



SAUK TRAIL  
LAKE VIEW



# Discover Iowa's First Trail Connecting Two State Parks



**5 Friendly Communities  
2 Beautiful Lakes  
1 Great Ride**

The Sauk Rail Trail is a 33-mile long multi-use hard surface recreational trail in Sac and Carroll Counties. With Lake View, Black Hawk Lake and Black Hawk State Park at the north end, the trail winds through the countryside communities of Carnarvon, Breda and Maple River before reaching Swan Lake State Park south of Carroll.



Trailgoers can find many historic landmarks along the trail, including a historical farmstead in Swan Lake State Park, a restored 1905 train depot in Breda and the iconic stone piers (above) on Black Hawk Lake in Lake View.



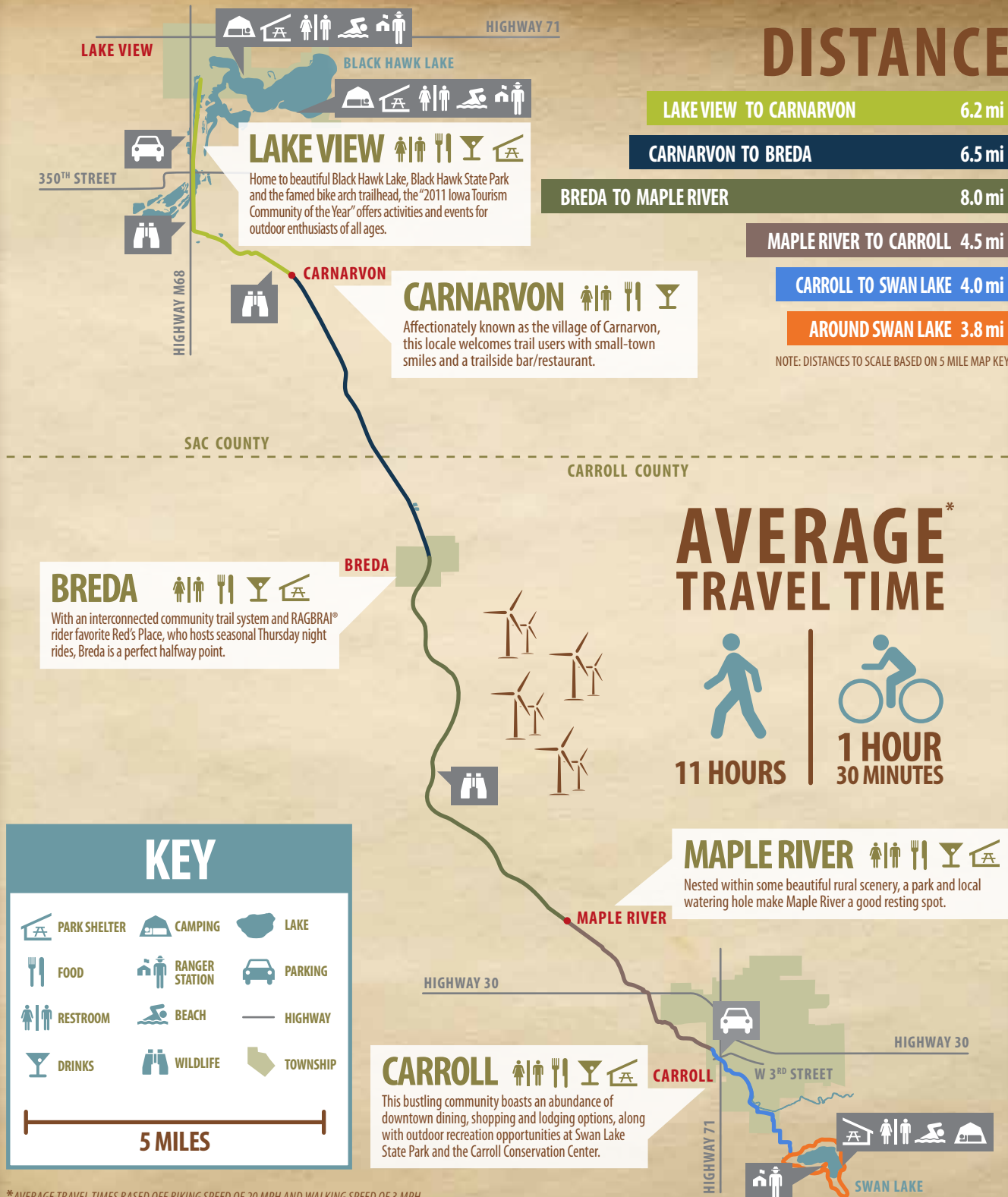
The multi-purpose trail offers something for everyone all year long. Snowmobiling and cross country skiing are popular activities during the winter.



There are many routes beyond the Sauk Rail Trail for riders to explore, such as the community/park trail system in Breda (above) and the Black Hawk Lake trail in Lake View.



While there are some hilly sections around Swan Lake, a majority of the Sauk Rail Trail was built on abandoned railroad beds which creates flat terrain for an easy ride.



Wildlife viewing opportunities are prevalent along the trail. Traveling through the Black Hawk Marsh (above), Hazelbrush Wildlife Area and along the Sauk Bluebird Trail makes you feel like one with nature.



Winding through the peaceful countryside, trail users will come upon a variety of beautiful sights including a wind farm and sweeping fields of wildflowers.



There are several rest stops along the way, from parks to benches to bars and restaurants. Each community along the trail welcomes visitors with small-town Iowa hospitality.



Naturalists provide environmental education opportunities along the trail. Group activities can be scheduled by contacting the Carroll or Sac County Conservation offices.

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**The Sauk Rail Trail is managed by the Carroll and Sac County Conservation Boards. The trail surface is a combination of concrete and asphalt. No motor vehicles are allowed on the trail in the summer months and ATVs are prohibited.**

### **Trail permits:**

*Permit envelopes are located at trailheads or at the Carroll & Sac County Conservation offices.*

User permit fees are \$2/day or \$15/annually.

Youth 17 and under are free.

Daily group rates and annual corporate rates are available.

Permit envelopes located at trailheads or Swan Lake State Park office.

All fees are directed towards trail development and maintenance.

### **Bike safety:**

We recommend wearing bicycle helmets at all times and the use of lights when riding at night. For more tips to make your ride safe, visit the Iowa Bicycle Coalition at [iowabicyclecoalition.org](http://iowabicyclecoalition.org).

**For additional trail information, please contact:**

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**For more information on visiting the area, please contact:**

**City of Lake View**

[www.lakeview-ia.com](http://www.lakeview-ia.com)

**Carroll Chamber  
of Commerce**

[www.carrolliowa.com](http://www.carrolliowa.com)

**City of Breda**

[www.citybreda.com](http://www.citybreda.com)

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