



Beeds Lake State Park 5K Loop

Franklin County, Iowa



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1422 165th St; Hampton, IA 50441

5K WALK DIRECTIONS

- 1.** From the walk box: Walk towards the Stone Lodge Building; follow curve to parking lot.
- 2.** L along the middle road towards the park entrance; veer left across the road toward the boat ramp.
- 3.** At the end of the boat ramp, turn R at hiking path sign; follow path along the lake's shore until the top of the spillway hill.
- 4.** Take a few minutes to enjoy the amazing spillway and views of Beeds Lake. This State Park project took 4 1/2 years for the (CCC) Civilian Conservation Corps to construct and complete on June 2, 1938.
- 5.** Now facing the spillway turn R and walk along the grass and wood's edge to the curved driveway of the campgrounds; stay left on the outer edge until you get to the entrance driveway.
- 6.** L walk past the covered information center on the left will be a historical display about the Griss Mill that operated up until 1904.
- 7.** Head toward the park entrance and exit the park; L onto 165th street. Walk along the backside of the park. At the first left, turn onto small circular drive and walk toward stairs and trail sign.
- 8.** Walk up the stairs and turn left at big tree with benches. Look for a path opening in the woods; you will find stairs going down to the bottom of the spillway. This is optional, but beautiful. Back towards the stairs hugging the shoreline.
- 9.** Look for the footpath along the lake, follow this path behind several houses and past several fishing jetties and benches to enjoy the lake view.
- 10.** At circle driveway turn right; up the drive L on path into the woods.
- 11.** Walk along that path until you get to a wooden bridge. Turn around and retrace steps to circle drive.
- 12.** Right towards the lake follow grass path with water on both sides; enjoy the various water fowl nesting in the small islands on the edge of the lake.
- 13.** Back at the Stone Lodge built in 1938 by the CCC. To finish walk around the lodge to the start point of the walk.