



HOLLY SPRINGS National Forest



Chewalla Lake Recreation Area

Holly Springs Ranger District

Holly Springs, MS

662-236-6550

Features

Camping Swimming Fishing Hiking Picnicking Swimming Boating

Description

Chewalla Lake Recreation Area's name is from the Choctaw word "Chiho-la," meaning Supreme Being. Like Owl Creek, this was a special place for Native Americans, who once built a ceremonial mound where the lake now stands. A small mound commemorating the site has been reconstructed near an overlook of the lake. This recreation area offers a beautiful and tranquil setting for enjoyment of the outdoors. Visitors can enjoy a cool and scenic view of the 260 acre lake, which is popular with fishermen and swimmers in the warmer months. Facilities include 36 campsites (9 have electrical hookups), 40 picnic units, boat ramp, mooring dock, accessible fishing pier, swimming beach, children's playground, group picnic pavilion, restrooms with flush toilets and showers, drinking water, 1 mile walking trail, and a sewage dump station. Chewalla Lake Recreation Area is open year-round unless weather conditions require the area to be closed. Chewalla is a fee area. The fee station is located just beyond the entrance gate. No attendant will be on duty. Therefore, users should make sure that they have correct currency before arriving at the recreation area.

The following daily rates apply:

- Day Use - \$5.00, (per vehicle)
- Camping w/o Hookup - \$7.00, (per vehicle)
- Camping - \$20.00 (Camping \$14.00 & Hookup \$6.00, (per vehicle))
- Pavilion - \$40.00, (Call District Office to reserve pavilion, (per day))

Passes Honored - Access, Annual, Senior, and MS Adventure
Passes can only be purchased at the District Ranger's Office.

Discounts:

- Day Use - Free, (Users with Annual or MS Adventure honor passes.)
- Day Use - \$2.50, (Users with Access and Senior honor passes receive a 50% discount.)
- Camping w/o Hook-Up - \$3.50, (Users with Access and Senior honor passes receive a 50% discount.)
- Camping - \$13.00, (Users with Access and Senior honor passes receive a 50% discount. No discount given on Hook-Up fee.)
- Pavilion - N/A

Location

Located outside of Holly Springs, MS.

Directions

From Holly Springs, travel east on MS HWY 4 and turn right onto Salem Road (Higdon Road), then drive southeast 6 1/2 miles to the entrance. From US HWY 78 take the Lake Center exit, turn west onto HWY 178, turn north onto Higdon Road and drive 3 miles to the entrance.

Accessibility

This recreation area is accessible.