

Camp-In with [Iowa State Parks](#)

Enjoy Parks Your Way!

Time spent outdoors and in Iowa state and local parks are a little different now, with events postponed and social distancing guidelines in place. But you can still enjoy much of what parks have to offer on your own or in your own backyard.

Celebrate Iowa State Parks Centennial Year 2020 with a Camp-In



DNR activities for their Camp-In Kick Off:

*[Scavenger hunt for the backyard](#)

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/Parks-2020/Camp-In-Kick-Off>

*Geocaching Challenge: The DNR is hosting this cool challenge as part of their Centennial year. The DNR is partnering with the Iowa Geocachers Organization to host Bucky's Challenge, an on-your-own geocaching contest, with a coin featuring the 100th anniversary logo as a prize. Learn more! <https://www.iowageocachers.org/bucky-s-challenge-1>

Recipes to try during your Camp-In (provided by the DNR), on the next page. Make sure you always have parent help when you are cooking.

Recipes

BREAD ON A STICK

Ingredients:

- Frozen bread dough – thawed
- Stout green sticks

Instructions:

Cut strips of dough and roll to elongate to 10-12 inches ropes. Wrap the bread around the sticks in a corkscrew fashion on one end, pinching tightly so it will stay in place. Cook bread over coals slowly and evenly so bread cooks thoroughly and doesn't burn. You may brush with butter and garlic if desired. (Variation: use dough following bisquick recipe)

BUTTER IN A BABY FOOD JAR

Ingredients:

- ¼ C heavy whipping cream
- Pinch of salt
- Small jar with lid

Instructions:

Put ¼ cup of heavy whipping cream and a pinch of salt into clean baby food jar (add a sprinkle of garlic salt if desired).

Shake for 5 minutes.

A small ball of butter will begin to form inside the jar.

When it looks like butter, pour out all of the leftover liquid.

Place your bread on a stick.

Family S'mores



- Layer the bottom of a pie pan with marshmallows
- Sprinkle chocolate chips and other candy over the marshmallows
- Let the marshmallows and candy melt completely over the fire
- Remove from heat and line sides of the pan with graham crackers