

“The Place to Meet”

With its many opportunities for walking, biking, and other activities, Gray’s Lake Park is the “Place to Meet” in the Des Moines Metro area.

The centerpiece of the park’s renewal plan is the two-mile trail encircling the lake. This trail is lit and equipped with emergency phones, providing a beautiful, clean, and safe outdoor experience.

Connecting the trail on the south edge of the lake is a 1/4 mile pedestrian bridge, the only one of its kind in the Midwest. The bridge is lit and visible from Fleur Drive...a powerful message that Des Moines is an attractive and welcoming place to live and do business.

Along the railing of the pedestrian bridge, individual bridge plaque sponsors are recognized with a plaque bearing their name, company name, friends’, or loved ones’ names. A minimum \$100 donation entitles you to a plaque. Each plaque is a brushed-aluminum rectangle measuring 4 x 2 1/3 inches. Sponsors may include up to two lines of text with 17 characters

each, including spaces, for a total of 34 characters per plaque. An additional line at the top of a plaque, reading “In Memory of,” may be added upon request at no charge.

Make your mark on Gray’s Lake Park and purchase a pedestrian bridge plaque. Or, gift that hard-to-buy-for friend or family member on a landmark occasion/holiday. These plaques are a permanent and impressive memorial of the community’s support for the restoration of Gray’s Lake Park.

Complete the bridge plaque form with the text exactly as you would like it to appear on the Gray’s Lake Park pedestrian bridge. Return the form along with your check written for a minimum of \$100 and payable to the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, 1915 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. Your donation is tax deductible.



Gray’s Lake Park Rules

Alcohol	Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is not allowed.
Fishing	Permitted in all areas except the bridge and docks.
Swimming	Allowed in designated beach area only. No lifeguard on duty. Glass containers, dogs and smoking are not allowed at the beach.
Boating	Electric trolling motors only. High overhead voltage. Sailboats limited to a 24-foot maximum height. Sailboats must remain 30 feet from the bridge.
Rentals	Paddleboats, canoes and hydrobikes are available for \$4 per 1/2 hour rental.
Bridge	Fishing or jumping from the bridge are not allowed.
Pets	Pets must be on a leash at all times. Owners shall clean up and remove pet waste. Pet waste stations are located every 1/2 mile along the trail as well as at the beach and Overlook Terrace parking lots.
Traffic	Motorized vehicles restricted to roadways and parking areas. Obey speed limits.
Hours	November through March 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. April through October 5 a.m. - 12 midnight

