



Activity
Guide
2026



HIAWATHA PARKS & RECREATION
101 EMMONS STREET
HIAWATHA, IA 52233



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Ext. 1

OUR MISSION

To support and promote diversity and inclusiveness through the provision of a wide variety of high quality leisure programs and services that aim to serve the recreational needs of the Hiawatha community in a enjoyable, healthy, and safe environment!

Hiawatha!

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks & Recreation Commission is a volunteer board, which reviews and recommends policies, rules and budgets relating to parks, playgrounds, and recreation programs of the department.

They meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Hiawatha Council Chambers at 5:30 PM. Agenda and minutes are posted on our website at www.hiawatha-iowa.com and at Hiawatha City Hall.

If you have anything you would like discussed by the commission, please contact the Director of Parks and Recreation, Matt Boggess, prior to the meeting.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

<https://www.facebook.com/Cityofhiawathaparksandrecreation>



QR CODE HOW TO!!

This activity guide includes multiple QR codes to provide direct access to additional digital resources by section.

Each code connects to supporting content specific to that topic, keeping information organized, up-to-date, and easy to reference.

ACTIVITIES

1. Open your phone's camera or a QR scanning app
2. Point it at the QR code until a link pops up
3. Tap the link to open the attached website
4. Save or bookmark the guide for quick access later



SCAN ME



YOUTH PROGRAMS

- HIAWATHA SOCCER
- REC UNITED SOCCER
- BLASTBALL
- HIAWATHA KIDS LEAGUE
- SUMMER CAMP
- BABYSITTING BASICS
- ON THEIR OWN AND OKAY
- TENNIS LESSONS
- PICKLEBALL
- SWEETHEART DANCE
- LETTERS FROM SANTA
- SLIMETIME
- LIL' TACKLERS
- BRUSH & SLUSH





WHY COACHING IS A WIN FOR EVERYONE

Transform from fan to mentor. By coaching, you're not just teaching plays—you're building confidence and a lifelong family connection. Step onto the field and be the impact they'll always remember.

ADULT PROGRAMS

- BINGO
- HAND & FOOT/CANASTA
- ZUMBA
- POUND FITNESS
- YOGA
- RIDE TO WRIGLEY
- IOWA STATE FAIR
- CELEBRATION
- RIVERBOAT CRUISE
- SENIOR PROM





**THANK YOU TO
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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Metro Kiwanis Valentines Day Pancake Breakfast
- Egg Hunt
- Hiawatha Farmers Market
- Hiawatha Games
- Strictly Teal Trunk or Treat
- Hicycle Cross
- Chase Norton Memorial Disc Golf Tournament
- Hiawatha ChristKindl Market
- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Holiday Lights Parade
- Food Truck Fridays

ACTIVITIES



SCAN ME





FRIENDS OF HIAWATHA PARKS & RECREATION

FRIENDS EVENTS

- EGG MY YARD
- BIKE HELMET GIVEAWAY
- MOVIE UNDER THE MOON
- TINY TOTS TRIATHLON
- REINDEER RUN
- HIAWATHA POWER
- WHEELS NATIONALS
- HIBRAI



The Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation was formed in 2011 with the mission of supporting Hiawatha's public parks, open spaces, recreational programs and special events. In recent years they have supported the department by:

- Purchasing a 20' inflatable movie screen
- Replacing drinking fountains with bottle fillers
- Funding Hiawatha Summer Camp speakers & activities
- Donating warm clothes and school supplies to local elementary schools
- Purchasing playground equipment and new picnic tables

If you would like to get involved or have questions in regards to events or projects contact Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Foundation President, Rod Jasa at rjasa@hiawatha-iowa.com



GUTHRIDGE
PARK



MUSIC IN
THE PARK



2026 Schedule

- August 7 - Betty Calling
- August 14 - Dogs On Skis
- August 21 - Nothings Real
- August 28 - Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50's

FREE Family Friendly Activities Each Week!

6 - 9 PM - Guthridge Park

Sponsored By:





Dave Wright Family Dog Park

The Dave Wright Family Dog Park is a 2-acre park located just south of Boyson Road along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail.

It came together thanks to agreements between the City, Linn County and nearby Dave Wright Auto. The collaborative efforts have created a dog park unlike any other in the area!

We are excited to provide your K-9 companions a place they can exercise, play and enjoy the outdoors!

DOG PARK RULES

- All owners/handlers must clean up after their dog(s) in all areas of the Dog Park. Please use the provided waste bags and receptacles within the Dog Park.
- Dogs are not allowed to dig inside the Dog Park. Dog owners are responsible for filling in any holes created by their dog(s).
- Female dogs in heat are not allowed in the Dog Park. Non-neutered male dogs should be closely monitored at all times.
- No animal or human food is allowed within the Dog Park, other than small training treats.
- Electric, metal, prong, pinch or spike collars are not allowed.
- Sick, lame or injured dogs are not allowed in the Dog Park.
- Dogs must be current on all vaccinations. Dog Handlers must have vaccination documentation with them when visiting.
- In the Small Dog Area, dogs must be less than 13" at the shoulder and weigh no more than 25 pounds.
- All dogs are allowed in the Large Dog area, but please keep in mind that it is possible for small dogs to be accidentally injured by larger dogs.
- Use of the Dog Park is at the owner/handler's own risk. Users agree to hold the City of Hiawatha harmless for any injury or damages while using the Dog Park.
- Hours are sunrise to sunset.
- Puppies younger than 16 weeks old are not allowed.
- Dogs with known histories of aggression, fighting or biting are not allowed. Any dog exhibiting aggressive or unruly behavior is required to be removed by the handler immediately. Dog owners will be held liable for their dog's actions. If your dog gets into an altercation please exchange contact information with the other dog owner(s).
- Handler's must be a minimum of 16 years old. Children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- There is a maximum of two dogs allowed per handler.
- No wheeled or motorized vehicles are allowed unless used for a disability.
- Dogs must enter and exit the Dog Park on a leash. Once inside the fence, handlers may unleash their dog. Dog handlers are responsible for carrying a leash for each dog within the park while staying within eyesight and voice control of their dog(s) at all times. Dogs cannot be left unattended at any time.



PARK AMENITIES & PAVILION RENTALS

RENTAL TIMES:

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
8:00 am - 10:00 pm

RESIDENT FEES:

\$45 per time slot
\$90 all day

NON-RESIDENT FEES:

\$55 per time slot
\$110 all day

*\$10 fee applied if rental is over capacity

- Weather permitting, park pavilions open May 1st, and close October 1st.
- Splashpads open Memorial Day Weekend and close Labor Day Weekend.
- Operating Hours: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Inflatable Application:

- \$25 with pavilion rental. Contact Hiawatha Parks and Recreation for additional information at 319-393-1515 extension 3.

TUCKER PARK:

101 B Ave.

Pavilions available:

- Yellow (capacity 50)
- Blue (capacity 65)

Amenities include:

- Splash pad (open 10 am to 8 pm)
- 0.3 mile paved trail
- Playground updated in 2021
- Restrooms attached to Yellow Pavilion

TURTLE CREEK PARK:

2915 Fitzroy Rd.

Pavilions available:

- Orange (capacity 50)

Amenities include:

- Splash pad
- Playground area
- 0.5 mile paved trail
- Restrooms near

FAY M. CLARK MEMORIAL PARK:

1200 N 18th Ave.

Pavilions available:

- Teal (capacity 80)

Amenities include:

- 18-hole disc golf course
- 0.7 mile paved trail
- Playground equipment
- Restrooms attached to pavilion

VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA:

101 Emmons St.

Amenities include:

- Fountains
- Bike repair station
- Restrooms
- Wall seating

GUTHRIDGE PARK:

704 Emmons St.

Pavilions available:

- Red (capacity 80)
- Green (capacity 50)
- Brown (capacity 80)

Amenities include:

- Splash pad (open 10 am to 8 pm)
- Outdoor learning center
- Playground equipment
- 0.8 mile paved trail
- 5 youth ball diamonds 2 lighted basketball courts
- 2 sand volleyball courts
- 2 lighted tennis courts
- 2 playground areas
- Restrooms near or attached to the pavilions





Hiawatha Community Center

WEDDINGS • BIRTHDAYS

- ANNIVERSARIES • FUNDRAISERS
- MEETINGS • GRADUATIONS

RESERVATIONS

- Monday – Friday 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm
- Saturday & Sunday 7:00 am - 11:00 pm
- Damage Deposit \$300
- \$50 Cancellation fee
- No refund without 72 hour notice

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FEES

Hiawatha Resident:

- Monday - Friday \$200
- Weekend Rental \$275

Non Resident:

- Monday - Friday \$225
- Weekend Rental \$300

*Special Rate Available for Non-Profits.

*Must be 21 years of age to rent the facility



AMENITIES

- Capacity
 - 250 standing
 - 168 seated
- 20 eight-foot rectangular tables
- Hot bar
- Audio Visual equipment (additional \$40 fee)
- Handicap accessible
- Room size 62' x 42'
- Large restrooms
- Beer and wine allowed with proper insurance



WE ARE HIRING

Do you enjoy being outdoors? Do you like working with people? Check out summer employment opportunities with Hiawatha Parks & Recreation. Must be 16 or older to apply.

Opportunities Available
Maintenance Staff
Adventure Camp Staff
Internships

Applications are available at Hiawatha City Hall or online at www.hiawatha-iowa.com



Online



GET REGISTERED!

All participants and renters must have an online account through ActiveNet to process registrations and rentals. Its easy!

[Click Here For New Account](#)

Select Create New Account and add yourself and family members.

You will be able to register for programs and reservations!

In Person



Stop by the Parks and Information desk inside of Hiawatha City Hall located at 101 Emmons Street to register for programs or reserve a facility.

Register in person during office hours,
Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

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