

CAMPING

Swan Lake State Park Campground is first come, first serve. We do not take any reservations for camping. There are over 120 campsites, 57 sites with water, sewer, and electricity, and 52 sites with electricity & water, other sites include tent camping and electric sites.

Two shower houses are located throughout the campground.

CABINS

There are two cabins at Swan Lake State Park, which are open year-round, we take reservations on a rolling calendar basis (one year in advance from your check-in date). Both cabins come equipped with basic cookware, dinnerware, silverware, and cooking utensils. The renter is responsible for providing their bedding (pillow, blankets, & sheets) along with complete cleanup before checkout.

EDUCATION CENTER

Full of environmental education displays, including a full bison mount, animal furs, and turtle displays. We have a Naturalist on-site year-round for programs and information.

There are two classrooms in the education center available to rent for meetings and other events.

SAUK RAIL TRAIL

The Sauk Rail Trail is a 33-mile-long recreation trail connecting Swan Lake State Park with Black Hawk State Park. The trail winds through Carroll & the countryside communities of Maple River, Breda, and Carnarvon before reaching Lake View. Permits are required for the use of the Sauk Rail Trail. 100% of trail fees go right back into improving and maintaining the trail.

KAYAK & PADDLEBOAT RENTALS

Available Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend.

Rules & Regulations

PARK HOURS

All County Parks are closed from 10:30 PM – 5:00 AM except for overnight camping and river access areas, where quite time is then in affect. All non-registered park visitors must leave before 10:30 PM.

PETS

All pets must be kept on a leash of no more than 6ft. or kenneled, except during hunting season in hunting areas. Park users must immediately clean up after their pets. Violators may be issued a violation if not in compliance.

Pets are not allowed inside Carroll County Conservation facilities.

SMOKING

Smoking and vaping are prohibited from all CCCB facilities.

TREES & SHRUBS

Trees and shrubs must not be cut or damaged in any way. Berries, fruits, and mushrooms may be harvested in the park.

FIREARMS & WEAPONS

The use of any firearm, weapon or explosive is prohibited in all county parks except under the following condition: a weapon or firearm legally authorized for hunting may be used during a valid hunting season in designated county hunting areas only. The use of fireworks or explosives is prohibited in all county parks under all circumstances.

RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATION POLICY

You must be 21 years of age to rent a facility. Reservations can be made by contacting our office. All facilities can be reserved on a rolling calendar basis (one year in advance from your event date or check-in date).

All reservations are nonrefundable. If you need to cancel your reservation you will receive a credit to use towards another date for the same facility.

FOR ALL OF OUR RULES & REGULATIONS VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MYCOUNTPARKS.COM/CARROLL

SWAN LAKE STATE PARK



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Winter Activities

The park offers excellent areas for snowmobiling, sledding, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, and ice skating in the winter months. Please view the snowmobiling signs and only use areas open to snowmobiles.

The office has snowshoes available for rent, please contact our office if you are interested as we only have a limited number of each size.

Almost all of our facilities are open year-round to rent for your winter events.

Fishing & Water Activities

Fishing is a very popular activity at the park. The 110-acre lake has been stocked with channel catfish, crappies, bluegill, and Largemouth bass. An enclosed fish house is available to anglers wanting to fish regardless of weather or season. A fish cleaning station, located outside of the fish house, is provided for successful anglers.

Boating is allowed on the lake and any size motor is legal with a no-wake law enforced.

Kayak, canoe, and paddleboats are available to rent Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.

There is a public beach on the east side of the lake, and no lifeguards on duty.

Environmental Education

The Carroll County Conservation Board has a full-time Naturalist who provides programs year-round to the public and all Carroll county schools.

Our Naturalist provides the following programs:

- Archery
- Summer Camps (ages 2-15)
- O.W.L.S. (older wiser learning seniors)
- Pipsqueaks
- Mom Monday's
- Haunted Bison Hallow
- Monarch Tagging
- Snowshoe
- Winter Carnival
- Fishing Clinics
- Overnight camping adventures
- Amphitheater programs
- Pop-up outdoor skills programs
- Kayak & Canoe clinics
- Library Programs
- Field Trips for all ages

Join our newsletter to be the first to know about future programs and events by emailing our office.

