

Welcome to the Three Mile Lake Recreation Area

| Fishing structure GPS coordinates | | |
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| | NORTH | WEST |
| A | 4106.08 | 9414.53 |
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| C | 4106.05 | 9414.16 |
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| E | 4105.90 | 9413.96 |
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| O | 4104.38 | 9412.70 |
| BP1 | 4104.78 | 9413.29 |
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| BP3 | 4104.73 | 9413.17 |
| BP4 | 4104.65 | 9413.14 |
| BP5 | 4104.48 | 9413.22 |
| BP6 | 4104.60 | 9412.74 |



It is Union County's largest recreational facility and family destination site. The area is a haven for all nature lovers. Both plant and animal wildlife flourish here. Yet it is only a few miles away from three golf courses, Historical Park, YMCA, and restored railroad depot to name but a few attractions. You are also close to great shopping and gourmet dining. Come discover and enjoy what the Three Mile Lake and surrounding area have to offer.

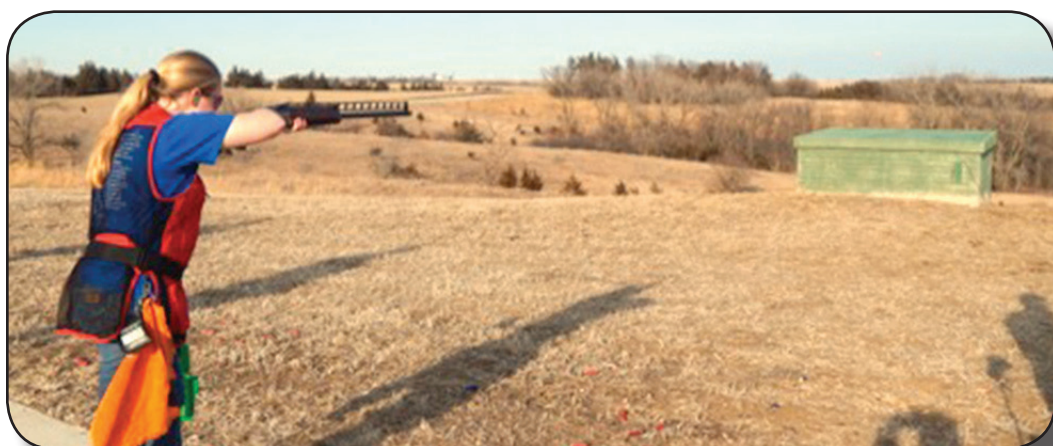
Boating: The lower portion of the lake is open to sailing, power boating and water skiing (sorry, no inboards or jet skis). "No-wake" boating is permitted on the remainder of the lake.



Swimming: The swimming beach offers you the opportunity to spend the afternoon lying on the sand or swimming in the lake, and if you're feeling a little more active there is also a sand volleyball court adjacent to the beach.



Waterfowl: The lake has quickly become a mecca for migrating ducks and geese. Waterfowl hunting is permitted, except for Canada Geese. Three Mile Lake and the surrounding wildlife area is designated as a Canada Goose Refuge.



High Lakes Outdoor Alliance Shooting Range: The HLOA Shooting Range is the newest addition to Three Mile Lake. The range was recently constructed and is managed by the High Lakes Outdoor Alliance non-profit group. The range consists of 5 separate ATA certified trap shooting stations, 50 yd. pistol range, rifle range with targets at 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 yards, and a clubhouse. HLOA hosts numerous shooting events along with local collegiate, FFA, and 4-H trap shooting teams. For more information on the range or questions on how to obtain a membership, call the Union County Conservation Board at 641-347-5100.



Camping: The two campgrounds overlooking the lake have 80 sites to accommodate recreational vehicles, trailers and tent campers. Each site has electrical hookups. Water is available along with picnic sites, a fish cleaning station and dump station. Showers, sinks and flush toilets are available nearby at the year-around comfort station.



Three Mile Lake spans tiny Three Mile Creek, named in 1846 by Mormons heading west along the Mormon Pioneer Trail. The creek was named for the distance traveled from Mount Pisgah, a way station now noted with a monument northeast of Afton.

Today you can tour a replica of the cabins built at Mt. Pisgah and visit the monument erected on the site. The monument was built in memory of those who did not survive their trip and perished at the encampment. Ruts from the trail are still visible today. There is also a picnic area available.

Cabins: Year-around rental cabins at the modern campground provide a genuine year-around attraction. The 14x18 foot log frame units are equipped with self-contained heating and air conditioning units, electricity, basic furnishings and sleeping accommodations for up to six people. Accessible showers, sinks and flush toilets are available nearby at a heated year-around comfort station.



Fishing: Acres of underwater structures make for some of the best fish habitat in Iowa. Bring your own boat or use one of the 11 fishing jetties, or explore nearly 24 miles of shoreline for your own "best" spot. For those with special needs, there's a wheelchair accessible fishing pier. Primary species include walleye, large and small-mouth bass, crappie, bluegill, muskellunge, and catfish.



Fish Cleaning Station: Located behind the cabins in the main campground is the fish cleaning station. It is an all weather enclosed facility complete with electricity, a cleaning table, grinder and heat for the cold weather fisherman.

| LEGEND | | | |
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| Boat Ramp | Accessible pier | | |
| Fishing jetty | Rock mound | | |
| Earth mound | Brush pile | | |
| Flooded trees | Rock reef | | |
| Beach | Cabins | | |
| Camping | Lodge | | |
| Surface area 880 AC. | | | |
| Maximum depth 50 Ft. | | | |

Lakeshore Cabin: Lakeshore cabin is located between the beach and main boat ramp. This two room cabin has heating and air conditioning units, electricity, basic furnishings, oven with a stovetop, refrigerator and sleeping accommodations for up to 12 people.

Wildlife: Hundreds of acres of cover and food plots create a habitat teeming with songbirds, waterfowl and upland game. Whitetail deer and wild turkey abound along with cottontail, squirrel, pheasant and quail



Lodge: Overlooking the lake is the Three-Mile Lake Lodge, a 36'x84' log structure which is available for rent by the public year-round. This multi-purpose building has quickly become a popular spot for many different types of activities. The Lodge has been host to wedding ceremonies and receptions, reunions, anniversaries, birthdays, and banquets. The upstairs level boasts an impressive main room of approximately 1800 square feet, with a dance floor in the middle of it. There is also a full kitchen and large restroom facilities. The lower level has the same main room, with a warming kitchen and restroom facilities. The walls are finished with wood siding, giving a rustic appearance with many modern conveniences.

Behind the lodge there is a gazebo overlooking the lake which is perfect for outside wedding ceremonies.

Thayer Lake

One of the oldest man-made lakes in Iowa!

Located: Just south of Thayer, then west 1.5 miles. This small park offers a secluded almost cathedral-like setting and state-ly centenarian oak and shagbark hickory forest. The center piece for the park is a 10 acre spring-fed lake surrounded by a 47 acre nature area.

Camping: Electrical hook-ups are available including 20, 30, and 50 amp service. Tent camping is allowed anywhere around the lake along with primitive restrooms and trails.

Fishing: Built by the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad in 1870 as a water supply for steam locomotives along their newly completed main line. Thayer Lake's water level fluctuates little in dry or wet years because it is spring-fed. Though fishing boats are allowed, there is a boat ramp, most regulars do just well angling from the shoreline.

