

## Independence Parks & Recreation Our Mission...

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is a team of professionals **committed** to **facilitating** the **growth** and **development** of recreational opportunities, as well as **managing** the care and upkeep of park land in the Independence area. Through continued efforts, we will **promote** and **improve** our present activities to **enrich** the quality of life and pride in our community.

### City of Independence Website

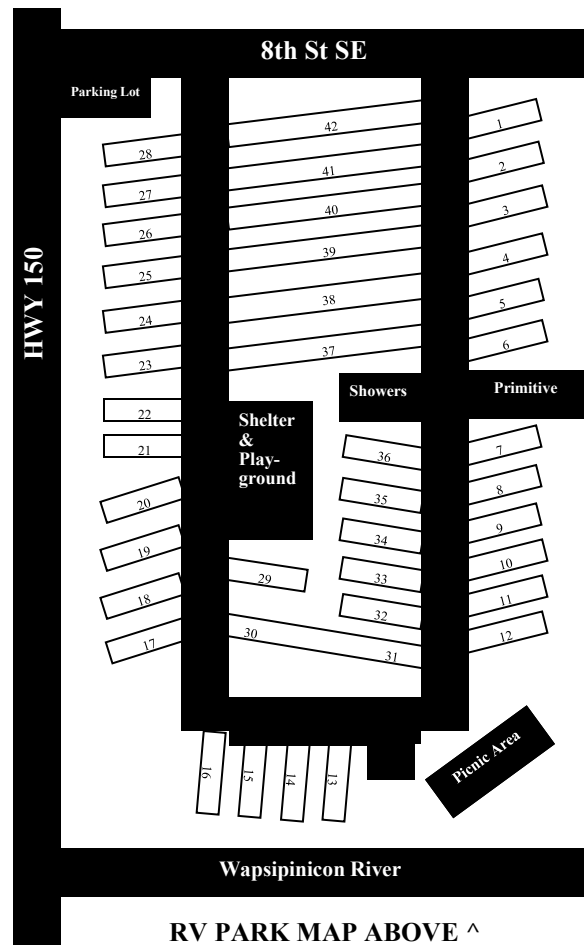
[www.independenceia.org](http://www.independenceia.org)



Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications  
Wi-Fi Access

The RV Campground now has Wi-Fi, campers no longer need to purchase individual internet service from Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications.

Community Garden Plots available for rent (call 319-334-6711 to check availability) & Community Orchard open for picking during peak ripeness (located across Hwy 150, west of the RV Campground along the Wapsipinicon River).



RV PARK MAP ABOVE ^

### Other Valuable Information from the Independence Parks & Recreation Department:

**Independence Aquatic Center 319-334-7464**

Season: 5/24– 8/24: Session 1: 12-6pm- \$5 swimmer & \$3 non-swimmer/ Session 2: 6:30-8pm- \$3 everyone

**Falcon Civic Center 319-334-2606**

Gym, Weight Room, Cardio Room, Game Room, Racquetball, Sauna, Rental Rooms, Showers

**Independence Parks & Rec 319-334-6711**

For Information about City Park Locations, Programs & Leagues offered, Community Orchard & Gardens located west of HWY150

**River'sEDGE 319-332-1525**

Minimally staffed mid July– Labor Day/ Follow on Facebook/  
24-Hr Access w/ Membership  
Rental Room, Batting Cages, HitTrax, Golf Open Hitting Cage, Sports specific training equipment



## Independence Parks & Recreation

## RV CAMPGROUND



## 2025 Camping Season March 1st– November 15th

**RV Campground Address:  
301 8th Street SE  
Independence, Iowa 50644**

Reservations may be made by calling the RV Campground Hosts @ 319-440-0472 during the season or by calling the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711 during the offseason.

**Independence Parks & Recreation Department  
RV Campground  
Rules & Regulations**

**Section 1. Definitions**

- A. "Council" shall mean City of Independence City Council.
- B. "Director" shall mean the Parks & Recreation Director.
- C. "Authorized Representative" shall include any Parks & Recreation Staff designated from time to time by the Director.
- D. "Camp or Camping" shall mean the use of a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, or sleeping bag for temporary residence at a campground.
- E. "Area" shall mean all or any part of the land and or water owned, managed, or by other means under the control of the Parks & Recreation Department or City of Independence.
- F. "Campground" shall mean any area designated by the Council for camping.
- G. "Capacity" shall mean the maximum number of camping parties or camping units that the board determined may occupy an area, campground, or campsite.
- H. "Noise" shall mean any loud, confused or senseless shouting or outcry; or a sound lacking in agreeable musical quality or which is noticeably unpleasant or excessively loud as to disturb others.
- I. "Department" shall mean the Independence Parks & Recreation Department.
- J. "Camping Unit" shall mean either a single tent, not larger than 114 square feet in size at its base, pickup camper, motor vehicle, recreational trailer, tarpaulin or sleeping bag used by a camping party. Camping is restricted to one basic unit per site.
- K. "Camping Party" shall mean any individual family, or informal unorganized group of not more than five persons occupying one campsite.

**Section 2. Scope**

The provisions of these regulations shall apply to all areas:

- A. Persons desiring camping privileges shall produce means of photographic identification upon the request of the Director or the Director's designee. Failure to produce such identification may be grounds for denial of camping privilege, at the discretion of the Director or the Director's designee.
- B. Fees and charges made for services or for the use of land, facilities, equipment, materials or supplies, shall be established by the board and collected by the director or his authorized representative.
- C. **Speed Limit through the park is 10MPH.**

**Section 3. Removal of Natural Features**

Any plant material, bird nest, rock formations, or artifacts shall not be removed, altered, or revived. Use of chainsaws and metal detectors is prohibited.

**Section 4. Use of firearms PROHIBITED**

The use by the public of firearms and weapons of all kinds is prohibited on all City owned property.

**Section 5. Animals on a Leash**

No privately owned animals shall be permitted to run at large in any campgrounds, picnic area, playgrounds, fishing accesses or waters within the property of the RV Park. Every such animal shall be deemed running at large unless the owner carries such animal or leads it by a leash not exceeding six feet in length. In the interest of public safety, the director or his designee may order the removal of any animal at any time from any area. All animal waste is the owners responsibility to dispose of properly. **Clean up after your dogs. NO FENCES.**

**Section 6. Camping**

- A. Reservations may be made by calling the Falcon Civic Center at 319-334-6711 through the offseason. We keep a number of sites available on a 1st Come-1st Serve Basis to help accommodate unexpected travelers.
- B. Call 319-440-0472 during the season. Campers must register and pay fee within one hour of arrival. You must be 18 years or older to register.
- C. When the campground is open and in usable condition, all charges and fees shall be in effect and enforced as set forth in the official fee schedule approved by the board.
- D. Registration tags must be on the outside of the vehicle and be visible from the road and all vehicles must be licensed.
- E. It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle outside the parking designated at each campsite, and not more than two licensed vehicles are permitted at any one campsite. A parking lot is available for visitors and overflow parking. **No parking on the grass or vacant sites.**
- F. Campfires are limited to the designated rings and shall be attended to at all times. The fire rings are not to be moved by anyone other than the Campground Host or IPRD Staff.
- G. All campers shall maintain quiet and avoid excessive noise in the campgrounds between 10:30pm and 6:00am.
- H. Any non-registered person visiting a camping party must use visitor parking and vacate the campground area by 10:30pm. Absolutely no parking on the roadways.
- I. One picnic table per campsite.
- J. Checkout time is 4:00pm Sunday thru Thursday, 3:00pm Friday & Saturday.
- K. Small children need to be monitored when using the shower facility. No clothing, pots or pans may be washed in the shower/ bathing facility.
- L. No commercial selling or solicitation for selling by means of placards, signs, or audio attraction for selling goods or services shall be permitted.
- M. Campers shall restore their campsites to the same approximate condition or better than they found it. Permeable Mats/Rugs limited to 2'x3' in size placed directly in front of camper entrance.
- N. Tent camping is allowed in space available. No electricity is allowed within the tents unless renting a site. (4 consecutive day limit)
- O. Tent camping shall be restricted to "primitive area" unless designated by the director or host and/or accompanying a RV Camper.

**Section 7. ATVs/ Snowmobiles Restricted**

Operation of any motorized vehicle shall be restricted to designated roadways and prohibited within the area. All roadways are considered public roads and governmental rules and regulations apply to all vehicles (including license requirements).

**Section 8. Alcohol Consumption**

Alcohol (beer and light wine) may be consumed in areas designated by the committee; provided however, that consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on roads, parking lots, and shelter/ playground areas. No person or group shall use, or have in his or her possession, beer in a keg or any other container larger than a quart. Any beer possessed in violation of this rule shall be subject to seizure by the Director or Designee and will be destroyed.

**Section 9. Hitching to Trees**

- A. No animal shall be hitched or tied to any tree, shrub, or in such a manner as to result to injury to city property.
- B. No clothing lines, etc... shall be tied to any tree, shrub or in such a manner to result to injury to city property.

**Section 10. Campsite Property**

No camper allowed planting, erecting, or placing any permanent items,. This includes but is not limited to items that cannot be immediately removed and/ or required mounting or erection in the ground. Items can and will be confiscated after 1st verbal warning.

**Section 11. Recreational Use Only**

It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any portion of any area for washing or repairing vehicles; advertising or political campaigning, hawking, peddling, or any commercial activity or any other purpose not primarily recreational. All visible decorations must be in good taste and respectful of other campers.

**Section 12. Disturbance of the Peace**

The following conduct within areas administered by the board is prohibited at all times:

- A. Quarreling, fighting, violent behavior and disturbance of the peace, which interferes with the use, enjoyment of such areas by persons lawfully engaged in activities approved for such areas.
- B. The use of profane, offensive, or obscene language, which is intended to abuse the hearer.

**Section 13. Noise**

Creating or sustaining any unreasonable noise in any portion of all areas governed by the board is prohibited at all times. Noise which can be heard at a distance of 50 feet shall be considered unreasonable, between the hours of 10:30pm– 6:00am.

**Section 14. Flooding**

All campers will have the capability to remove RV campers and vehicles at a moments notice. Any person refusing to move vehicles during a flood emergency can and will be liable for the towing expense.

**Section 15. Regular Site Based Fees**

See Chart Below

Water, Electric, Sewer, & Wi-Fi Access Sites      Sites 1-42

**As of the 2022 Season, We have upgraded all 42 sites to 50 amp service.**

**Independence RV Campground  
319-440-0472 or 319-334-6711**

Full Hook-up (50Amp)	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Regular	\$35	\$145	\$385
Senior (60yrs & up)	\$30	\$135	\$350
Tent	\$7		

**Our campground amenities include: men's & women's shower/ restroom facilities, open air shelter with electricity, concrete walking/biking trail, a Little Free Library, 2-5 yr. old playground, swings, primitive camping available and 42 sites Wi-Fi access, sewer, water, electricity, picnic table, and fire pit. We are conveniently located near the Independence Aquatic Center, river access for canoes and fishing, public 18 hole golf course, disc golf course, hardware store, grocery stores, a variety of restaurants, recreation facilities, local shops, and Community Orchard & Gardens (limited garden plots available, call 319-334-6711).**

**THANK YOU FOR STAYING WITH US!!!**