

Rathbun Lake is Iowa's finest with over 11,000 acres of water, 155 miles of shoreline, inviting

ing electric pedestals have been installed in parks around the lake. New trailer dump stations, water hydrants and playgrounds have been

I hope you will accept this invitation to Rathbun Lake and enjoy the outstanding natural resources, fine facilities and friendly services that are

WELCOME TO RATHBUN LAKE, IOWA'S OCEAN

coves and great water quality. Combined with our beautiful oak/hickory timber and thousands of acres of restored native grasslands, we have a wonderful setting for enjoying the outdoors.

Many new improvements have been completed this year to best serve your needs. Hundreds of new camp-

added. New tent camping sites were constructed. A new swimming beach was even built in Buck Creek Park.

The Honey Creek Resort State Park already has a new entrance road and beautiful hiking trails. Facility development is in progress.

here for you.

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Rathbun Lake
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Iwant to take this opportunity to invite you to Rathbun Lake this year. As one of the largest lakes in Iowa, we are already known for our superb fishing and boating opportunities. In addition to water activities, we have over 16,000 acres of public hunting around the lake; many trophies are harvested each year in the area. We also have over 30 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 125 acres of public land with trails devoted to 4 wheelers and motorcyclists.

If you are looking for a place to stay, there are many options available in the area. There are over 750 Corps of Engineer campsites available and most of them have been updated to include larger parking areas and 50 amp electrical service. In addition to that, there are several private and State park campsites available. Many cabins and motels are also available for rent near the lake. Abundant restaurants will satisfy the heartiest of appetites. There are links to many of the facilities around the lake at our website www.rathbunlakeassoc.com.



There are many exciting activities taking place this year that you will not want to miss.

Construction crews are busy working on the 105 room lodge at the Honey Creek Destination Park and promise to have it open for business this summer. The 18 hole golf course is seeded down and will open with the lodge. The boat ramp and dock facilities are scheduled to be installed in early spring. You can track the progress of the construction crews via a live camera at www.honeycreekresort.com.



We moved the date of this year's major entertainment event on the lake. The sixth annual Summer Splash will be held at the Dedication Site on August 2, 2008. This day long water's edge event will once again feature a classic car show, live entertainment, kid's activities and great food. Keep track of the announcements of activities at our website www.rathbunlakeassoc.com.

If you are not the outdoor type, most of the surrounding communities boast of a growing retail trade. Many new retailers have opened up in the area

that provide unique shopping opportunities. Be sure to check them out when you visit.

There are several fishing tournaments returning to Rathbun Lake this year, including Crappiethon.

Most local bait stores also host catfish and walleye tournaments throughout the summer months. We will try to update our website with the dates as they are announced.

In August 2007, we had more than 12 inches of rain in less than 12 hours. Most of the area received flooding, some was major. Rathbun Lake held up well, although the level rose more than 8 feet in a short time, all the ramps remained open and there was no boating hazards floating in the lake. Keep that in mind when your local lake is closed because of high water.

See you at the Lake

David Howe
Rathbun Lake Association President
2008

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