

Welcome to Central Park!

The following list of rules and regulations are provided since they are the most frequently asked by visitors to Central Park. To become familiar with the full set of rules and regulations that apply to Central Park, please visit any of the information kiosks within the park or contact the Administrative Office. The rules and regulations were adopted to provide equal opportunity for the safety and well-being of all park users. Violation of any State law or park rule or regulation may result in simple misdemeanor charges and (or) loss of visitor privileges.

Camping: All campsites are available on a first come first serve basis. No reservations are made for the campsites. Sites that include 2 or 3 utility services per site (the modern & semi modern sites) are required to have a wheeled camping unit set up on the site. A tent or wheeled camping unit is permitted on all other sites. One vehicle is allowed per campsite. A maximum length of consecutive days at one site allowed is 14 days. Campers are required to vacate the campsite for a minimum of 48 hrs.

Camping Registration Procedure: Select a designated site and set up your tent or wheeled camping unit. Within 1 hour after setting up, register at any of the camper registration information kiosks located in the camping areas. Sites that include 2 or 3 utility services per site are required to have a wheeled camping unit set up on the site. One additional small tent is permitted with a wheeled camping unit site or primitive site at no extra cost. An additional third tent may be placed on a registered campsite for an additional \$4.00. (Modern & Semi Modern sites are #1-25)

Firewood: Contact the Camp Host to purchase firewood Thursday – Sunday. Firewood can be brought into the park but must be from within Jones County or labeled as emerald ash borer free.

Camp Host: The Camp Host is available during the camping season and is located across the road from the beach. (Look for the Camp Host camper.)

Park Hours: 4:30 am – 10:30 pm (Visitors should leave the park by 10:30 pm). **Quiet Time:** Park quiet time is 9 pm – 8 am. Any person using loud vulgar or profane language at any time will be asked to leave the park immediately. Generators are not permitted to run during quiet time.

Speed Limit: Maximum 15 mph and parking is allowed only in the designated areas

Boats: No gas motors are allowed on the Lake. Simply tilt your motor up out of the water. Trolling motors are allowed.

Boat Rentals: Contact the Camp Host located across from the beach Thursday – Sunday from 10 am – 7 pm.

Beach: No alcohol, glass bottles or pets are permitted within the beach area. A complete set of beach rules are posted at the beach.

Firearms or Hunting: No firearms or hunting is allowed within Central Park.

Alcohol: No keg beer is allowed within Central Park.

Fishing: 15" minimum length limit on largemouth bass. All Iowa fish and wildlife laws apply.

Recreational Vehicles / ATV's: Registered off-highway vehicles may be operated at Central Park on designated roadways and parking lots only pursuant to the restrictions in Jones County's Chapter 16, Off-Highway Vehicle Ordinance, Title V-Public Order, Safety and Health, adopted December 2018. Violations may constitute citations; vehicles being towed and/or eviction from Central Park. Registered campers are responsible for ensuring their visitors comply with all rules and regulations.

Animals on Leash: No privately owned animal shall be allowed to run at-large in any campground, picnic area, playground, or waters at Central Park. Owners must use a leash or chain not exceeding 6 feet in length.

Walk the variety of trails throughout the park. The new StoryWalk® Trail, located on the south side of the modern/semi modern campground, includes signs with a storybook to read along the way.

The Nature Center is on the north side of the lake and is home of the administrative offices for Jones County Conservation. See the educational displays and live animals available for viewing daily, when staff are present, and Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm-5pm during the summer season (Memorial Day – Labor Day weekend).

Try fishing in the main lake or the west pond. Remember to follow the Iowa DNR fishing rules. <https://www.iowadnr.gov/fishing/Fishing-Licenses-Laws> (The west pond is located west of the primitive camping area.)

The beach offers hours of entertainment and picnic tables placed throughout the park are a great way to rest, relax and enjoy.

Use the following QR Codes to check rental availability for the cabins or the enclosed pavilion. All reservations are completed on-line. Turn on your cell phone camera, point at QR Code image below and tap link to check availability.

Check the West Cabin Availability:



Check the East Cabin Availability:



Check the Enclosed Pavilion Availability:



MyCountyParks.com – Jones County:



Jones County Conservation
12515 Central Park Rd Center Junction, IA 52212
Phone: 563-487-3541

<https://www.jonescountyiowa.gov/conservation/>

<https://www.facebook.com/JonesCountyConservation>

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Jones.aspx>