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# F.W. Kent Park

## TRAIL LENGTHS

CEC Trail Loop: 0.45 miles  
 East Loop 1: 3.36 miles  
 East Loop 2: 0.67 miles  
 Lake Trail Loop: 1.4 miles  
 Prairie Trail Loop: 2.61 miles  
 Twin Fawns Loop: 0.64 miles  
 Valley View Trail Loop: 1.0 mile

# NOTICE – TORNADO EVENT

F. W. Kent Park is now equipped with a new, state of the art, solar powered **Tornado Alert Siren**. It is located in the Visitor's Parking Lot near the campground. The **siren will not activate** in the case of a **TORNADO WATCH**. A watch simply means that weather conditions are such that a tornado is a possibility.

1. Watch for funnel clouds
2. Keep an eye on the sky
3. Listen for sirens
4. If available tune in your local radio station AM 600 or AM 800 in this location. If television is available turn to Channel 2 or 9.

## **WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SIREN SOUNDS:**

This **SIREN WILL ACTIVATE** only in the event of a **TORNADO WARNING**. This activation will come through the Joint Emergency Communications Center dispatchers. \*

**If the tornado siren sounds, *do not panic*** - there will be a solid blast lasting 3 minutes.

## **DO:**

### **SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!**

If you are trapped outside and there is no basement or building to get into, your best chance for survival is to **GET AWAY FROM THE FATAL WINDS**.

**SEEK SHELTER** in a ditch, gully, ravine or the campground shower house. Even just a low spot in the ground will provide you some protection. **LIE FACE DOWN** and **COVER YOUR HEAD**.

**REMEMBER TO PROTECT YOUR HEAD!**

## **DO NOT:**

*Do not* stand and watch the tornado.

*Do not* get into a grove of trees.

*Do not* get into automobiles or campers.

**Park Rangers and other Conservation Personnel are trained weather spotters who know how to react and provide immediate assistance.**

\* Activation will take place within seconds after the county receives either a NWS Warning or when an actual tornado or funnel cloud is reported in Johnson County by Public Safety Personnel or Trained Civilian Weather Spotters.

*New upgrades allow outdoor sirens to be activated in a pattern of zones, or as a countywide alert as has occurred in the past, depending on the warning issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). This new zone system means that a warning issued by the NWS, which only affects far northern or far southern Johnson County will allow dispatchers to set off sirens in the affected areas rather than for the entire county.*

**SPECIAL MESSAGE  
TO SHELTER RESERVATION GROUPS  
CONSUMING ALCOHOL**

While it is *not* illegal to have or consume beer in Kent Park, in order for you and other park visitors around you to have an enjoyable outdoor experience, we ask you to pay particular attention to the following information:

**Section 123.46 Code of Iowa states:**

It is unlawful for any person to use or consume alcoholic liquors or beer upon the public streets or highways. (Kent Park roads are public streets).

It is unlawful for any person to be intoxicated, or to simulate intoxication, in a public place. (Kent Park is a public place).

Violation of any of the above is a simple misdemeanor.

**Section 723.4 Code of Iowa (Conduct) states:**

Any member of the group engaging in loud, offensive, disturbing behavior tending to disturb the peace and quiet of the park will be charged with disorderly conduct.

**Sections 718.4 and 719.1 (Interference with Officer's Duties) states:**

It is unlawful to prevent, resist, and obstruct a peace officer from performing his duties of arrest or execution of process. (Kent Park Rangers are peace officers).

**Section 461A.43 (Littering) states:**

No person shall place any waste, refuse, litter or foreign substances in any area or receptacle except those provided for that purpose.

**REMEMBER:** A little consumption will make an enjoyable trip to Kent Park. Too much consumption of the spirits may result in a bad experience and embarrassment to rest of the group.

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## **NOTICE – SIGN POSTING**

The posting of temporary directional signs by groups using the shelters or the youth group camp is not allowed.

Park rangers will remove these signs.

Please have members of your group aware of the event's location so that they may follow our permanent directional signs upon arriving at the park.

Thank you.

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