Outdoor recreation opportunities are important to the overall quality of life in the Marshalltown area.

The Marshall County Conservation Board purchased the 95-acre Sand Lake area in 1999 with the assistance of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Approximately $46,000 was donated by more than 220 individuals, businesses, and organizations to allow for the purchase and initial development projects.

SAND LAKE has easy access from East Main Street. Additional water may be available after the sand and gravel business completes use of adjacent lands. This could take 10 – 15 years.

Private land surrounds Sand Lake. Boundary signs are in place to make the public aware of the property lines. Respect private property. Do not trespass.

Authorized PUBLIC USES for Sand Lake, set by policy of the MCCB, include:

FISHING: Walk-in access
     State fishing regulations apply
HIKING, WILDLIFE VIEWING
WILDLIFE REFUGE: no hunting,
     no firearms
No camping: Motor vehicles restricted to parking
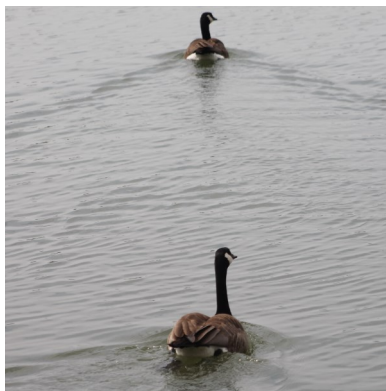   lots and boat ramp
Pets must be leashed at all times
BOATS: Electric powered only and/or
     Rowboats, canoes, paddleboats
NO SWIMMING

Sand Lake is an important stopover and wintering area for wildlife. Giant Canada geese and other migrating waterfowl use the site to rest and feed. Bald Eagles are frequently seen near the area.

Bass, bluegill, crappie, and walleye pike exist in the ponds. Other river species include white bass, yellow bass, green sunfish, carp, big mouth buffalo, yellow perch, and quillback carpsucker. State DNR fisheries personnel assist the MCCB and make recommendations for underwater structures to enhance fish habitat.

Sand Lake
Recreation Area

2901 Main St Rd, Marshalltown

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2901 Main Street Rd.
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Operating Hours
5:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
□ 193 Acres

Legend (left):
- Boat Ramp
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Electric Motor Only
- Fishing
- Hiking Trail ---
- Fishing Pier

Legend (right):
- Ice Fishing
- No Swimming
- Picnic Shelter
- Restrooms
- Wildlife Observation
- P Parking

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IOWA RIVER

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No Public Access To Land

Sunset Shelter House

Lakeview Shelter House

No Boats Allowed

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Main Street Rd.

Main Entrance