

Mark Twain National Forest

Missouri

Council Bluff Recreation Area



Eastern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

This 440 acre lake is the largest of the lakes in the Mark Twain National Forest. The recreation area serves anglers, campers, picnickers, hikers, bicyclists, and swimmers.

Swimming/Picnicking

Chapel Hill Beach/Picnic area has a concession stand, changing rooms, flush toilets, water fountains, showers, and a 54,000 sq. ft. sand beach. A small play area is located adjacent to the beach. Canoes and paddle boats are available for rent, when the beach is open. A day use fee of \$3 per vehicle is charged at the picnic areas and Wild Boar Boat Launch. Pavilion available for group use: reserve through www.recreation.gov. Beach open from mid-May through Labor Day.

Fishing and Boat Launch

Council Bluff Lake is stocked with large mouth bass, redear sunfish, bluegill, crappie and catfish. Fishing is permitted year round. There are 2 boat launches on Council Bluff Lake: Wild Boar Hollow and Enough. Fishing regulations are established by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Trail

The 12-mile loop Council Bluff Trail provides hiking and mountain biking opportunities along the lake shore. 2 trails permit campers to access Lake Shore Trail from the campground. Trace Creek section of the Ozark Trail, located just west of the recreation area, provides many additional trail opportunities.

Hunting/Gathering

Waterfowl hunting is permitted on Council Bluff Lake, and the Enough Fields provide upland game opportunities. Gathering is permitted in the entire area.

For More Information

Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District
10019 Hwy 8 West, PO Box 188, Potosi, MO 63664
Phone: (573) 438-5427 voice
Fax: (573) 438-2633
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm

Directions: From Potosi MO, go south 13 miles on Hwy P. Turn right on Hwy C, go 1/4 mile; turn left on Hwy DD. It is about 7 miles to the entrance. Turn at the sign and follow the paved access road.

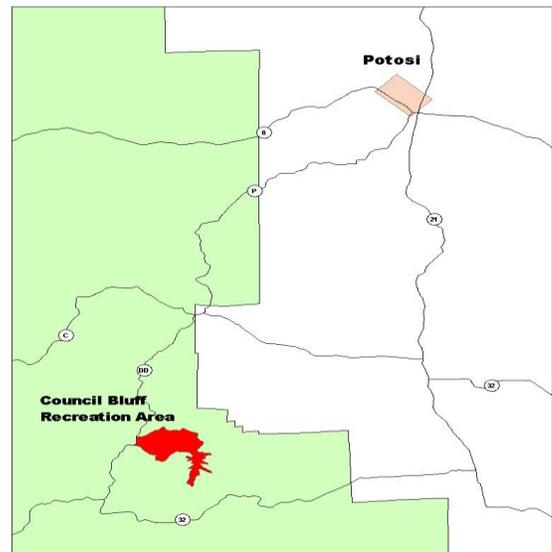
From Steelville; Hwy 19 south to Hwy 49 at Cherryville, turn left on Hwy 32 at Bixby, left to County Hwy 16, left to Enough Boat Launch

Camping: Wild Boar Campground has 39 single sites, 7 double sites, 9 walk-in sites, and 4 group sites, each with table, fire ring, lantern post and (except for walk-in sites) a parking spur. Some sites will accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. Drinking water and vault toilets are conveniently located. No electric or water hookups, showers or dump station facilities. On-site host will assist you. Open April through Labor Day. Nightly fees for single sites are \$8; double sites are \$16; group sites for up to 25 people are \$25. Reservations available through: www.recreation.gov.

Safety: During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects, poison ivy and high temperatures. Be advised of hunting seasons. Avoid using the trail during excessively wet periods.

Emergency Contacts:

Iron Country Sheriff (573) 546-7321
Washington County Hospital (573) 438-5451



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