



Johnson Creek Recreation Area

Located on a quiet, northwest finger of Kinkaid Lake, Johnson Creek Recreation Area offers a variety of outdoor activities, from camping and boating to hiking along the lake and biking the scenic roads.

Kinkaid Lake is one of the few large lakes (2,750 acres) in southern Illinois. It is a popular location for fishing, swimming, sunbathing, water skiing, boating, canoeing, kayaking and waterfowl hunting.

Camping

Johnson Creek campground is one of two campgrounds in the forest that caters to equestrians. It features large sites with tables, fire rings, hitching posts and highline poles. Several trails lead from the campground and link to the extensive Kinkaid Lake trail system.

Water Activities

A two-lane boat launch and trailer parking area is located in the day-use area and is open year-round (no fee). Water depth in the vicinity makes the launch suitable only for small motorboats or canoes and kayaks. The launch is located approximately three miles (through a no-wake zone) from the main body of Kinkaid Lake. The quiet waters are bordered on both shores by national forest land, providing pleasant paddling and outstanding wildlife viewing, as well as excellent fishing locations.

Other Attractions

Kinkaid Lake and trail system, Lake Murphysboro State Park, Big Muddy River and Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir.

Directions:

From Murphysboro: Take Highway 149 west 7 miles to Highway 3; then north 4.5 miles on Highway 3 to Highway 151. Turn right onto Highway 151 and go 4 miles to recreation area.

From St. Louis: Take either Highway 3 or Highway 4 south to Chester, Illinois. Then south 18 miles on Highway 3. Turn left onto Highway 151 and go 4 miles to recreation area.

Facilities: 20 non-electric campsites, water available at pump house near campground entrance, vault toilets, trailhead parking accommodates horse trailers, boat launch best suited for small crafts and picnic shelters with grills. No boat rentals available.

Season of Operation:

Campground: March 15th to December 15th

Boat launch: Open year-round.

Camping Fees:

Single Campsite - \$10/night

Double Campsite - \$12 /night

Triple Campsite - \$15 /night

Regulations:

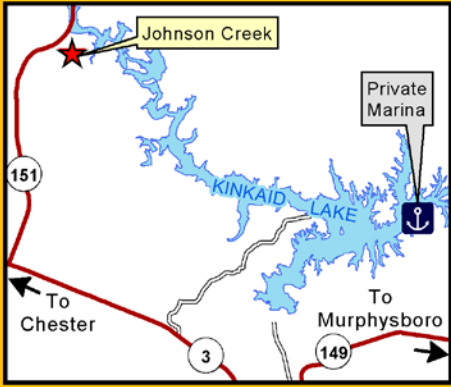
1. Boat launch and picnic area open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. Pets must be leashed.
3. No reservations. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Camp only at designated campsites. Two tents, 8 people and 2 vehicles allowed per campsite.
4. Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
5. Equestrian camping allowed in campground.
6. No horseback riding allowed in picnic and boat launch areas.

A complete list of site regulations is posted on bulletin boards and fee stations. For your safety, the recreation area is patrolled by forest employees and law enforcement.

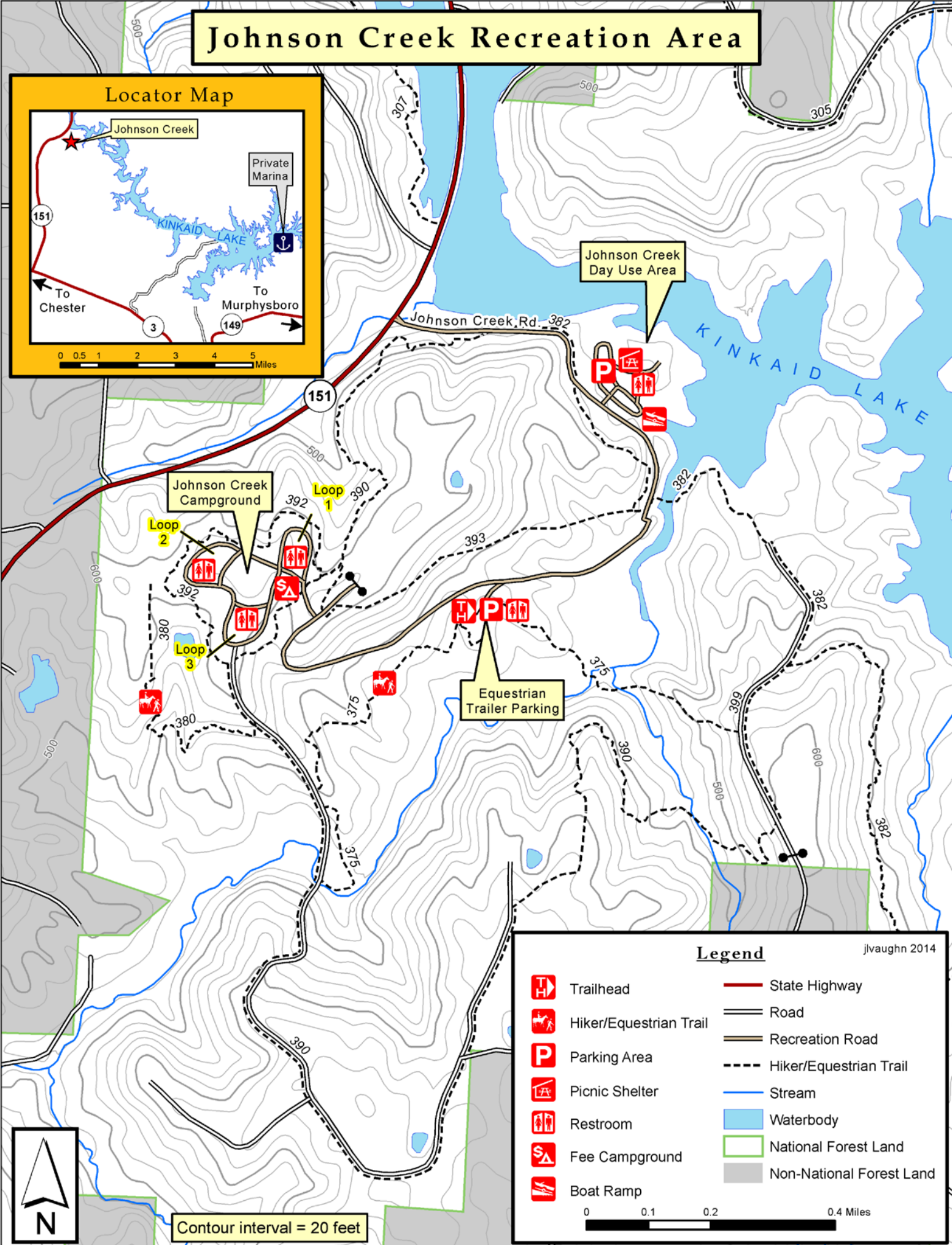


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Locator Map



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Legend

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| | Trailhead | | State Highway |
| | Hiker/Equestrian Trail | | Road |
| | Parking Area | | Recreation Road |
| | Picnic Shelter | | Hiker/Equestrian Trail |
| | Restroom | | Stream |
| | Fee Campground | | Waterbody |
| | Boat Ramp | | National Forest Land |
| | | | Non-National Forest Land |

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