

# Rathbun Lake Area Trails

*A Great Family Activity!*

## Woodland People's Interpretive Trail



- Honey Creek State Park
- 1/4 mile path through large earth mounds believed to be sacred prehistoric mounds
- Display explains culture of the Woodland people

## Rathbun Lake ORV Area



- 125 acre area located on South Fork arm of lake
- South Central Dirt Riders developed and maintain area
- All machines must be registered and numbers displayed
- Iowa DNR ATV Fund provides monies for materials used in area

## Rathbun Lake Snowmobile Trail



- 36 mile mowed and signed trail
- Connects parks on north side of lake
- Trail is maintained by the Rathbun Lake Snow Riders
- Trail is designed for snowmobile use only, no ATV's

## Honey Creek Resort Park



- 2.5 miles of hiking trails surfaced with rock chips
- Good lake views
- Terrain includes wooded areas and prairie areas

## Honey Creek State Park



- Trails along shoreline and all wooded areas
- Miles of multi-use trails

## Shoreline Paths



- Located in all parks
- Provide access for fishing, wildlife viewing
- Pedestrian traffic only

# Rathbun ORV Area

The 125 acre Rathbun ORV (off road vehicle) Area located near Bridge View at the Rathbun Lake is a virtual paradise for ATV and dirt bike riders. Riders at this picturesque park will enjoy a view of the southwestern part of the lake along with a plethora of wildlife, wildflowers and numerous species of trees. The ORV area incorporates something for riders of all ages and skill levels. There are trails ranging from leisurely to challenging, hill climbs, mud pits, and a tot lot. This was completed through grant money donated by the Appanoose county Community Fund. The tot lot is a separate area intended for younger riders on machines of 100 cc or less who may feel intimidated by older and more experienced riders and their larger machines. Except during clean-up days, spring thaw and other conditions that may warrant closing, the park is open year round. Up to date closure information is posted at [www.iowaohv.com](http://www.iowaohv.com), or you can call the Iowa OHV Association Hotline 515-281-8385 24 hours a day.

ATV and dirt bikes must display a current registration to ride at the Rathbun ORV Area

(as well as all other state ORV areas). Helmets are required and riders must obey the rules posted at the park. Side-by-side machines and go-carts are not allowed in the park.

No tax dollars are spent on the park! The park is maintained by the South Central Dirt Riders who receive funding through grant money allocated from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The DNR obtains this money from registration fees of ATVs and dirt bikes. These funds allow the club to purchase items required from maintenance of the area.

South Central Dirt Riders is a non-profit organization consisting of a diversity of ATV and dirt bike riders. They work in conjunction with the Iowa DNR, US Army Corps of Engineers, Iowa OHV Association, and

other regulatory organizations. The club is steadfast in their commitment to proper trail etiquette and preservation. When not working on the trails, they are out riding on them! These caretakers of the park encourage new recruits to join them in maintaining the Rathbun ORV Area. If not for the dedication and labors of the club and the support they receive, the park would be closed! Information on how to join can be acquired at [www.scdr@myway.com](mailto:www.scdr@myway.com).

Come on, grab your helmet, load up your registered ATV or dirt bike and head out to the Rathbun ORV Area for a trail ride. If you see one of the club members working on the trails, stop and say, "Hi!" They'll be glad to offer you a tour of the park. Then be sure and join the club to assist them in keeping one of Rathbun Lake's great treasures open.

SCDR expresses their gratitude to the above mention entities as well as Indian Hills Community College, area businesses, area media and all those who support them in their ceaseless effort to maintain and improve the Rathbun ORV Area.

