

Estherville Seasonal Event

Fort Defiance State Park, Emmet County

May 1-Sep 30

Start/Finish: 3642 174th St, Estherville, IA 51334

Distance/Rating: Two 5k walks/3C. *Walking sticks are recommended.*

Description: Fort Defiance State Park is a 221-acre park with rugged woodland, beautiful Spring Creek, and native prairie. View Civilian Conservation Corp-built trails and buildings throughout the park.

Fort Defiance is one of three walks at the Northern Iowa Weekend special event May 20-22.

Directions: From Estherville, Head west on E Central Ave (IA-9) to 170th St. Turn left. Follow around the Golf Club. Go straight onto 360th Ave to the park entrance. Follow the signs to Lodge Road. Park in parking lot.

Restrooms: By the shelter.

POC: Marge Oehlke 507.720.4105

OSB Directions: Log back into the OSB system to “finish/complete” your online registration after doing the event within 60 days AND before the end date of the walk.

- A \$2 fee for the PDF directions is deducted from your Event Bank when you download the instructions.
- The event fee is deducted from your Event Bank when you submit the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the special programs you participating in.
- The \$2 fee for the instructions is credited back to your account if you finish/complete the walk within 60 days.

Yellow Loop

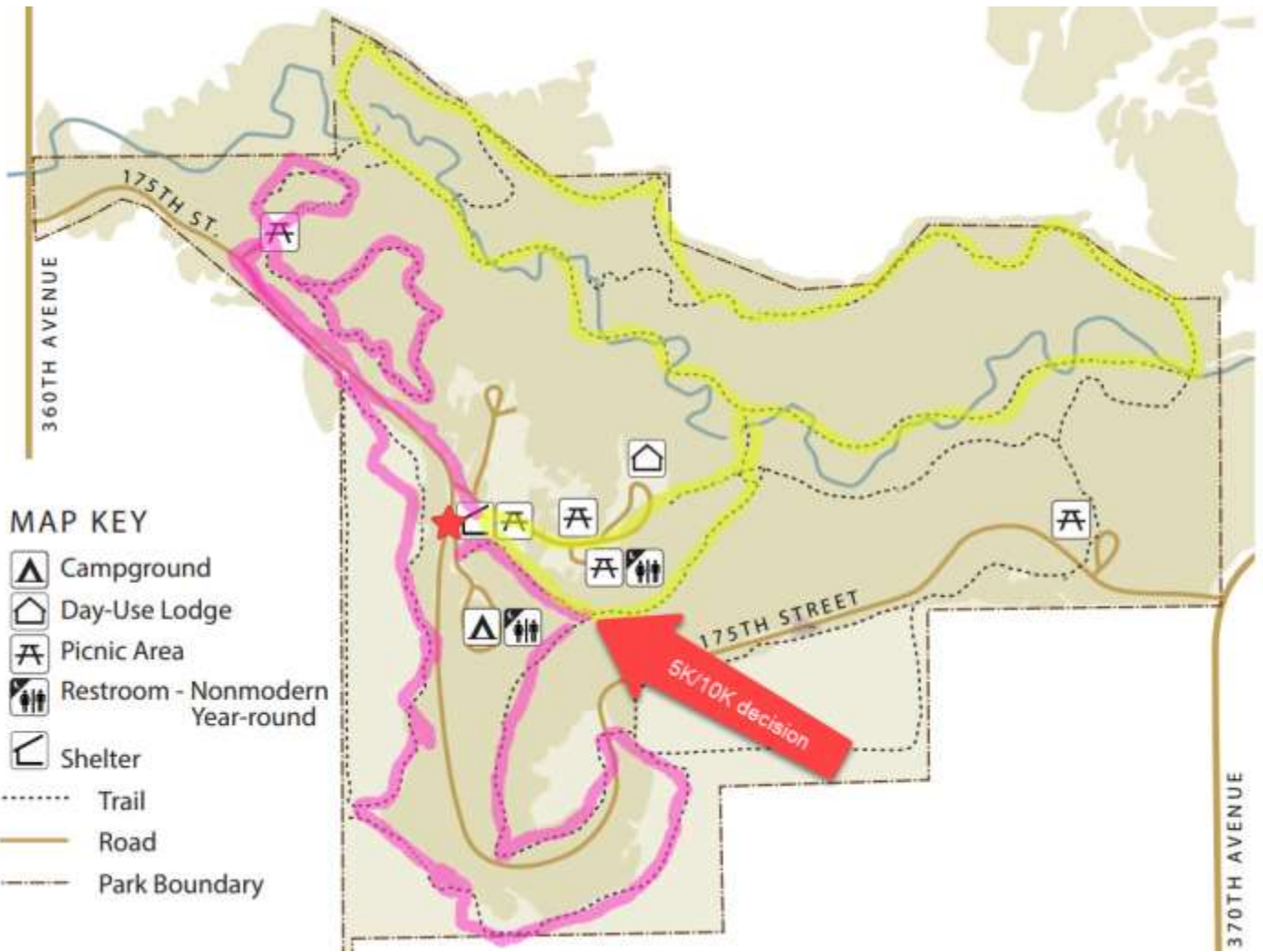
1. From the parking, head past the lodge across the grass.
2. Right on trail to go down the hill (Spring Creek Trail).
3. At the bottom of the hill, go left to East Trail. (Do not go towards bench.)

4. At the Flume Trail sign, go left over the bridge.
5. Cross 2nd bridge.
6. When you see the “Equestrian Trail Ends” sign, continue.)
7. Continue as the trail turns uphill. At the top of the hill, go right.
8. Keep on North Trail.
9. Cross the bridge and turn right immediately after onto Flume Trail.
10. Turn left onto East Trail.
11. **For 5K**, turn right onto Spring Creek Trail and continue up the hill to the shelter. Cross the lawn to the start point.

For 10K, partway up hill, turn L to the Spring Creek Trail. Skip to step 3.

Pink Loop

1. From shelter house, go towards the road and go down the trail next to the ravine.
2. Turn right onto to the Spring Creek Trail.
3. Stay on Spring Creek Trail until you get to the Hiker and Horse signs. Turn right.
4. Cross the road.
5. Continue downhill on the grass path
6. At T, turn right onto East Prairie Loop Trail.
7. Keep right at the Y onto the South Prairie Loop Trail.
8. Turn right at the intersection.
9. Stay right at the Y on West Prairie Loop Trail.
10. When you get to the road, continue straight to the driveway for the picnic area.
11. Turn right to follow the white gravel Whitetail Ridge Interpretive Trail.
12. When you get back to the parking, cross to the other side and do that loop.
13. Return to the road.
14. Turn Left.
15. Follow the signs to Lodge Road to the start point.



These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.



Emergency: Call 911
 Questions about the route: Marge Oehlke
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