

## Iowa parks

is the Japanese Garden. The botanical gardens are collections of annual and perennial cultivated flowers and vegetables. These include hybrid, miniature and old roses; bulbs, prairie grasses, flowers and all-American selections. The educational center contains a library and reading room, interpretive displays, meeting rooms, information, office, greenhouse and rest rooms.

✓ Eagle Point Park is a scenic blufftop park that provides an excellent view of the river and a corner of the tri-states. The 164-acre park offers unique shelter buildings, sunken gardens, picnic facilities, playgrounds, benches, fireplaces, wading pool, pavilions exposing river and land scenery and lighted tennis courts. Open May-October. To reserve pavilions, call 563-589-4263.

✓ Flora Krey Wahlert Park, 2565 Green St., offers picnic facilities, pavilions, barbecue grills, tennis courts, horseshoes, softball, volleyball, pool and playground.

✓ Gerald "Red" McAleece Park and Recreation Complex, on Adm. Sheehy Drive, on Chaplain Schmitt Island, offers three lighted softball diamonds; John Petrakis Field, a lighted regulation baseball field; playground equipment; picnic tables; volleyball courts and two regulation adult soccer fields.

✓ Heritage Trail, three miles north of Dubuque, off U.S. 52. Twenty-six miles of a once-bustling railroad track have been converted into a recreational trail. Enjoy woodlands, river outlooks, interpretive sites, railroad artifacts and more. For more information, call 563-556-6745.

✓ Louis Murphy Park, South Grandview Avenue, offers picnic facilities, barbecue grills, tennis, horseshoes and playground.

✓ Marshall Park/Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, 3125 W. 32nd St., offers picnic facilities,

barbecue grills and playground.

✓ Mines of Spain Recreation Area. A 1,387-acre area south of Dubuque includes a variety of landforms, plant species and communities, animals and water types. Highlights include the E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, Horseshoe Bluff Interpretive area, Julien Dubuque Monument, 20 miles of hiking trails, fishing on Catfish Creek, Mississippi River and wetlands and general outdoor activities. Open year-round, 4 a.m.-10:30 p.m. For information, go to [www.minesofspain.org](http://www.minesofspain.org).

✓ Swiss Valley Park, five miles south of Dubuque, off U.S. 151, has playground and picnic facilities, wading creek and scenic walks. For information, call 563-556-6745.

✓ Miller Riverview Park, between two marinas on Chaplain Schmitt Memorial Island, has campsites with electrical hookups, picnic facilities, fireplaces, boat launch and bike trail nearby, ample parking, good fishing, shaded areas. Reservations for group picnics can be made by calling 563-589-4238.

✓ Valentine Park, entrance located on Valentine Drive. An 11-acre park includes a softball field, hard surface play area, play equipment, picnic tables, grill and walking path.

✓ Cancer Survivor Park, Third and College streets.

✓ Jackson Park, bordered by Iowa, Main and 15th streets.

✓ Rocco Buda Jr. Park, 508 Loras Blvd.

✓ Skate Park, located in Gerald "Red" McAleece Park and Recreation Complex on Adm. Sheehy Drive, on Chaplain Schmitt Island.

✓ Washington Square, bordered by Sixth, Seventh, Locust and Bluff streets. Gazebo available by reservation.

■ **Dyersville** — Commercial Club Park offers picnic and playground area, shelter,

baseball diamond, aquatic center, tennis courts and pavilion.

✓ City Recreational Park offers playground equipment, lighted softball field, tennis courts, basketball courts and volleyball court.

✓ New Wine Park near the city has camping facilities with electrical outlets, hiking trails, picnic area, playgrounds, shelters and fishing. Open May-October.

✓ Westside Park has two softball fields, tennis court, tot lot and skating rink.

■ **Edgewood** — Bixby State Park and Reserve, two miles north of Edgewood, has spring water, rare deepwoods plant life, tables, picnic areas and hiking area. Ice Cave is the main attraction.

✓ City Park has shelter house, picnic tables, water, rest rooms and playground equipment.

■ **Elkader** — Deer Run Park, Iowa 13, east of Elkader. Rental lodge, camper park, two-acre lake. Near city swimming pool and Turkey River.

✓ Turkey River Park on south edge of Elkader city limits on Iowa 13 offers camping and picnic facilities and fishing.

✓ Elkader Recreation Park has picnic tables, shelter houses, new swimming pool and camping area. Area has comfort station and shower facilities, ball diamond and tennis courts.

✓ Osborne Conservation Education Center, six miles south of Elkader on Iowa 13, 260 acres, is divided by the Volga River. Picnic areas, nature trails, fishing and limited camping available. Nearly 25,000 coniferous trees are planted, many in display plantings. A visitor center is open seven days per

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