



A picturesque setting, Pounds Hollow campground and lake are tucked away amongst the Shawnee Hills, where you can relax and get away from it all. Completed in the early 1940's, Pounds Hollow Lake is popular for the same reasons it was 60 years ago and continues to provide opportunities to picnic, fish, swim, camp and hike.

## Camping

Pine Ridge Campground, located on the ridgetop above the lake, offers more than 35 campsites, many of which will accommodate up to 40-foot trailers. Each campsite has a table, fire ring and lantern pole. Water sources and vault toilets are centralized within the campground. Campers can either walk a trail or drive to the beach area at the lake.

## Day-use Activities

At 25 acres, Pounds Hollow Lake is large enough to provide its many visitors some seclusion during their visit. This day-use area offers swimming, picnicking, fishing, boating and hiking. There are several lakeside picnic sites, plus a fishing pier and a large picnic shelter overlooking the beach. The skilled craftsmanship of the Civilian Conservation Corpsmen (CCC) can still be seen today in the hand-cut sandstone foundation of the picnic shelter. Only small boats and electric motors are allowed on the lake. The lake contains largemouth bass, channel catfish and sunfish. The tranquil surroundings of the area are a great way to spend an afternoon enjoying the outdoors.

## Surrounding Area

Rim Rock National Recreation Trail, Ohio River National Scenic Byway, High Knob, Garden of the Gods Recreation Area and River to River Trail.

## Emergencies

The nearest hospital is Harrisburg Medical Center in Harrisburg. Public phones are located in the day-use area at the picnic shelter or at the intersection of Hwy 34 and Karbers Ridge Road (west- 9 miles).

**Access:** From Harrisburg, take Highway 34/145 south 6 miles, then continue on Highway 34 south for 9 miles. Turn east onto Karbers Ridge Road and go 9 miles to the recreation area entrance road. From Evansville, IN., take Highway 62 west & continue on IL. State Route 141 to Highway 1. Go south on Hwy 1 about 24 miles to Karbers Ridge Road, then west 2 miles to the recreation area entrance road.

**Facilities:** Campground (non-electric), drinking water, vault toilets, swimming area with shower tower on beach, lakeshore picnic area with shelter and grills, flush toilets near shelter, fishing pier, boating (electric motors only), interpretive signs and hiking trails.

**Recommended Season:** Spring, summer and fall Campground open April 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Fees:** Single Campsites \*Call for fee information

**Trail Markings:** Hiker Trails -  blue diamond  
Hiker/Equestrian Trails-  white diamond

**Safety:**  
For your safety, the recreation area is patrolled by forest employees and law enforcement officers. Use caution while recreating at Pounds Hollow Lake.

- Regulations:**
1. Picnic area is open 6am – 10pm.  
Beach area is open dawn to dusk.
  2. Swimming allowed at the beach only.
  3. Pets must be leashed and are not allowed on the beach or in the designated swimming area.
  4. Use trash receptacles in developed areas. No glass or metal containers allowed on the beach.
  5. Camp only at designated sites.
  6. No reservations, campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
  7. There is a maximum of 2 tents, 8 people and 2 vehicles allowed per campsite.

A complete list of site regulations is posted on each bulletin board and at fee stations.

## For More Information

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