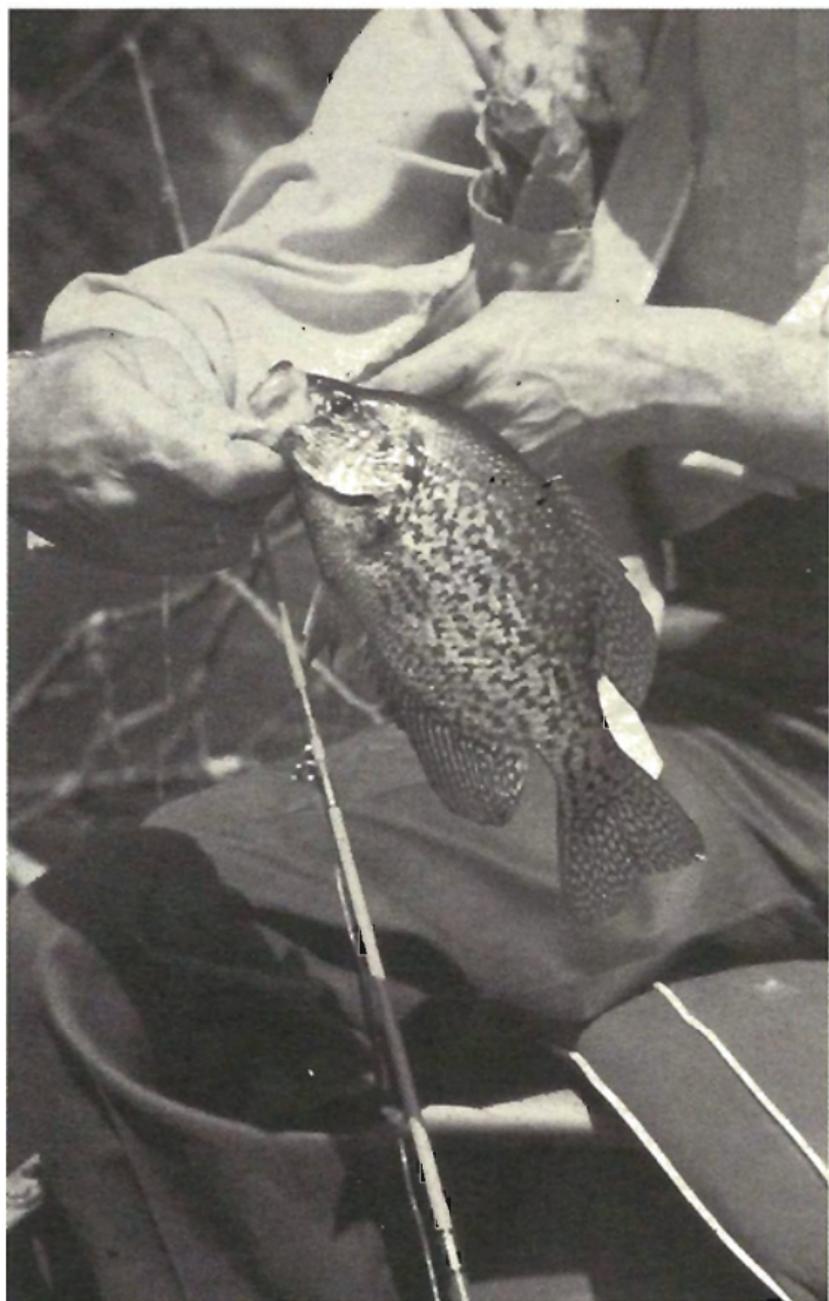
FACILITIES: restrooms and showers, pit toilets, dumping station, public phone, firewood, snack bar, fish cleaning station.

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).

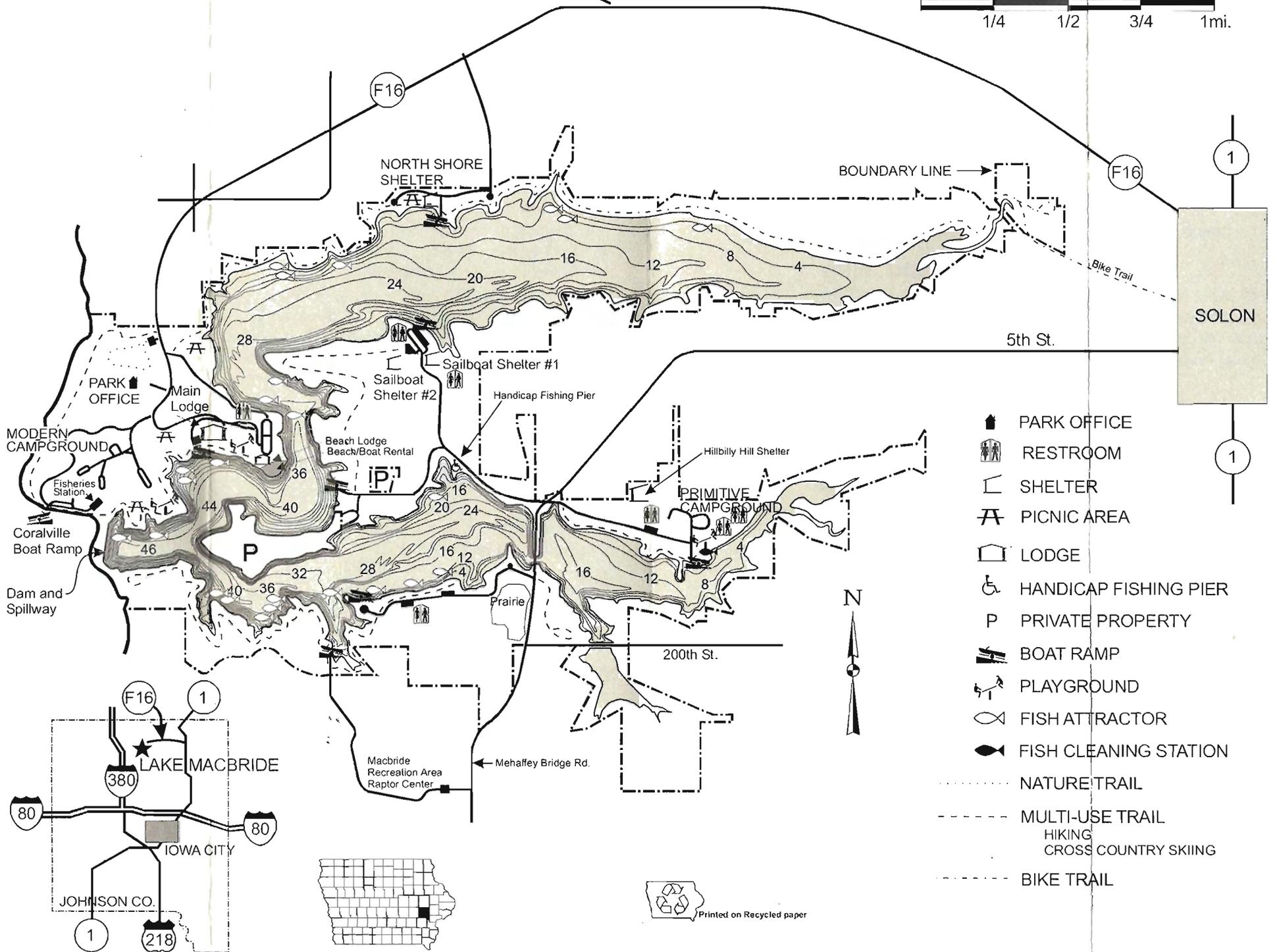
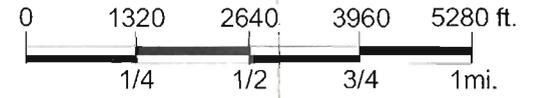
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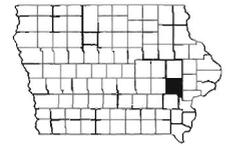
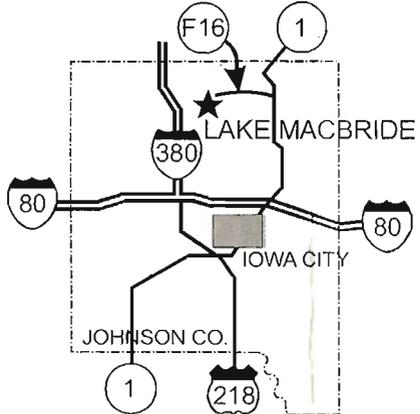
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LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK

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



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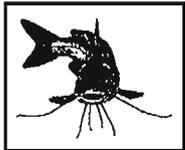
Lake Macbride State Park's 2,175 acres offer much to the outdoor enthusiast: fishing, picnicking, swimming, hiking, camping and boating. The park is located in two units. The northern unit lies at the end of County Road F-16, 4 miles west of Solon. Here you will find a modern campground, boat ramps, beach and boat rental, picnic areas and the park office. The southern unit is located off County Road F-28 (Fifth Street in Solon), 3 miles west of Solon. The southern unit offers a nonmodern campground, boat ramps, picnic areas, frisbee golf course and a prairie.

HISTORY

An effort to establish the wooded valleys of Mill and Jordan Creeks as a state park was initiated by the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce and J.N. "Ding" Darling, noted Iowa Conservationist.

The park was named in honor of Thomas Macbride. Thomas Macbride had a distinguished 40-year career as professor of botany and president of the University of Iowa. He has been called the "father" of the state park system in Iowa. In 1895, he addressed the members of the Iowa Academy of Science on the need to establish a statewide system of "country" or "rural" parks.

In 1955, the lake was enlarged. A portion of the park borders Coralville Lake, one of Iowa's largest artificial lakes, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



FISHING

Lake Macbride is an angler's delight! Good catches of walleye, channel catfish, crappie and bluegill await the angler in the 812-acre artificial lake. Walleye, channel catfish and muskie are stocked annually. Lake Macbride may be the only lake in Iowa in which the prized Kentucky spotted bass can be caught. Good lake access is available for both shoreline and boat fishing.



CAMPING

Lake Macbride State Park has two campgrounds. The modern campground in the northern unit of the park has 50 sites with 37 electrical hookups, a shower, restroom and a trailer dump station.

The nonmodern campground in the southern park unit has 60 campsites and nonflush restrooms. This campground is located in a beautiful shaded setting near the lake. Both campgrounds have a playground nearby.



PICNICKING

Lake Macbride State Park is a great place for a family picnic or get-together. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed a number of facilities at Lake Macbride in the 1930s including the beautiful stone shelter and beach building. The stone shelter may be rented for day use. It is ideal for group events such as family reunions or company picnics. The facility has fireplaces as well as a mini-kitchen area.

RESERVATIONS

The lodges, shelters and half the campsites can be reserved by going to www.reserveiaparks.com or by calling toll-free 1-877-427-2757. The rest of the campsites are available on a first come/first serve basis.



BOATING

There are seven boat ramps on the lake and one on Coralville Lake. Boats are available for rent near the beach. The boat rental phone number is 319/624-2315. A 10 horsepower motor limit is in effect on Lake Macbride from May 21 through September 7. At other times there is an unrestricted horsepower motor limit operated at a no-wake speed. Any size motor may be used on Coralville Lake. Pontoon docking spaces are available for rental, as are dry-storage spots for boats.



SWIMMING

Lake Macbride offers unsupervised swimming as well as refreshments at the beautiful beach area. The beach is a great place for young and old to cool off on a hot summer day. Swimming is restricted to the designated beach area only.

TRAILS

Multi-use trails wind for 17 miles around the lake. All park trails offer opportunities for the sights and sounds of Iowa at its best. Birdwatchers 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. A five-mile crushed limestone trail links the town of Solon to Lake Macbride. It is popular with walkers, joggers and bicyclists.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Solon, located 4 miles east of the park and has restaurants, groceries and churches.

Iowa City, home of the University of Iowa, is 14 miles south on Highway 1.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa's second largest city, is just 12 miles north of the park via County Road W6E.

EQUAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

All persons are entitled to full and equal enjoyment of the recreational opportunities, privileges and advantages available in Iowa's great outdoors.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
502 East Ninth Street
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LAKE MACBRIDE STATE PARK

(2,180 acres)

The destination for outdoor enthusiasts! Lake Macbride is a great spot for fishing, picnicking, swimming, hiking, bird-watching, camping and boating. Bring the family for an afternoon in the sun or stay a few days to enjoy all Lake Macbride has to offer.

Walkers, joggers and bikers can take the five-mile limestone trail into Solon. Challenge yourself to a paddleboat or kayak ride and then renew your energy with a picnic.



Trails: Hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling; nature trail



Fishing: Lake (812 ac.); jetty; pier; walleye, channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, Kentucky spotted bass



Boating: Boat ramps on Lake Macbride, 10 Hp limit seasonally; boat ramp for Coralville Lake; any-size motor, no-wake speed during off-season



Swimming: Designated beach; playground nearby



Picnicking/Shelters: Picnic areas throughout the park; 2 enclosed shelters and 4 open shelters for reservation



Lodge: 2 seasonal day use; available for reservation



Camping: (north) 31 electric, 10 full hook-ups; modern rest rooms and showers; dump station; (south) 61 non-electric; primitive, pit toilets; playgrounds nearby both campgrounds



Concessions: Boat rental, bait, snacks, firewood, ice, 319.624.2315

Nearby attractions:

Palisades-Kepler State Park:

- Fishing, boating, camping, hiking, picnicking, cabin rentals

Cedar Rapids:

- African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa
- Hawkeye Downs Speedway: auto racing (April-Sept.)

Iowa City:

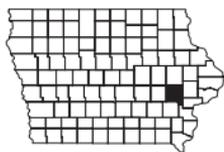
- Old Capitol Museum
- University of Iowa: Athletics Hall of Fame and Museum, Medical Museum, Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History

Amana Colonies

- Historic villages culturally preserved; National Historic Landmark

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