

Travel / Camping notes

Camping:

Fire wood will be provided.

Campground is in the valley and therefore your phone may not have a signal. There is wifi at the campground, but we have not tried it.

Kayaks and canoes are available for rental with shuttle up-stream on the river. Generally a 2.5 hours of kayaking depending on the water level and your level of skill.

It may be chilly during the night because the cold air fills the valleys.

Address of Upper Iowa Resort: 578 Lonnings Dr., Dorchester, Iowa, 52140

Travel: At West Union the campgrounds is 48 miles. Everyone should pass through West Union.

There are three routes to West Union from Hwy 20:

No. 1. Independence, Hazelton, Oelwein, and Fayette. (Detour in Independence; Rough highways to West Union.) Our first choice is No. 3 below.)

No. 2. Hwy 63 through Waterloo. (Over 12 stop lights.)

No. 3. Exit # 225 in Cedar Falls at Camping World on to Hwy 27/58.

Two stop lights in Cedar Falls and then none until West Union.

After you cross the Cedar River north bound and leaving Cedar Falls, the traffic from Cedar Rapids will merge from the right. Sometimes I drive in left lane as the Hwy curves to the left after the river and there is usually merging traffic from the right.

After driving about five miles on Hwy 27/218, you will transfer to Hwy 63 on the Cedar Wapsi road, Exit 192 to C57. This is about 5 miles.

Enter Hwy 63 north bound. Take your time at this intersection.

Drive north on Hwy 63 to Hwy 18, at Exit #196.

Drive east to Fredricksburg and West Union. (Road between Fredricksburg and West Union is bumpy due to botched repairs.)

From West Union: All highways to campground are in good condition.

Hwy 18 to Clermont with the long hills.

Continue to Postville.

Intersection at Postville is downtown and turn left on Hwy 51 northbound to Hwy 9.

Postville is fun. There is a settlement of Hasidic Jews who are ultra conservative. There are also Latinos and Somalis that work in the kosher packing plant.

Note: the railroad crossing at Postville is very rough.

The Casey's at Postville is camper friendly with a lot of room. But KwikTrip that is down town has room for campers, but it is very busy.

North of Postville at intersection of Hwy 51 and Hwy 9 turn right to Waukon.

East bound on Hwy 9, turn left (north) on the first street heading into Waukon, which is 9th Street SW and drive about 2 miles to a four-way stop in Waukon. This is Hwy 76. Drive straight north for about 14 miles to the campground. At mile # 7, Hwy 76 descends. The Upper Iowa Resort is on the left at bottom of the hill, just before the bridge over Upper Iowa River.

Your campsite is on the right at the Airstream Rally Sign. You will see the shelter. And we will be there to welcome you.

There are many camp sites available. Camp sites A, B, C, D are near the shelter.

We encourage everyone to look at the Allamakee County road maps that we provide, and take a drive in the hills. The hosts can give you some suggestions.