

# Lake of Three Fires 5K Trail Rated 1B

Taylor County, Iowa



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40.711443, -94.686764  
2303 Lake Road, Bedford, IA 50833

- Walk starts in the parking area by the BEACH LODGE. Toilets available. GPS Coordinates N 40 Degrees 42.687 & W 94 Degrees 41.212
- Walking directions are followed with compass directions in parentheses.
- Horses have the right-of-way on all trails. Step off the trail where necessary to allow them to pass.

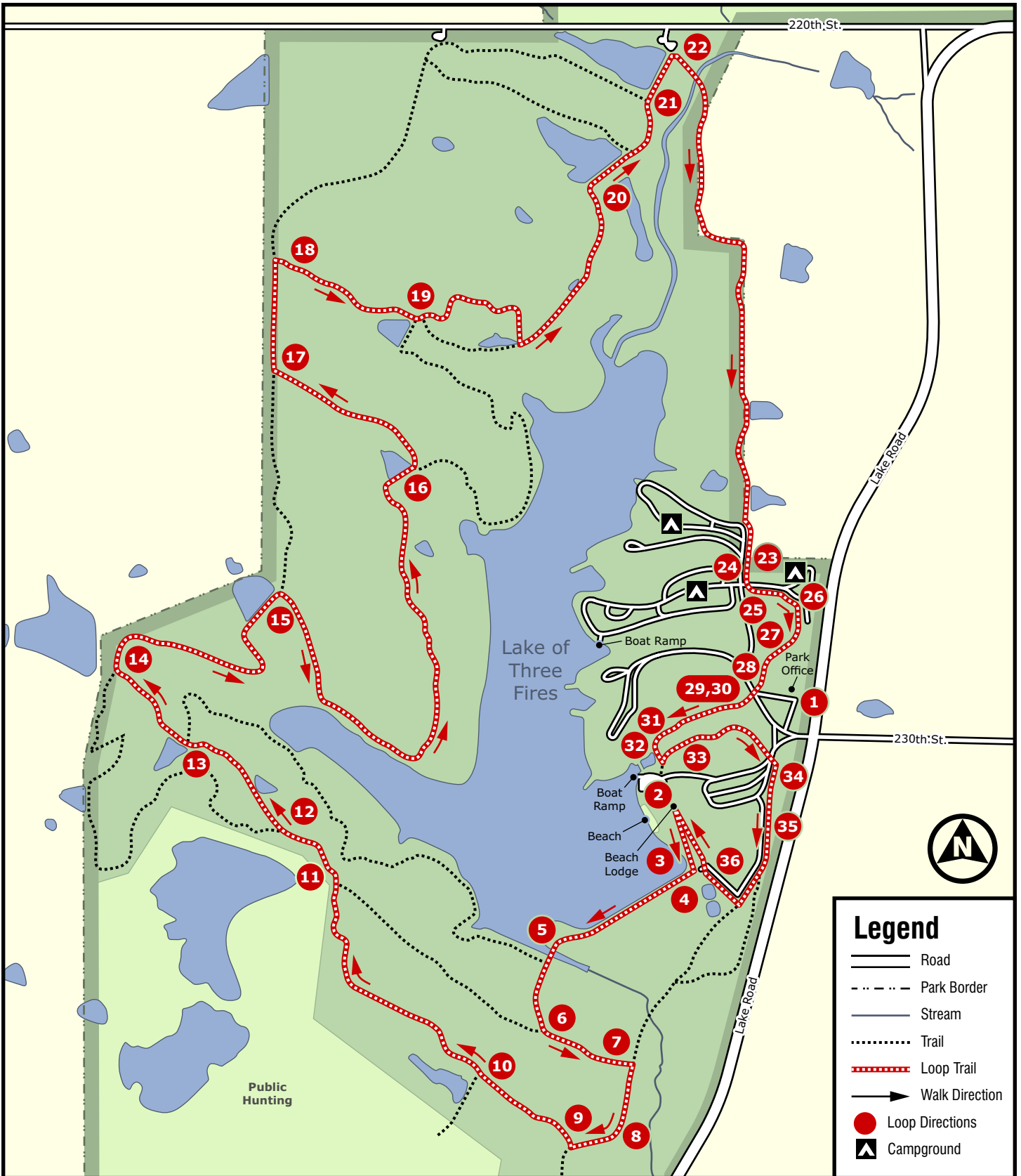
## 5K WALK DIRECTIONS

1. From Park Office, DRIVE to the BEACH LODGE: LEFT (s) on to the road, past entrance road on left, to first RIGHT (w). Park above the BEACH LODGE or in parking area to the side.
2. FROM BEACH LODGE: Leave the beach lodge along sidewalk toward parking lot passing the kiosk (n). Continue straight across the parking lot to the hiking trail.
3. CONTINUE (n) straight on the trail crossing wooden bridge. Staying left on the trail crossing second bridge to an open area with a picnic shelter.
4. RIGHT (e) Following the tree line passing the pit toilet to the trail on the right.
5. RIGHT (ne) on Trail and continue to the road.
6. CROSS the park road and park office road and CONTINUE (n) to the left of the Park Office, heading for the horse trail opening in the trees ahead.
7. CONTINUE until the trail reaches the road.
8. LEFT (w), into the equestrian campground. Follow the road as it bears left to intersection exiting the equestrian campground to the park road.
9. RIGHT (n) at the first intersection onto the park road.
10. ANGLE RIGHT (n) on road with orange "Please Declare" sign to dirt road heading toward campsite #98 to trail into trees (horse and map sign on left of trail).
11. CONTINUE (n) on trail (Main Trail) until you cross a small bridge then up a short hill.
12. LEFT (sw) crossing a small dam with a pond on the right. (trail sign on right).
13. RIGHT (nw) at T intersection keeping the pond on your right.
14. LEFT (s, then se) on first intersecting trail. Trail turns sharply to the left. A wetlands area will open up on your right, ending at another small pond.
15. LEFT (ne) on gravel trail leading into woods.
16. RIGHT (sw) at next intersection crossing dam with pond on your left.
17. LEFT (ne), retracing your steps over the dam with the pond on your left, to T intersection (trail sign ahead)
18. RIGHT (s), back over the small bridge, back onto the road (another road leads off to camping areas on your right).

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- 19.** STRAIGHT (s) on the road to the stop sign passing campground and equestrian area.
- 20.** LEFT (s) at the stop sign on the park road facing traffic
- 21.** STRAIGHT (s) past a 4-way intersection to a T-intersection with a yield sign. Cross road and turn LEFT being careful of traffic behind you.
- 22.** STAY RIGHT and continue past the park office and the entrance road on your left.
- 23.** RIGHT (e) following road back to beach lodge.



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**10K Trail Rated 2B**  
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- Walking directions are followed with compass directions in parentheses.
- Horses have the right-of-way on all trails. Step off the trail where necessary to allow them to pass.
- Not all trails are named so follow directions carefully
- There are no bathrooms on the north side of the lake (about 8 K)

## 10K WALK DIRECTIONS

1. From Park Office, DRIVE to the BEACH LODGE: LEFT (s) on to the road, past entrance road on left, to first RIGHT (w). Park above the BEACH LODGE or in parking area to the side.
2. FROM BEACH LODGE: Face the lake (w). LEFT (s) toward the volleyball court, with the lake on your right.
3. CONTINUE (s) past the volleyball court through a break in the trees to the parking lot.
4. RIGHT (sw) along the dam, with the lake on your right.
5. LEFT (s) at the bridge. Cross the bridge (there is a trail on the right just after crossing the bridge. Do not take this trail.) Continue Straight ahead to T intersection. Trail sign on right.
6. LEFT (se) at T heading on a slight downhill.
7. RIGHT (s) at next T intersection (PERIMETER TRAIL). There will be a trail sign on your left. Horse sign on right.
8. Trail will curve around to the right (sw) until it intersects with another trail. (1 K)
9. RIGHT (nw) at next intersection keeping horse sign on your left
10. Right (nw) at next Y intersection until trail intersects with Lake Loop Trail (sign on left)
11. LEFT (nw) on Lake Loop Trail to a T-intersection (Trail sign on left).
12. RIGHT (nw) at Y going downhill with trail sign on your left.
13. LEFT (w) up a short hill. Trail turns (nw) then (n) as trail loops around and past a retention pond on the left (trail sign on right) to a Y intersection.
14. RIGHT (n) downhill for about 1.5k. You will pass a retention pond on your left to a Y-intersection (retention pond on left, trail sign on right). (4 K)
15. Right (sse) at Y downhill toward lake. Follow the trail as it loops northward past a picnic table and another retention pond on the left.
16. Keep left (nw) at next intersection keeping the pond on your left to T intersection
17. Right (n) at T intersection up the hill on Main Trail to a Y-intersection. (trail sign on left).

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**18.** RIGHT (se) at Y intersection on GREAT COUNCIL TRAIL downhill, (trail sign on right) passing retention pond on the right, to a T-intersection.

**19.** LEFT (ne) uphill. (Trail sign on left)The trail, after some distance, turns right along a small dam (retention pond on left) to an intersection on your left.

**20.** RIGHT (ne) into woods to another Y intersection on your left.

**21.** Right (ne) at Y over an earthen dam with the pond on your left, to T intersection (trail sign ahead)

**22.** RIGHT (e), over the small bridge (MAIN TRAIL) and follow the trail as it curves southerly until it becomes a road.

**23.** STRAIGHT (s) on the road to the stop sign.

**24.** LEFT (s) at the stop sign to 4 way intersection.

**25.** LEFT (e) at intersection by the “Horse Trail” sign to the equestrian campsite. Take the road into the campsite. Stay RIGHT when the road branches. (campsites #119)

**26.** Right (sse) at campsite 118

**27.** RIGHT (ssw) after campsites 115/116 toward the equestrian trail that leads through the trees and into a meadow.

**28.** Walk through the meadow to the road, keeping the Park Office on your left.

**29.** CROSS the main park road and turn left looking for a trailhead sign in the treeline almost immediately on your right (no horses sign).

**30.** RIGHT (w) on to this trail which is SLEEPY HOLLOW TRAIL and follow until it comes out of the trees, with a picnic shelter ahead.

**31.** LEFT (s) along the trees, until you pick up the trail on your left to a wooden bridge.

**32.** CROSS the wooden bridge to first intersection on left.

**33.** LEFT (e) at intersection (not toward wooden bridge) on SLEEPY HOLLOW TRAIL turning RIGHT (se) at next intersection through picnic area to park road.

**34.** Cross both lanes of road leading to the beach house to the other side of the main park road.

**35.** Follow main park road as it curves toward lake (s) to parking lot noted in #3.

**36.** RIGHT (nnw) past the volleyball court to get back to the BEACH LODGE.