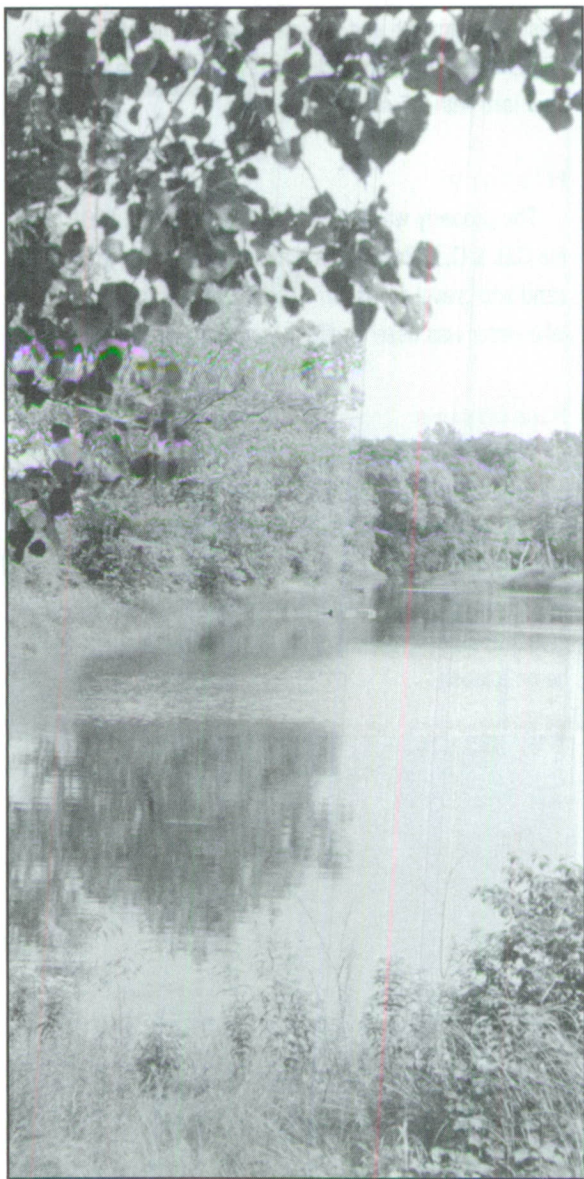


Henderson County

CONSERVATION AREA



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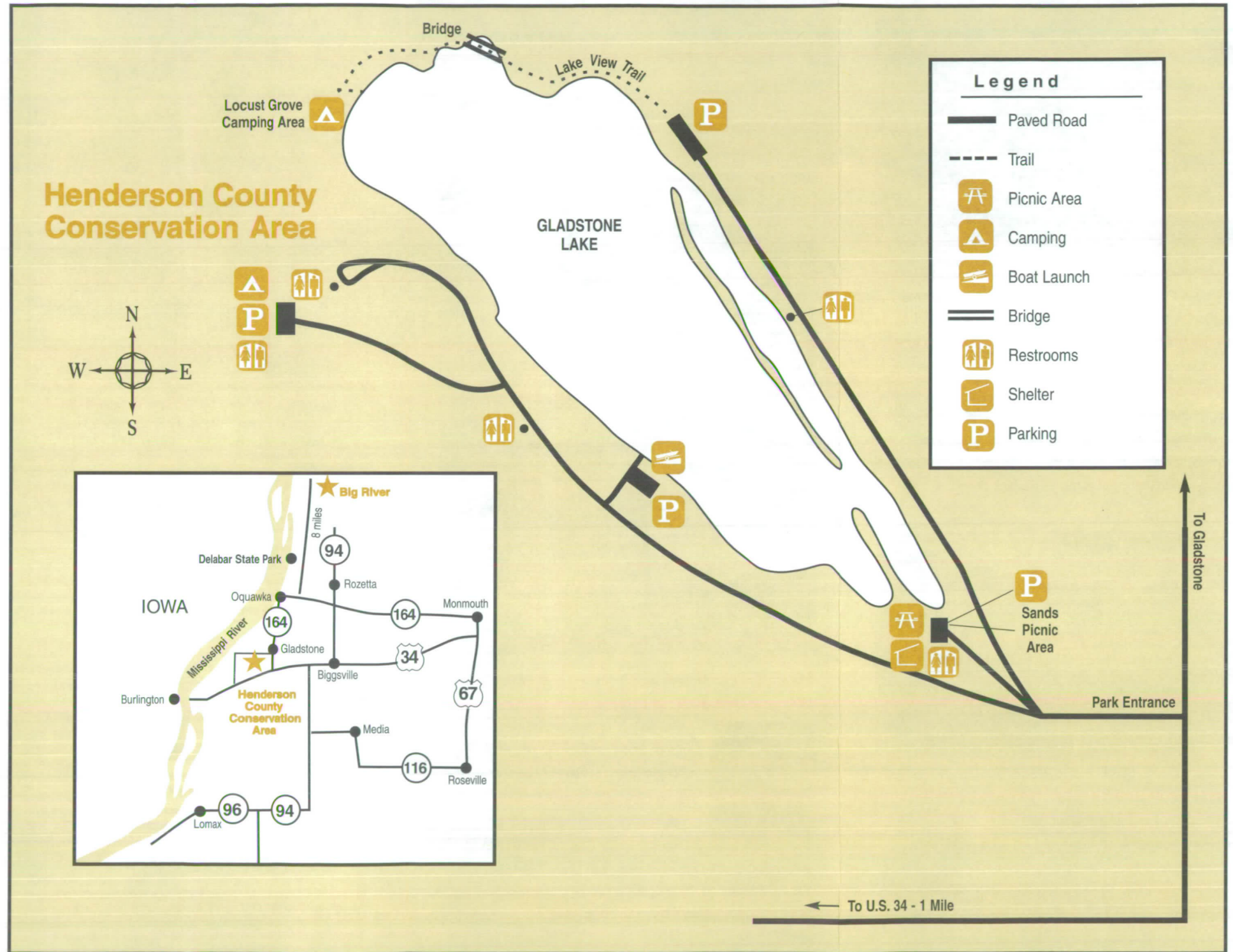
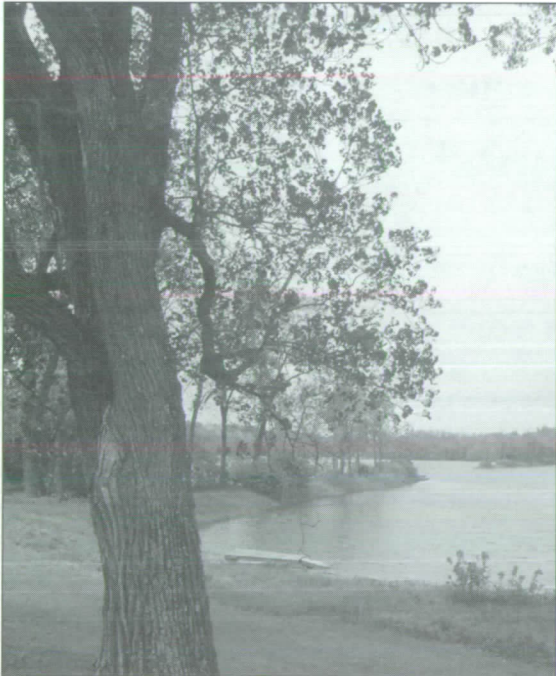
Henderson County Conservation Area is a popular retreat for camping and fishing. Located 20 miles southwest of Monmouth and five miles east of the Mississippi River, the 87-acre site includes Gladstone Lake, a 27-acre lake with 1.5 miles of shoreline.

History

The property was purchased by the state in 1961 from the C.B. & Q. Railroad, which had used the area to dredge sand and gravel for use in railroad maintenance. The lake water was used for filling the train's steam engines.

Facilities

Camping: Class C campsites, with tables and grills, completely surround all areas of the lake that have road access. Tent and trailer camping is by permit only for a nominal fee. Group camping is permitted; however, groups of 25 or more need advance permission. Groups must not exceed more than 15 minors, and all pets must be on a leash.





Fishing and boating: The lake contains bluegill, redear sunfish, largemouth bass, crappie and channel catfish. A boat launch area with one ramp is located on the southeast side of the lake. Motors are not allowed; electric trolling only.

Winter sports: Ice skating and ice fishing are permitted on the lake when the ice is thick enough.

Hiking: By hiking the Lake View Trail, visitors can complete their walk around the lake. The trail provides access to that portion of the lake which does not have roads.



Picnicking: Sands Picnic Area is shaded and has an ample supply of tables, grills and a small shelter house. Hand pumps are available for water.

Playground: A small playground area provides an attraction for young visitors.

Not permitted: Hunting, snowmobiling, swimming and wading. No plants or parts of any tree may be removed or damaged.

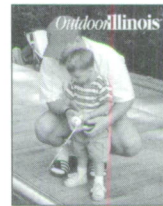
Hours: The conservation area closes at 10 p.m.

Please: Help us keep the area clean for the enjoyment of all visitors. Put all litter in the nearest available trash container.

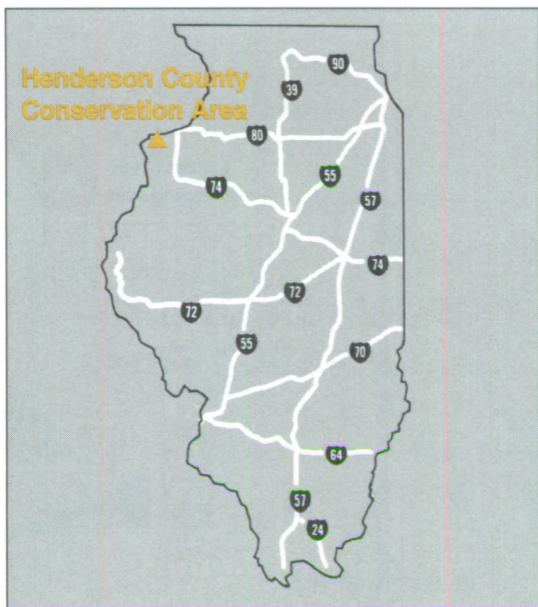
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- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
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