

Kayak/Canoeing Adventures



For the outdoorsman!

Do you want to experience the pristine lake and islands on Five Island Lake? Here is a wonderful way to do it.

Call Community Development for more details 712-852-2262 or Northland 712-852-3232 to rent a canoe or kayak.

Lake vs. River. Emmetsburg is fortunate to have both a lake and a river as boundaries for our city limits. **Five Island Lake** is located on the north side of town and the **Des Moines River** runs along the west edge of town. These two bodies of water allow different experiences for both canoe or kayak trips. For those who want a little more challenge, the river provides that option, depending on the time of year and current rainfall. If you are a beginner or novice looking for a peaceful experience, the lake is a great outing. There are great spots available to launch your canoe or kayak at both the lake and the river. (Northland (852-3232) rents canoes or kayaks by the hour or by the day.)

Fifth Island. Few people have experienced the beauty and serenity awaiting you behind 5th Island. It is just you and nature. So paddle out and explore the Islands! Five Island Lake is 5 miles long and provides several docks to launch from. You will find easy access to 5th Island from **Duhigg Park**, which has a dock and parking, 2 shelter houses, a couple of grills, and restroom facilities. Duhigg Park is located 3 miles north of Highway 18 from McDonald's corner on Huron Street. Huron wanders along the lake and turns into N-48 at Emmetsburg's city limits.

For those interested in a longer trip, it is possible to launch from **1st Island** (located next to Five Island Golf Course) and paddle around 5th Island and back. This will take you past all 5 islands and provide an 11-mile adventure. 1st Island is also a great place to camp and have day journeys on the lake.

Basswood Park (located next to the bridge on Highway 18 west of Emmetsburg) has an excellent launching ramp for entering the Des Moines River. Several bridges south of there provide an opportunity for you to exit. Or for those seeking more adventure, throw your kayak in at Emmetsburg and float all the way down to West Bend. Another option is to launch from Graettinger and paddle down to Emmetsburg. Remember to check the river current and level prior to planning these excursions.



Where to start?

Kayaking& Canoeing – Bringing your own? If so, no problem! Need to rent one? Stop or call Northland on the east end of Emmetsburg.

Camping – Kearny State Park is a small camping area next to the Golf Course, it has several amenities and a dock. Wild Rose Casino RV Park, located next to the Casino on east end of town, provides full service camping.

Hungry?

Want fast food - stop at Dairy Queen, Subway, A&W, McDonalds, and there's always Pizza Hut and Pizza Ranch.

Want good home cooking – try Kirby's Café, Food Pride Deli,

Want a sit-down meal - try Dublin's, Don Hose Mexican Restaurant, Sum Hing, or Emmet's Buffet at Wild Rose Casino.

Want a casual atmosphere – Cornerstone Pub, The Office, Celtics Beverage Co, Shamrock.

Cooking yourself– try Food Price or Fareway grocery stores, Casey's Pizza.

Make it a Weekend Event

We have several motels – Suburban (America's Best Value), Super 8, or Wild Rose Hotel to make you comfortable, if camping is not your thing!



For more information about this, contact:

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Northland (rentals) 712-852-3232.