

State Parks, Forests and Preserves

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

DAY-USE LODGE RULES

This document contains the rules applying to all park lodges as well as rules specific to individual parks.

Rules for All Day-use Lodges

1. The renter is responsible for the group and all activities in the park associated with the event. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged. Renters are financially responsible for any damage to state park property or extra cleaning that may be required.
2. All lodges available beginning at 10:00 a.m.
3. The park closes at 10:30 p.m. The lodge must be cleaned prior to vacating for the evening. Plan to have your function over by 10:00 p.m. in order to clean and leave before the park closes.
4. A damage deposit equal to the weekend daily rate or \$50, whichever is greater, is required for each lodge rental.
5. Consumption of Alcohol: Drinking of these beverages is not permitted on roads or in parking lots.
 - a. Beer which contains more than 0.5% of alcohol by volume but not more than 6.25% of alcohol by volume.
 - b. High Alcoholic Content Beer which contains more than 6.25% of alcohol by volume, but not more than 15% of alcohol by volume. Not more than 1.5% of the volume of a "high alcoholic content beer" may consist of alcohol derived from added flavors and other non-beverage ingredients containing alcohol. The added flavors and other non-beverage ingredients may not include added caffeine or other added stimulants including but not limited to guarana, ginseng, and taurine.
 - c. Canned Cocktails which means a mixed drink or cocktail that is premixed and packaged in a metal can and contains more than 6.25% of alcohol by volume but not more than 15% of alcohol by volume.
 - d. Wine which contains more than 6.25% of alcohol by volume but not more than 21.25% of alcohol by volume.
 - e. Alcoholic liquors are not to be consumed in parks, recreation areas and forests. This includes hard liquors (whiskey, vodka, etc.).
6. Keg beer is allowed. Keg beer is not permitted in beach areas, campgrounds or parking areas or in areas immediately adjacent to those areas.
7. Lodge furniture shall not be taken outside for any reason.
8. Only free-standing and non-adhesive decorations may be used at the lodge. The use of glitter or confetti of any size is not allowed. The use of tape, tacks/pins, nails and staples is prohibited.
9. If you are using a fireplace, build the fire to the rear to prevent smoke inside the lodge. Make sure the flue is open to prevent smoke inside. Allow the fire to die down. Do not extinguish fires using the fire extinguisher, water, dirt/sand - let fire burn itself out. Let the fire burn itself out. Do not throw trash into the fireplace to burn.
10. Place all refuse in containers provided. Replace trash can liners with new liners provided and take all refuse to the dumpster located close by the lodge.
11. Place hot pads under host dishes before placing them on tables or counters.
12. Pets not permitted in the lodge.
13. Smoking not allowed in the lodge.
14. Do not attach any sign to trees or park signs. Signs with stakes may be placed in the ground along the side of roadways. Contact park staff regarding sign placement.
15. Close and lock all windows and doors when vacating the lodge.

Park-Specific Lodge Rules

AA Call

- Exterior tents or canopies may be used with prior approval from park staff.
- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests.

Backbone Auditorium

- This facility is not a true day-use lodge. It is not an enclosed facility. The facility has limited parking. There is another parking lot available at Richmond Springs picnic shelter; however, you will need to reserve this shelter in order to secure the parking lot for your event at the auditorium.
- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.
- There is no dumpster available. Take your refuse with you when you leave.
- Golf cart use is not allowed.
- Contact park staff to make arrangements to use a tent in the auditorium area.

Backbone Lodge

- Music must be contained inside the lodge.

Beeds Lake

- Return keys to the key box.

Bellevue

- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.

Clear Lake

- Park staff must grant prior approval before any vehicles drive off public roadways at any time. This includes but is not limited to: catering vehicles, supply vehicles, handicap vehicles.
- Golf cart use is not allowed.
- Music is allowed with prior approval from park staff.
- Exterior tents and canopies may be used with permission from park staff.
- All decorations must be removed at the end of the rental period. When renting allow time to clean up and remove all items including tents/canopies if allowed.

Dolliver South Lodge

- Restrooms are north and east around the corner of the lodge about 60 yards. Do not use group camp restrooms.
- Plugging in too many crock pots, etc. will cause the breakers to trip. You may need to move items around or not plug everything in at once. Contact park staff for help.
- No live bands or amplified music.

Dolliver Center Lodge

- Restrooms are available in the campground.
- Plugging in too many crock pots, etc. will cause the breakers to trip. You may need to move items around or not plug everything in at once. Contact park staff for help.
- No live bands or amplified music.

Fort Defiance

- No tents, awnings, posts or other structures may be erected on the grounds adjacent to the lodge.
- Exterior events will require you to provide your own tables and chairs.

- Refrain from bringing additional tables and chairs into the building. Additional event items such as catering supplies, wedding arches, pulpits, sound and lighting systems and decorations will be acceptable.
- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.

George Wyth

- Music must be contained inside the lodge.
- Exterior tents or canopies may be used with prior approval from park staff.

Gull Point

- No tents, awnings, posts or other structures may be erected on the grounds adjacent to the lodge.
- Refrain from bringing additional tables and chairs into the building. Additional event items such as catering supplies, wedding arches, pulpits, sound and lighting systems and decorations will be acceptable.
- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.
- Exterior events will require you to provide your own tables and chairs.

Lacey-Keosauqua

- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.
- Exterior tents or canopies may be used with prior approval from park staff.

Lake Ahquabi

- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.
- Exterior tents or canopies may be used with prior approval from park staff.

Lake Darling

- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.

Lake Keomah

- Kegs are not allowed inside the lodge.
- Exterior tents and canopies are not allowed.
- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.

Lake Macbride

- Amplified, live or unreasonably loud music is not allowed at this lodge. For clarification, contact the park office.
- Exterior tents or canopies may be used with prior approval from park staff.

Lake of Three Fires

- Amplified music is not allowed.
- Exterior tents or canopies are not allowed.

Lake Wapello

- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.

Lewis & Clark

- No amplified music allowed.
- Exterior tents or canopies are not allowed.

Mini Wakan

- The open shelter and restrooms are separate from the lodge and open for public use.
- All event tents must be placed on the concrete tent pad behind the lodge. When booking, allow time to remove the tents noting that 10 pm may be too late for the rental company to come in and remove them.

Palisades-Kepler

- Soft music is allowed. Do not use amplified music such as a DJ or live band.
- Exterior tents or canopies may be used with prior approval from park staff.

Pine Lake

- Exterior tents or canopies may be used with prior approval from park staff.
- Amplified and/or live music is allowed at an appropriate level that does not disturb other park guests. Any music that is determined by park staff to be too loud will be turned down or shut off immediately.

Stone

- Do not touch the alarm system or keypad.
- Absolutely no one is allowed on the roof of the building. Do not climb up the hill behind the lodge. Stay on designated trails only.
- Vehicles must be parked off the travelled portion of the roadway so as not to interrupt traffic flow.
- No bands or amplified music allowed. Questions regarding the park's definition of amplified music may be directed to the park office.

Viking

- The key to unlock the remaining doors of the lodge is located in the kitchen storage room. Return the key after using it.
- No tents, awnings, posts or other structures may be erected on the grounds outside the lodge.
- The exterior area of the lodge is not part of the lodge rental.
- Amplified music is allowed but must be contained inside the lodge and with the windows closed.
- The outside restroom attached to the lodge is open to the public.

Walnut Woods

- Candles must have adequate protection below to prevent wax on facilities.
- Exterior tents or canopies are not allowed.
- No kegs allowed inside the lodge.
- No amplified music allowed. Live music (without amplifiers) is allowed at appropriate levels.

Wapsipinicon Rotary Lodge

- Amplified music is allowed but must be contained to the immediate area around the lodge.
- Exterior tents or canopies may be used with prior approval from park staff.