

Briggs Woods Walk Directions

2490 Briggs Woods Trail
Webster City, IA 50595
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Registration: Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB (nor sign the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when the OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distance and any special programs using the OSB.

Driving Directions: I35 to Ft Dodge exit Hwy 20 west. Then Webster City exit Hwy 17 north. The Park is located approximately 2 miles south of Webster City.

The start box is located at the entrance to the park (where park info is located). After sign-in, follow the park road to the entrance of the camping area. Turn right and proceed to Shelter 2.

Parking: is available at the shelter area. The walk starts here.

Walk Description: The trail is on nature and asphalt trails. It winds through some timber areas and follows most of the lake on one side and continues all the way into Webster City. It also passes a Little Free Library and a small waterfall. Briggs Wood Park is the oldest county park in the state of Iowa. It was a family farm and was donated to the county in 1919 by the Briggs family. The red barn is from the farm.

Restrooms: Are available throughout the park.

Special Programs: Little Free Library and Iowa's County walks



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NOTE: Please read through these directions prior to starting your walk as you will have some choices to make along the trail.

This trail contains many elevation changes. You may find a walking stick helpful. Also, this is a wooded trail close to water, so mosquitoes may be present. You may find bug repellent helpful. The trail also includes many of the park's amenities and scenic areas.

1. From the Conservation Office where the physical sign in box is located, drive into the park, turning right at the entrance between the brick gate and columns. The campgrounds will be on your left. Follow the park signs toward the Modern Cabins until you reach the picnic pavilion. This is Shelter #2 and your starting point. Park and enjoy your walk.
2. Walking back toward the paved road you will soon see power poles to your right. Walk on the grass toward the power poles, following them until you reach the tree line. Follow the tree line until you reach a narrow path going down a steep hill. (There will be a small flag located at the entrance to this path). Turn right and go down this hill toward Campground #1.
3. At the bottom of the hill is a paved road, bear left and cross the creek bridge, then turn right into Campground #1. The Little Free Library is located on your left as you enter the campground road.
4. Continue straight along the campground circle, past the restrooms and toward the shower house. Just before the shower house you will find a wooden staircase on your right. Take the stairs down the hill and back up the second wooden staircase exiting into Campground #2. Follow the campground road to the left.
5. When you see the rustic cabins, leave the road and walk across the grassy area. Passing the 4th cabin on your left, you will see a large

stone marking the entrance to the trail. Follow the trail up the hill.

6. At the top of the hill, you will note a tree nursery. Turn right onto the gravel road and proceed toward Shelter #2. After passing the playground area which is located on your right, you will see a Town and Country sign on you left. Turn left into the trail. This is the Wildflower Trail. It is beautiful in the spring with an abundance of Hepatica, Blood Root, Dutchman's Breeches, Bluebells, Windflowers and Jack in the Pulpit. Depending on when you visit. Follow the trail down to the creek which will be on your left and back up to where the trail joins with a much wider Woodland Trail.
7. Turn left and follow the trail about ¼ mile (you will see a prairie area on your right). When you reach the Y in the trail, turn right. (You may choose to turn left for a short distance to view one of the Spillway waterfalls, but you'll need to return to the Y to continue the walk). At the second Y, turn left. In a short distance you will come

to the overlook for the waterfalls which is accessible for viewing and photographs via the wooden staircase.

8. Continue up the trail turning left passing the staircase and down the hill to the paved Boone River Trail. At this juncture, you may turn right to go back to Shelter #2, but this will not constitute a full 5k. To complete a 5k, turn left and proceed past mile marker 4.4 to mile marker 4.2 and turn around returning on the paved trail, up the incline past the Red Barn on your right and the Modern Cabins on your left. Continue on the paved trail until you see the horseshoe pits straight ahead and Shelter 2 on your right. Walk past the first drive and return to your car via the second drive. At this point you have completed a full 5k.

For a full 10k walk, you may walk the same trail twice – or instead of turning around at mile marker 4.2 on the paved Boone River Trail you may cross the bridge and continue on the Boone River Trail

until you reach mile marker 1
where you will turn around and

proceed back to Shelter #2 via the
instructions listed above.

Thank you for walking in Briggs Woods County Park, the oldest county park
in the state of Iowa. We hope you have enjoyed your walk.



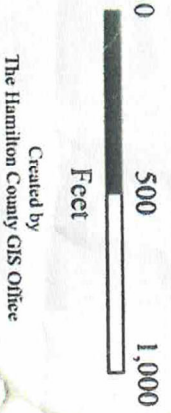
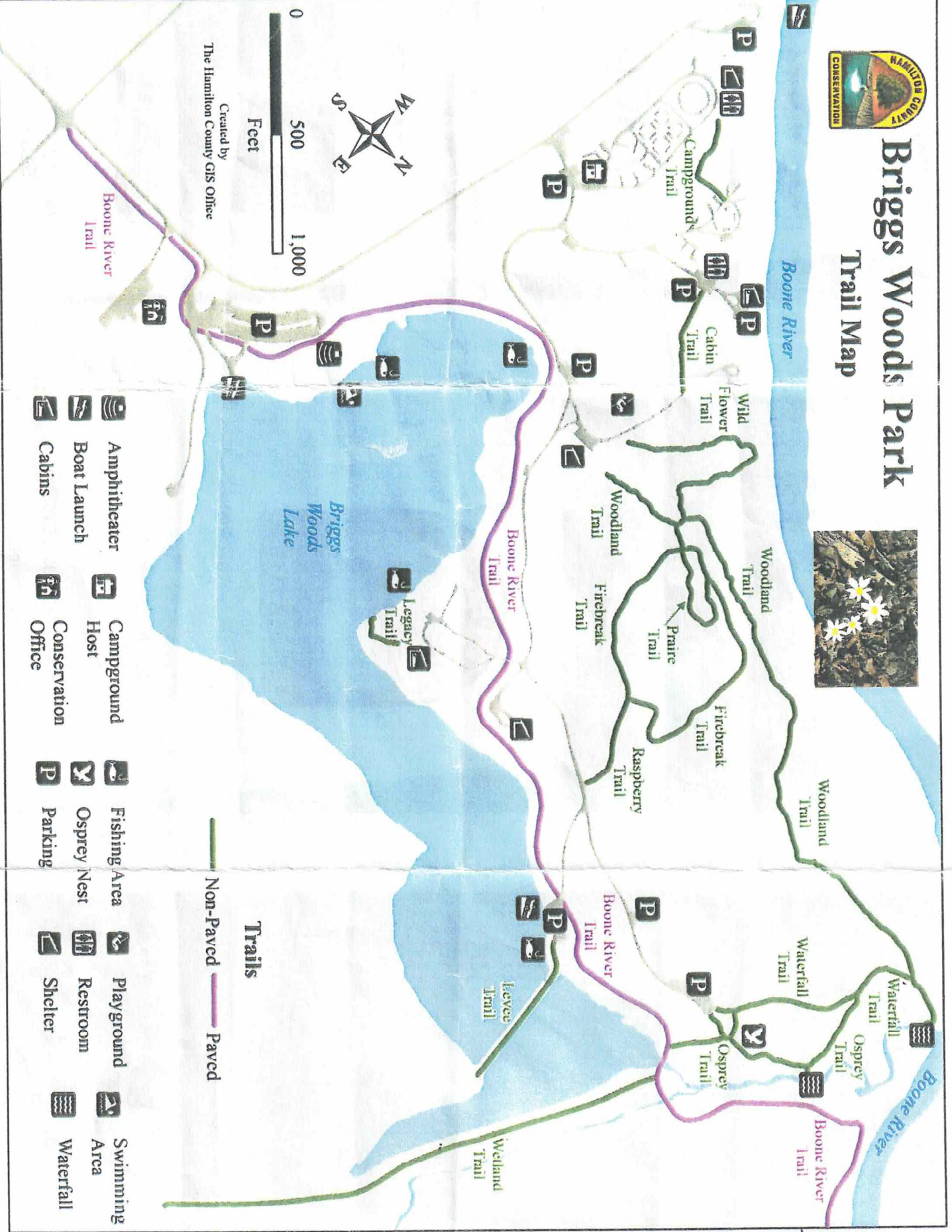
Emergency: Call 911
POC: Peggy Welter, 515-971-2298
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Be sure to log back into the OSB system to "finish/complete" your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's event bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date of the event, the distance, and selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the users' Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when he/she submits completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.) Also note that an event registration expires after 30 days, but if your registration lapses you may reregister without cost.



Briggs Woods Park Trail Map



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- Amphitheater
- Boat Launch
- Cabins

- Campground
- Host
- Conservation Office

- Fishing Area
- Osprey Nest
- Parking

- Playground
- Restroom
- Shelter

- Swimming Area
- Waterfall

Trails
— Non-Paved
— Paved

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