Located on a 355-acre wooded peninsula extending into Cave Run Lake, Zilpo Recreation Area features 166 tent and RV campsites and 12 cabins nestled along three miles of shoreline. Many sites are shaded with large hardwood trees and all are within walking distance of the lakeshore.

Facilities include bath houses with flush toilets and showers, some electrical RV hookups, trails, scenic overlooks, a boat ramp and a country store.

A large sandy beach with roped swimming area offers visitors a spectacular view of the lake. It’s open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The beach and bath house are accessible.

A concrete boat ramp features a dock for easy loading and a large parking lot. The country store offers food, snacks, ice, fishing licenses, bait and tackle, and camping supplies.

The cabins and campsites may be reserved by visiting the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) website at www.recreation.gov. Call toll-free 877-444-6777 (877-833-6777 for the hearing impaired). Reservations must be made at least 10 days in advance.
Storing Your Food and Trash in Bear Country

Visitors in developed sites must store food, garbage and other odorous items that may attract bears in a bear-resistant container, inside their vehicle, or in an enclosed hard-body trailer.

Put trash in a bear-resistant trash can or other receptacle provided by the Forest Service.

Put food, trash and other odorous items in a bear-resistant container.

Store food and trash in a closed motor vehicle with a solid top or a closed hard-body trailer.

CABINS

Basic rental cabins sleep up to 7, with beds, table, porch, accessible ramp entrance and picnic tables. Bathrooms and water are located nearby at the bath house. Each of the 12 cabins can accommodate up to six guests. They each have a table, two chairs and a sleeping area with two sets of bunk beds (4 beds) and mattresses. A picnic table, lantern post and campfire ring are provided outside. Pets may reside only in cabins 41,120,121 and 123. Cabins 109, 123 and 136 have ramps that can accommodate wheel chairs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Payment must be made within 30 minutes after obtaining a site.
- Up to 6 people may stay at a single site and up to 12 people may stay at a double site. All camping equipment must be on tent pads.
- Park vehicles in designated areas only. Only 2 vehicles may park at a single site and no more than 4 vehicles at a double site. Do not park on grass, along roadside, or in unoccupied areas. All vehicles and boat trailers must be parked at your own campsite, or in designated parking areas. Only boats owned by registered campers are permitted.
- All campsite spurs are back-in type. Do not damage the road shoulder by trying to pull straight in.
- Refunds will not be granted when a visitor leaves because of inclement weather, has been evicted for disciplinary reasons, or for a portion of a day after 1 p.m., except in an emergency situation where the campground or part of the campground must be closed. Authorized refunds will be made by mail.
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. No visitors are permitted during these hours except those camping here.
- Use of generators 2 hours per day between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Check out time is 1:00 p.m.
- Fires must be contained in grills or stoves.
- Extension cords may not be plugged in at the rest rooms.
- Pets must be kept on a leash.
- Speed limit is 10 mph on campground roads.
- At the beach, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No lifeguard on duty. Glass prohibited at beach.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOL ARE PROHIBITED.

No swimming, fishing or wading at boat ramps, courtesy docks and marinas.

Single Site: Max. 2 Vehicles, 6 people
Double Site: Max. 4 Vehicles, 12 people

SPEED LIMIT 10 MPH.

Watch your speed!

ABOUT THIS CAMPGROUND

Zilpo is managed by Thousand Trails in cooperation with the Daniel Boone National Forest. Neither the federal government nor the concessionaire are responsible for any loss or damage to personal property. If you have any questions regarding the rules of this facility please feel free to speak with the host in your loop or at the Entrance Station.