

Mark Twain National Forest

Missouri

Council Bluff Trail



Eastern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

This 12.4 mile trail circles the largest of the lakes in the Mark Twain National Forest, and connects to the Council Bluff Recreation Area, providing hiking and mountain biking opportunities along the lake shore. Horses are prohibited on this trail. The recreation area serves anglers, campers, picnickers, hikers, bicyclists, and swimmers.

Trail

A 12.4-mile loop, 2 trails permit campers to access Lake Shore Trail from the campground. Trace Creek section of the Ozark Trail is located just west of the recreation area.

Other Activities

Chapel Hill Beach/Picnic area has a concession stand, changing rooms, flush toilets, water fountains, showers, a sand beach, and a small play area. Canoes and paddle boats are available for rent. A day use fee of \$3 per vehicle is charged at the picnic areas and boat launches.

Council Bluff Lake is stocked with large mouth bass, redear sunfish, bluegill, crappie and catfish. Fishing is permitted year round. There are 2 boat launches on Council Bluff Lake: Wild Boar Hollow and Enough. Fishing regulations are established by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Waterfowl hunting is permitted on Council Bluff Lake, and Enough Fields provide upland game opportunities. Gathering is permitted in the entire area.

For More Information

*Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District
Highway 8 West, PO Box 188, Potosi, MO 63664
Phone: (573) 438-5427 voice/tdd
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Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm*

Directions: From Potosi, MO go south 13 miles on Hwy P. Turn right on Hwy C, go 1/4 mile; turn left on Hwy DD. It is about 7 miles to the entrance. Turn at the sign and follow the paved access road.

Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate

Length: 12.4 miles

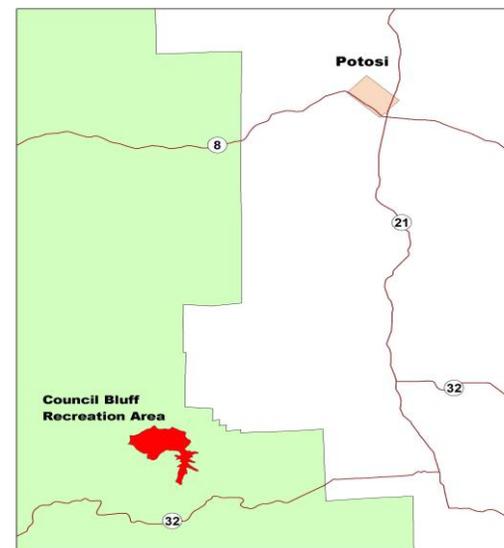
Best Seasons: Fall, spring

Surface Type: Unsurfaced, native material

Travel Time: 7-8 hours hiking

Restrictions: No motorized use, no horses, no camping within 500 feet of shoreline.

Safety: During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects, poison ivy and high temperatures. Be advised of hunting seasons. Avoid using the trail during excessively wet periods.



Vicinity Map

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