FACTS ABOUT LAKE RED ROCK
April 1938 - Congress passed legislation permitting structures on the Des Moines River to control flooding.
1947 - Flooding was so severe that a decision was made to build preventative structures.
Sept. 1947 - Authority was granted to build a structure one-mile west of the current Mile-Long Bridge and above the town of Red Rock.
April 1948 - The Corps of Engineers determined that a site farther from Des Moines would be superior to the Red Rock site. A site10-miles downstream was studied (Howell Station site). The people in the 10-mile area between the two sites strongly resisted this change.
Sept. 1959 - Howell Station site was approved. Land acquisition began for all the land below elevation 760.
Late 1968 - Dam was completed and the gates were closed in 1969.
Pressure from recreation interests and rapid siltation in the lake forced raising the minimum pool from elevation 725 to elevation 742. Lake Red Rock is the largest lake in Iowa.

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