Lake Glendale Recreation Area

Lake Glendale Recreation Area’s central location makes it easy to visit main attractions on either side of the forest or any place in-between. Surrounded by tall pine trees and mixed hardwood forests, Lake Glendale Recreation Area offers a wide range of recreation opportunities including hiking, camping, swimming, boating and fishing.

Camping
Oak Point Campground sits along the lakeshore, making it one of the most popular places to camp in Shawnee National Forest. There are 35 electric/water sites and 24 non-electric. Many of them accommodate up to a 40-foot trailer. No reservations. Campsites are first-come, first-serve.

A campground concessionaire is on-site. Each campsite has a table, fire ring, centralized shower houses and water spigots in non-electric loops.

Day-use Activities
The 82-acre lake offers good fishing opportunities for bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie and sunfish. The picnic areas feature flush toilets and large open areas for games or group gatherings. There are plenty of interesting places just a short drive from the recreation area. Take a leisurely hike around the lake on the Lake Glendale Trail (3 miles).

Other Attractions
Millstone Bluff Archaeological Site, Bell Smith Springs Recreation Area, Burden Falls, Dixon Springs State Park, River to River Trail, Trigg Fire Tower and Lusk Creek, Bay Creek and Burden Falls Wildernesses.

Lake Glendale Concessionaire
(618) 638-3246

Facilities: Campground (electric, water and non-electric sites), dump station, restroom with showers, beach with bathhouse, playground, lakeshore picnic areas with grills, Goose Bay picnic shelter, boat launch, boating (electric motors only), hiking trails, paddleboat, canoe and rowboat rentals.

Season of Operation:
Campground: All year
Beach: May 24 to Aug. 17 Daily
Aug. 18 to Sept. 1 Sat. and Sun. only
Beach hours: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. (Mon.-Sat.)
12 p.m.- 6 p.m. (Sun.)
Pine Point Picnic Area: Memorial Day to Labor Day
Boat Launch/Goose Bay Picnic Area: All year

Fees:
Single Campsite: $12/night (non-electric)
$22/night (electric/water)
Double Campsite: $24/night (non-electric)
$44/night (electric/water)
Beach: $4/adult. $3/child under 6 years

Safety: For your safety, the recreation area is patrolled by forest employees and law enforcement officers.

In the event of an emergency, call 911.

Regulations:
1. No reservations. There is a maximum of 2 tents, 8 people and 2 vehicles allowed per campsite. Camp only at designated campsites.
2. Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
3. Swimming allowed at beach only.
4. Pets must be leashed and are not allowed on the beach or in the designated swimming area.
5. Picnic and Boat Launch areas are open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
6. No overnight parking.

Directions:
From Harrisburg: Take Highway 145 south 26.5 miles. Turn left into the recreation area off of Hwy 145.
From Vienna: (intersection I-24 and Hwy 146): Take Hwy 146 east 11 miles to Hwy 145. Go north on Hwy 145 for 2.2 miles and turn right into the recreation area.
From Metropolis: (intersection I-24 and Hwy 145): Take Highway 145 north 18 miles and turn right into the recreation area.