

Mark Twain National Forest

Missouri

Crane Lake



Eastern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

Crane Lake was originally created many years ago by impounding Crane Pond Creek with an earth fill dam at the upstream end of a “shut-ins” or narrow gorge cut in the granite bedrock. The lake is about 100 acres in size and approximately 40 feet deep at the dam.

Fishing

Boat or bank fishing for largemouth bass, channel catfish and panfish. Special regulations are in effect-see bulletin board. Electric motors only. Gravel boat ramp.

Trail

Crane Lake National Recreation Trail is a five mile double loop trail, the south loop of which connects to the Marble Creek Section of the Ozark Trail. Hiking, mountain bike and equestrian use are permitted.

Picnicking

There are six picnic sites available, each with a table and pedestal grill.

Area Attractions

Forest Service-Marble Creek Recreation Area, Silver Mines Recreation Area. **State**-Fort Davidson State Historic Site, Johnson Shut-Ins State Park, Taum Sauk State Park (highest point in Missouri).

For More Information

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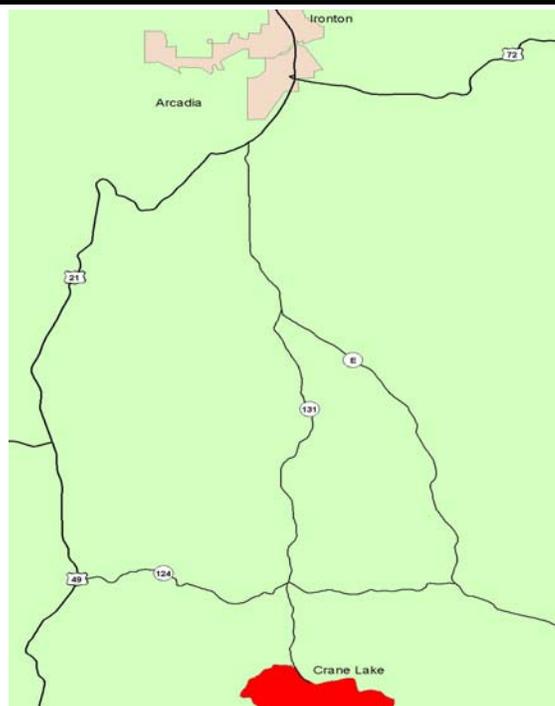
Directions: From Ironton, MO, take Hwy 21 south 12.5 miles. Turn east onto gravel County Road 124 at Chloride, MO, and go 3.2 miles to County Road 131. Turn south; go 1.9 miles to the lake.

Restrictions: Electric motors only on the Lake.

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.

Surface Type: Unsurfaced, native material

Travel Time: 2-2 1/2 hours



Vicinity Map

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