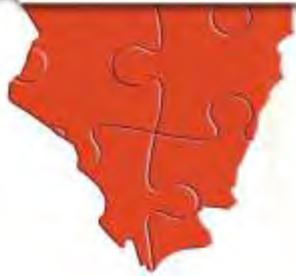




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# Calendar of Events

## Fall / Winter



### September 22

#### Rend Lake Cleanup & National Public Lands Day Celebration

Come out to the Rend Lake Spillway Group Area, located on the east end of the Rend Lake Dam, for a day of fun and giving back. Participants will pick up trash along the roads leading to the lake and then return for more fun activities. To request more information or to

### September 22 & 23

#### Hunting and Fishing Days

John A. Logan College  
Saturday 9AM-5PM  
Sunday 9AM-4PM

Join us in celebrating the Silver Anniversary (25 years) of Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days. This event was created to celebrate our heritage of hunting and fishing in Illinois. It is an educational, family event, dedicated to teaching ethics, safety, and conservation in order to enhance the outdoor experience.

### September 29

#### Crab Orchard NWR Clean Up

The Friends of Crab Orchard Refuge will be hosting the Annual Crab Orchard Refuge Clean Up at the Prairie Creek Recreation Area from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Spend the day outdoors and help keep Crab Orchard beautiful. For more information, please contact the Crab Orchard Refuge Visitor Center at 618-997-3344, ext. 1.

#### National Public Lands Day on the Shawnee National Forest

Panther Den Wilderness Service Day 9:30AM-1PM  
Garden of the Gods Service Day 9:30AM-1PM  
Education Programs & Entertainment 2PM-7PM

Celebrate your public lands by volunteering for one of three service projects\*, including trash cleanup at the Garden of the Gods observation trail, graffiti cleanup at the Garden of the Gods Indian Point trail, or trail maintenance at Panther Den Wilderness.

Afterward, enjoy an afternoon of exciting and educational outdoor activities that are sure to inspire people of all ages to get outside. Choose from budget photography, hiking and orienteering, and canoeing. Finally, relax and cap off the day with live musical entertainment.

For more information, Please contact the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576 Ext. 103 or

## Friends Photo Contest



**Deadline: October 31**

The friends of Crab Orchard will be accepting entries to their annual photo contest throughout the month of October. Categories for the contest include scenic, wildlife, plants, and youth. Awards will be given in November. Check out the Friends' website for more details at [www.friendsofconwr.com](http://www.friendsofconwr.com).



### October 8-14

#### National Wildlife Refuge Week

To celebrate the week, restricted portions of the refuge will open for self guided tours on October 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Tours begin at the Wolf Creek Causeway. For more information, please contact the Crab Orchard Refuge Visitor Center at 618-997-



### October 13

#### Red Fox F.U.N. Program

Get an up-close look at the secretive Red Fox. Free Again Wildlife will present a live fox in the Crab Orchard Visitor Center at 10:30 AM. Following the program, there will be fun activities from 11:00 AM to Noon. For more information, please contact the Crab Orchard Refuge Visitor Center at 618-997-3344, ext. 1.



### October 19

#### Critter Night at Lincoln Memorial Park in Jonesboro

521 N. Main St. Jonesboro, IL from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Come join the Forest Service and UNIMIN Minerals, Inc. in an educational evening of activities and crafts centered on nocturnal animals.

New activities include a sensory hike around the pond, white-nosed bat syndrome and astronomy. Bring a lawn chair. Large groups (Scouts, 4-H clubs, etc)--please call ahead (618-833-8576) to pre-register with the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station.

#### Looking to volunteer and connect kids with nature?

The Shaw-nee National Forest will be looking for assistance this fall at the following event. Help staff an education or craft station, assist with registration or be Woodsy Owl or Smokey Bear...no experience necessary! Contact Linda Hauser at 618-833-8576 Ext. 104 for more information on any of these events or other Environmental Education



### October 20

#### Wildfire Prevention & Smokey Bear

This Roving Ranger Program is hosted by the Harrisburg Park District and will be held at the Harrisburg Memorial Park bandstand picnic area from 9:00 – 10:00 AM. Wildfires are a threat to the forest and possibly to nearby cities. Many of these fires are caused by human neglect and can be prevented. Come meet Smokey Bear and learn what you can do to help prevent wildfires. For more information please contact Isaac Creek, Shawnee NF Headquarters at 618-252-2111.



### October 27

#### Sustainable Living Expo at Dixon Springs Agricultural Center

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Spend the day learning about basic gardening, organics, beekeeping, cooking and food preservation, home energy efficiency, conservation and renewable alternatives. Other topics will include solar ovens, geothermal, windmills, composting and recycling. Learn about wildlife habitat and timber management, hunting leases, soil and water quality, pond management, disaster preparation, farm safety, and much more. Free Admission and open to the public. For more information please call 618-638-6954 or go to [www.SLEexpo.org](http://www.SLEexpo.org).

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### November 10

#### Great Horned Owl F.U.N. Program

Great Horned Owls are some of the most skilled nocturnal predators at Crab Orchard NWR. Free Again Wildlife Rehab will present a program with a live Great Horned Owl in the Crab Orchard Visitor Center at 10:30 AM. Following the program, there will be fun activities from 11:00 AM to Noon. For more information, please contact the Crab Orchard Refuge Visitor Center at 618-997-3344, ext. 1.





**Forest Service**



**Fish and Wildlife Service**



**Corps of Engineers**



## November 10

### Population Connection/Facing the Future Professional Development Workshop

at the Shawnee NF Headquarters- Harrisburg, IL 62946

9:30 Am – 3:30 PM

Join the Shawnee National Forest in a day of engaging and fun activities from the Population Connection curriculum! Get informed about the connection between our human population, environmental concerns, and social dilemmas. Materials are geared towards 4th through 12th grade students, but those who work with other age levels are also welcome. Participants will walk away with plenty of new ideas and a variety of materials to take back to their site to use as well, so don't miss out! To pre-register for the workshop: please contact Amanda Patrick, Public Affairs Officer, at 618-253-1031 or



## November 11

### Photo Contest Awards Ceremony and Exhibit

The Friends of Crab Orchard will be honoring the winners of their annual photo contest with an awards ceremony at 2PM at the visitor center. The winning photos will be on display. The event is free and



## December 8

### Bobcat F.U.N. Program

Bobcats are abundant and frequently seen on the refuge. Come learn about the lives of these small wild cats. Free Again Wildlife Rehab will present a program with a live bobcat in the Crab Orchard Visitor Center at 10:30 AM. Following the program, there will be fun activities from 11:00 AM to Noon. For more information, please contact the Crab



## January 12

### Bald Eagle F.U.N. Program

Come to the Crab Orchard NWR Visitor Center to see a live eagle up close and learn about the life habits of America's national symbol from Free Again Wildlife Rehab at 10:30 AM. Following the program, there will be fun activities from 11:00 AM to Noon. 1AM – 12PM Fun activities at. For more information, please contact the Crab Orchard Refuge



## January 19, 20, 26, 27

### Bald Eagle Tours

Join the dedicated staff and volunteers at Crab Orchard NWR for a guided tour through the restricted portions of the Refuge to areas where eagles nest and loaf. Spotting scopes and binoculars provided. Reservations required. Tours are at 8:00AM, 11:00AM and 2:00PM each day. For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact the Crab Orchard Refuge Visitor Center at 618-997-3344, ext. 1.



## February 9

### F.U.N. Program

A live animal presentation will be given by the rehabilitators at Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation at 10:30 AM. After the program, fun activities will follow in the Visitor Center from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.. For more information, please contact the Crab Orchard Refuge Visitor



## March 9

### F.U.N. Program

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## October / November

### SHAWNEE FALL SERVICE DAYS

Enjoy the beauty of the Shawnee while making a difference on your national forest. Join the Shawnee Volunteer Corps in building and/or maintaining trails in different areas of the Forest. \*Preregistration is required for all workdays.

Saturday, Sept. 15th	Panther Den
Saturday, Sept. 29	Panther Den (National Public Lands Day)
Saturday, Oct. 6th	Hidden Springs
Saturday, Oct. 13th	Panther Den
Saturday, Oct. 20th	Panther Den
Sunday, Oct. 21st	Hidden Springs
Sunday, Oct. 28th	Panther Den
Saturday, Nov. 3rd	Panther Den
Sunday, Nov. 4th	Hidden Springs

Time: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Contact: Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576

# SPRING

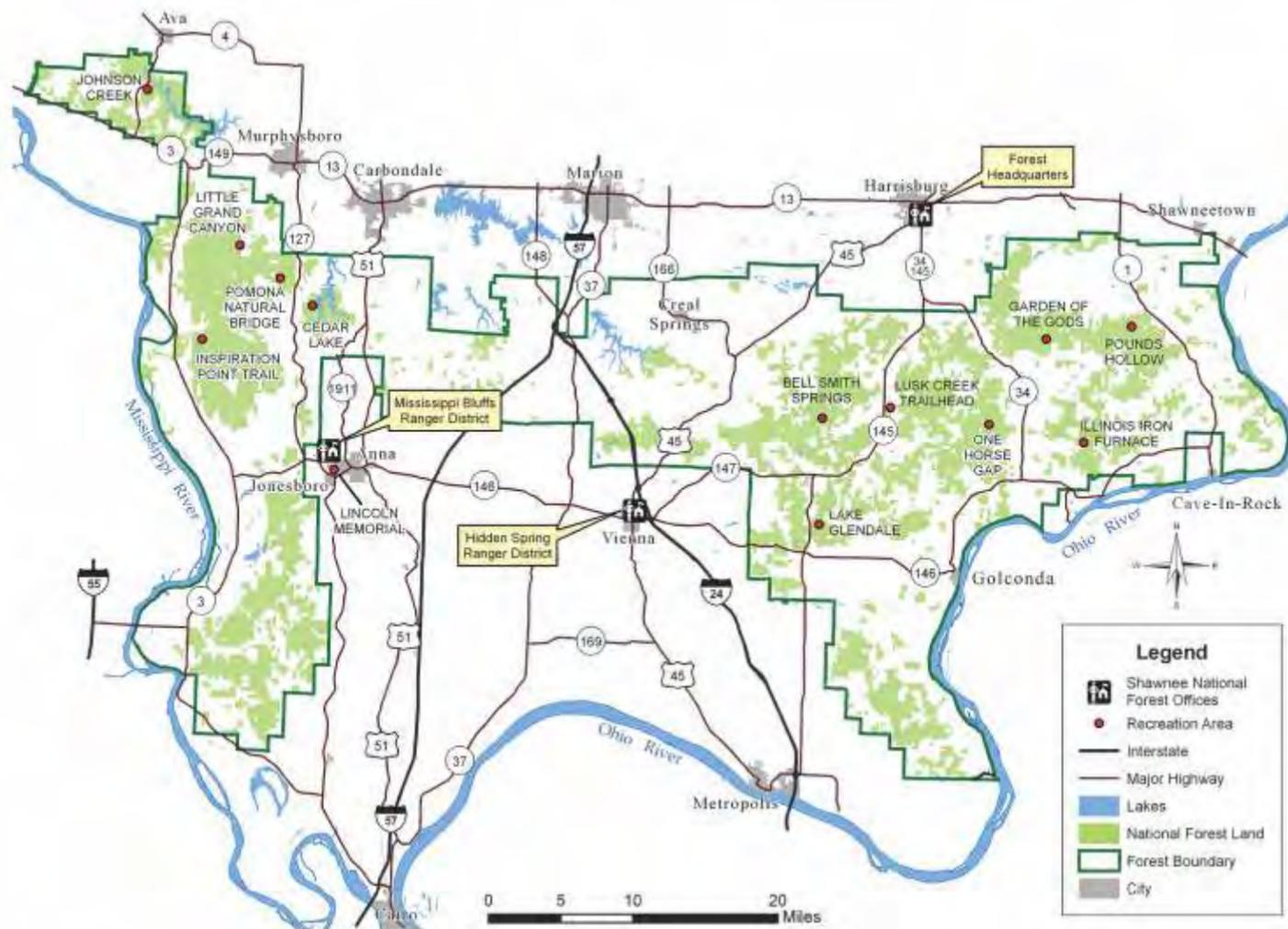
## Wildflower Walks

Join a knowledgeable guide on the Rocky Bluff for a hike and educational program about spring wildflowers. Meet at the Rocky Bluff trailhead on Tacoma Lake Road at 10 AM. For more information, please contact the Crab Orchard Refuge Visitor Center at 618-997-3344, ext. 1.

### Saturdays in March

March 9, 16 & 23

# National Forest Recreational Opportunities



**Wilderness**  
There are seven designated wildernesses in the Shawnee National Forest. Together they equal roughly 30,000 acres of non-motorized, non-mechanized recreation. These areas are managed to perpetuate natural processes and provide an undeveloped recreational experience to the visitor. Most activities are allowed here, except bicycling and motor vehicles. As with any backcountry travel we recommend carrying water, a map and compass. Please practice the Leave No Trace principles on the back of this sheet.

**Fishing**  
There are a variety of fishing opportunities ranging from rivers to small ponds. All rules and regulations set by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources are followed on the Shawnee National Forest. Anglers must have their license in possession at all times while fishing. For more information on any of the lakes or ponds, contact the appropriate District Ranger's Office.

**Hiking and Backpacking**  
There are many miles of diverse hiking and backpacking trails in the Shawnee National Forest including the 160-mile River to River Trail. Take extra precautions during hunting seasons by wearing bright orange clothing. It is a good idea to carry a compass and map. Forest streams do not meet the safety standards for drinking water. We recommend taking your water with you or purifying stream water before drinking. National Forest ownership is scattered with privately owned lands interspersed. Respect the rights of these owners by staying on public lands. Hikers should yield to equestrians. Moving off the trail to the downhill side and talking with the rider will help keep their horse from startling.

**ATV and Off-road Vehicles**  
Only licensed vehicles are allowed on designated Forest roads and county roads. Therefore only licensed ATV/ORVs or ATV/ORVs with an accessibility sticker are allowed in the Shawnee National Forest. The Forest Service also has restrictions prohibiting motorized vehicles from traveling off-roads and in other special management areas. There are no designated ATV/ORV trails in the national forest.

**Rock Climbing**  
Rock Climbing and rappelling on the Shawnee National Forest is permitted at Jackson Falls on the Vienna/Elizabethtown Ranger District. There are other designated rock climbing and rappelling areas throughout southern Illinois that are not part of the Shawnee National Forest. If you are not an experienced climber, we suggest that you contact other resources for safety information. When rock climbing or rappelling, please avoid disturbing plants on the rock faces. These environments are fragile and may contain sensitive plants.

**Hunting**  
State hunting laws are enforced on the Shawnee National Forest and require a license, which can be obtained by county from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Hunting activities are prohibited in or within 150 yards of any building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area. Shooting across roads and bodies of water is also prohibited. All firearms and bows with arrows should be cased and unloaded while in the recreation area or other public areas. Construction of or use of permanent deer stands is not permitted on National Forest land.

**Campgrounds**  
There are 8 campgrounds within the Shawnee National Forest. Many of these developed campgrounds are open from March through December 15th, although there are some exceptions. Campsites are available on a first-come, first serve basis. Most of the campgrounds are primitive camping, with centralized water access and pit toilets. Lake Glendale's Oak Point Campground is the only campground with electricity and shower house.

**Primitive Camping**  
Primitive camping is allowed anywhere in the Shawnee National Forest with the exception of developed recreation areas, natural areas, developed campgrounds, on lake shores, near streams, or on trails. Primitive camping is free and is allowed any time of year. Do not trespass on private land, do not cut down live trees, shrubs, or other vegetation, clean up all personal garbage, and make sure all fires are completely out. Campers may camp up to 14 consecutive days, but no permanent structures may be built. It is not necessary to check in with a Shawnee National Forest office unless you wish to do so in case of an emergency.

**Rentals**  
The Shawnee National Forest does not provide rental cabins, canoes, or horses. However there are private vendors for these items in the area. For information contact the local tourism bureau or chamber of commerce.

**Map Information**  
A free brochure about the Shawnee National Forest is available at each Forest Service office. You can purchase a detailed Shawnee National Forest map for \$10 and individual topographic quadrangle maps for \$8 at each office. These maps will show National Forest ownership and other topographic and cultural features.

## Leave No Trace Principals

- Plan ahead and prepare**
  - Know the area and what to expect
  - Select appropriate equipment
  - Repackage food
- Camp and travel on durable surfaces**
  - In popular areas, concentrate use
  - Avoid places where impact is just beginning
  - Stay on the trail.
  - Equestrians should avoid riding dirt trails after a heavy rain. Ride graveled trails during wet weather periods
- Pack it in, Pack it out**
  - Reduce litter at the source
  - Dispose of trash and garbage properly
- Properly dispose of what you can't pack out**
  - Dispose of human waster responsibly
  - Minimize soap use and food scraps in waste water
- Leave what you find**
  - Respect the environment
  - Avoid damaging trees and plants
  - Leave natural and cultural artifacts
  - Respect private land
  - Respect other visitor's desire for a peaceful outdoor experience
- Minimize use and impact of fires**
  - Know fire restrictions and always carry a stove
  - Keep your fire small and safe



Dutchman Lake

## Contact Information

Shawnee National Forest offices are open from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday – Friday and are closed on holidays.

Forest Headquarters  
50 HWY 145 South  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
(800) 699-6637  
(217) 253-7114  
TTY (618) 253-1070

Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District  
521 N. Main St., Jonesboro, IL 62952  
(617) 833-8576

Hidden Springs Ranger District  
602 North 1st Street, Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2111  
[www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee](http://www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee)

**We hope you enjoy  
your visit to the  
Shawnee National  
Forest!**

# Rediscover... Some Old Tyme' Favorites



## Inspiration Point Trail

The panoramic view of the Mississippi River valley and the Big Muddy bottomlands are well worth the climb. Wildlife is abundant with bird watching at a premium.

### Trail Details

- Length: 3/4 mile
- Travel Time: 1 Hour or less
- Surface Type: Rock and Dirt
- Difficulty Level: Moderate
- Recommended Season: Year Round
- Facilities: None

Access: Trailheads for this trail are located along FR 236. The lower trailhead is at McCann Springs Picnic Area. The upper trailhead is across from Clear Springs Wilderness.

Safety: Stay on trails to avoid drop offs, trail treads may become slick because of rain, ice or snow.

Hiker Trails - ◇ white diamond

Trail Ethics: Pack it in, Pack it out.

### Safety

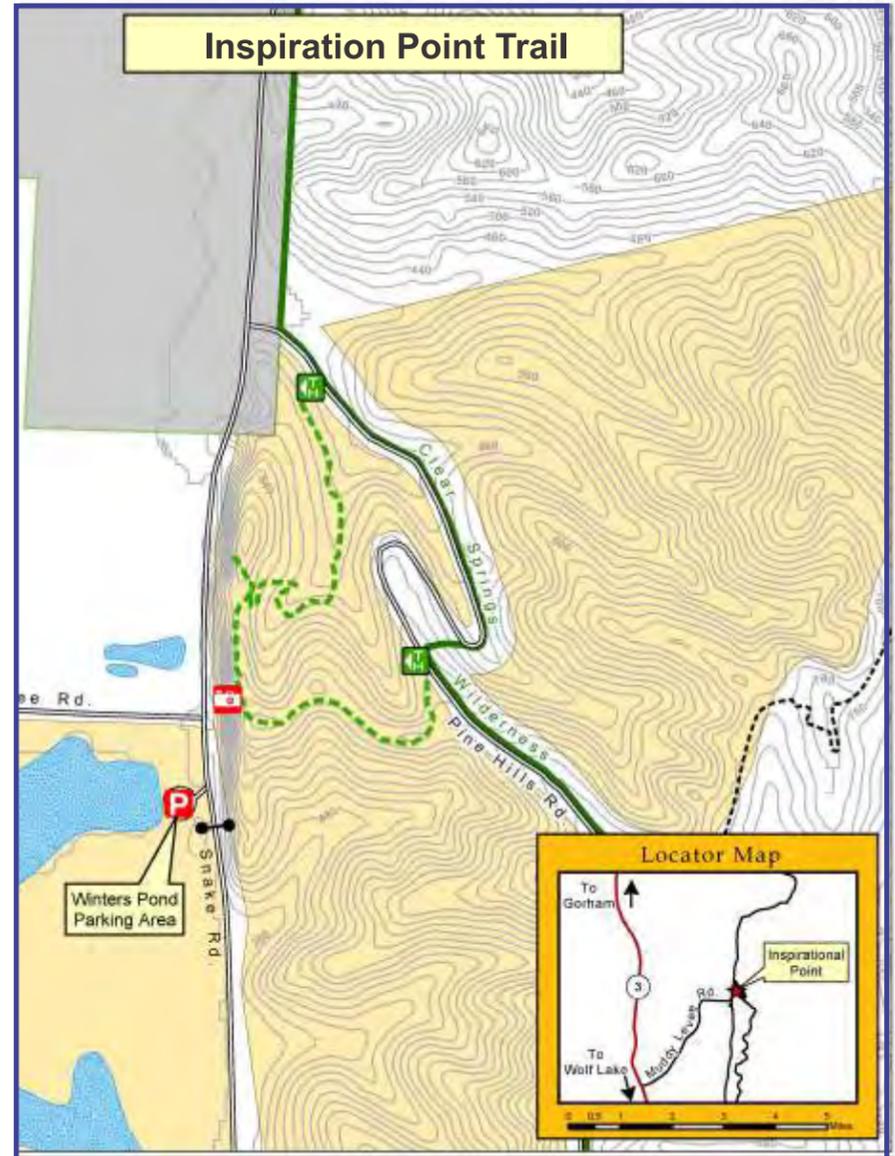
Carrying a map, compass and plenty of water is recommended. Be aware of hunters during hunting season. Poisonous snakes and poison ivy are present in the area. The trail tread may become slick when wet.

### Surrounding Area

LaRue-Pine Hills/Otter Pond Research Natural Area, Clear Springs Wilderness and Bald Knob Wilderness

### For More Information

Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District  
521 North Main  
Jonesboro, IL 62952  
(618) 833-8576



## Cove Hollow Trail

This trail meanders between the bluff line and Cedar Lake. A loop can be made in the center by using Wolf Den Hollow Trail.

### Trail Details

- Length: Approximately 4 miles
- Travel Time: Approximately 2 hours
- Surface Type: Natural
- Difficulty Level: Moderate
- Recommended Season: Year Round

Facilities: Cove Hollow Trailhead has small gravel parking area, Boat Dock Road has a small gravel pull off. Dutch Ridge has a small gravel parking area.

Access: From Rt. 127 turn east on Dutch Ridge Road travel approximately 1.25 miles to Cove Hollow Road, turn south travel approximately 1 mile to trailhead. From Rt. 127 turn east on Boat Dock Road travel approximately 1.25 miles to pull off (trail is on the north side of Boat Dock Road).

Hiker/Equestrian Trails - ◇ white diamond

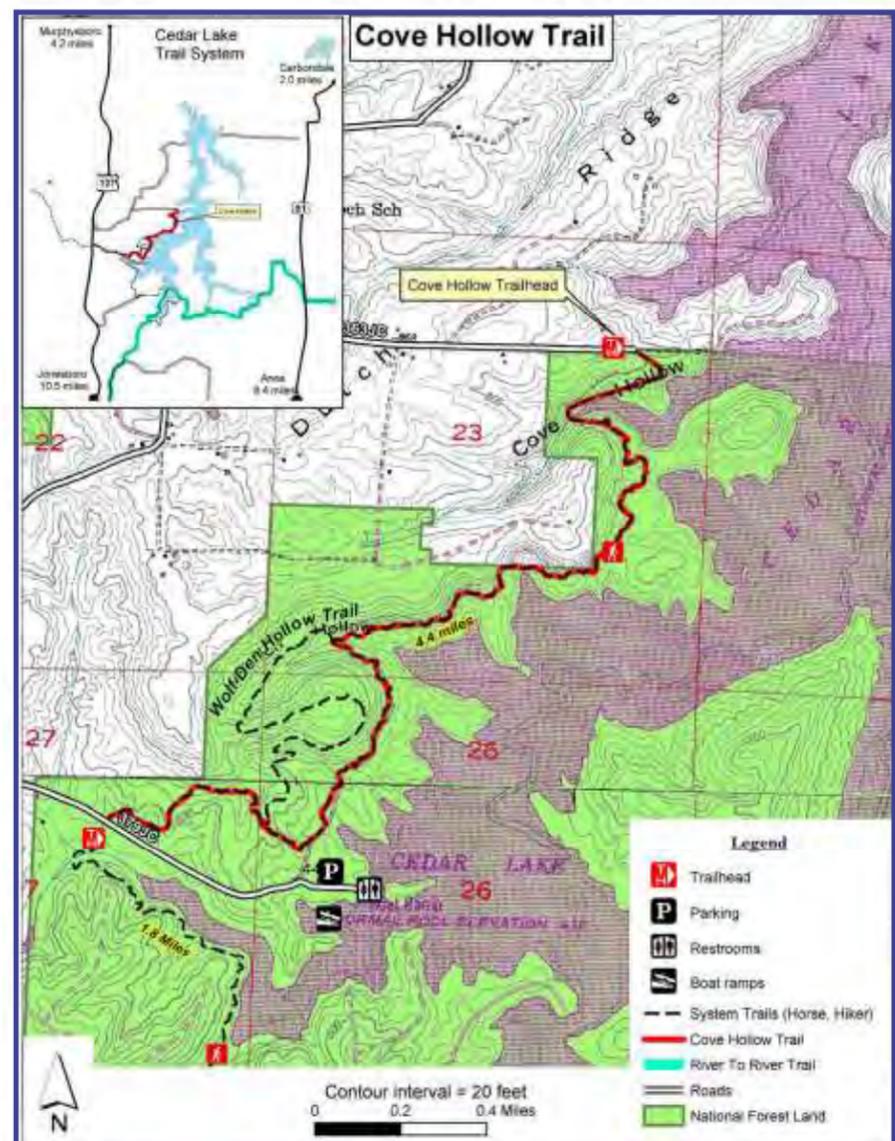
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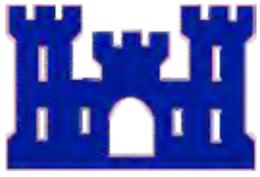
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### For More Information

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*"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks." -- John Muir*



# The Miracle Cure

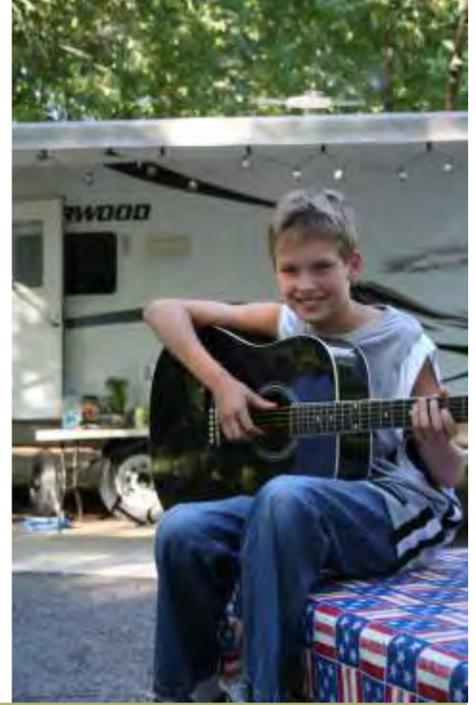
*Take the first step and look around!*

If you were offered something that has the following benefits - has been proven to reduce depression; reduces the risk of heart disease later in life; makes you smarter; calms you; improves self-discipline; improves cooperation with others; boosts self-esteem; improves physical and social development; enhances creativity and attention span; decreases aggression; boosts classroom performance; helps you to grow lean and strong; puts a body in motion; reduces obesity; decreases stress; possibly lengthens your life; and makes you happier, wouldn't you want it? And how much would you be willing to pay to get it?

Here is the prescription. Walk through the closest exterior door, take a deep breath, and look around. The cure is just outside your house, office, or store. It is the outdoors and nature. It can be your yard, a park, a lake, a playground, or a wilderness area. And the only thing between you and a happier and healthier life is... you getting outdoors. So, as

southern Illinois between Mt. Vernon and Benton on Interstate 57 makes Rend Lake very easy to access. Once you are here, you will find a large array of activities. The list might include hiking, biking, swimming, boating, fishing, exploring, camping, golfing, hunting, shooting, kayaking, water skiing, learning, birding, picnicking, or just plain relaxing.

A great place to start your outdoor adventure would be at the Rend Lake Project Office & Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is the perfect place to pick up a lake or bike trail map so you can start planning your outdoor adventures. Then visit the exhibit hall and learn about the natural features that you will see while at Rend Lake; who lived here before the lake was built; and how the lake came to be. To learn even more about enjoying nature, plan your visit on a Saturday during the summer and join us for one of the programs that feature live animals.



*Rend Lake offers many activities including camping and....just relaxing!*

meanders through several prime areas to view local wildlife. Pick up a Watchable Wildlife Guide to help you find other areas around the lake in one of Illinois' best birding areas. If you are looking for a shorter stroll that you can see wildlife and learn about the nature of Rend Lake, the Blackberry Nature Trail is the perfect place for a short hike. Or, if you like to compete while walking, the Rend Lake Golf Course offers 27 holes of fun and challenge. If you would like to ride instead of walk or bike, the Wayne Fitzgerald State Park has miles of horse trails for you and your four-legged friend to explore. Any way you move, there are miles of adventure ahead of you at Rend Lake.

The land around Rend Lake also offers vast opportunities for other experiences for sportsmen. Bow and gun hunters have thousands of acres to canvas for a chance to bag a trophy deer or record turkey. The majority of the land surrounding Rend Lake is open to public hunting and offer a mix of open land, agricultural fields, and forest. Species such as rabbit, squirrel, quail, and even pheasant in the State Park are here to hunt. If you like your

hunting a little wetter, Rend Lake offers superior bow fishing opportunities near the dam with several world records coming from this area. We also are known nationally for the superior fishing opportunities for both seasoned anglers and beginners. Rend Lake has numerous species, such as Crappie, Largemouth Bass, and Channel Catfish that will put up a fight to remember.

Once your feet are wet, you might as well jump in. The lake offers many recreational activities around the water. You will see boats of all sizes, from houseboats to kayaks, around the lake. Some boaters will sit idle and enjoy the quiet solitude while other will enjoy a faster pace waterskiing or wakeboarding. If you don't have a boat, you can rent one or just enjoy the lake with a swim and picnic at the South Sandusky Beach. If you happen to forget a life jacket when you come, stop by the Rend Lake Visitor Center and check one out for free.

No matter what you choose to do, getting outside and enjoying Rend Lake could be the cure you are looking for. The most important thing to remember is "Don't just plan it, DO IT!"



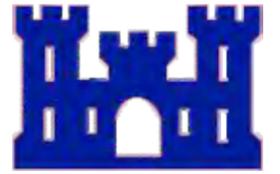
*Fall is a great time to take a quiet walk and enjoy the spectacular colors.*

the commercial says, "Just Do It!"

Rend Lake offers almost 40,000 acres of forest, fields, and water so you can experience the outdoors. Rend Lake is the second largest man-made lake in Illinois and is the perfect playground for you and your family. Being centrally located in

A short distance outside the Visitor Center's front door is the beginning of a National Recreation Trail. The Rend Lake Bike Trail has 20.6 miles of trail completed in three sections for strolling, hiking, or biking into the natural beauty surrounding Rend Lake. The Rend Lake Bike Trail also

# Explore Rend Lake



Rend Lake is the perfect place to enjoy a wide variety of activities, events, and nature at its best. Even a short visit to Rend Lake will impress you with the versatility of this magnificent area. Whether you are looking for high adventure, a peaceful retreat, or something in between, you'll find it here.

**Visitor Center**  
The Visitor Center is open all year on weekdays from 8 AM – 4 PM. April through October, it is also open weekends from 10 AM – 5 PM. This beautiful facility features exhibits which highlight many aspects of Rend Lake, such as natural features; geologic and cultural history; Rend Lake's missions; and inhabitants including live snakes, fish, and a working bee hive.

**Hunting**  
Bow and gun hunting opportunities are available on almost 20,000 acres of land during the Illinois state hunting seasons. Deer, turkey, small game, and special pheasant hunts all challenge avid hunters.

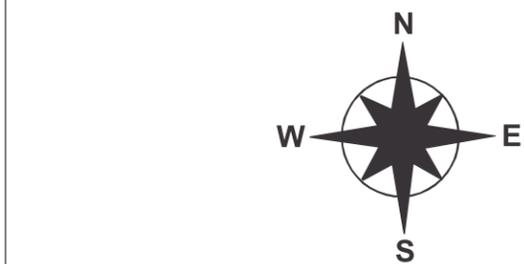
**Fishing**  
If you like to fish, you'll appreciate Rend Lake's excellent populations of crappie, largemouth bass, white bass, bluegill, and catfish. An intensive fisheries management program, run by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Corps of Engineers, is augmented by successful fish-stocking and habitat enhancement programs.

**Camping**  
Rend Lake offers five campgrounds with over 800 campsites from which to choose. Sites range from primitive camping to sites with water sewer, and electric. Many of which are available to reserve in advance through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 877-444-6777. Limited sites are available year-round at the Wayne Fitzgerald State Park. Most Corps of Engineers campgrounds are open from April through October. The Gun Creek campground remains open through the weekend after Thanksgiving.

**Boating & Swimming**  
Water sports abound at Rend Lake. The area offers marinas, boat rentals, 26 boat ramps, and plenty of water to go water skiing, wake boarding, or paddling. Stop by the Visitor Center and check out a life jacket if you forget one.

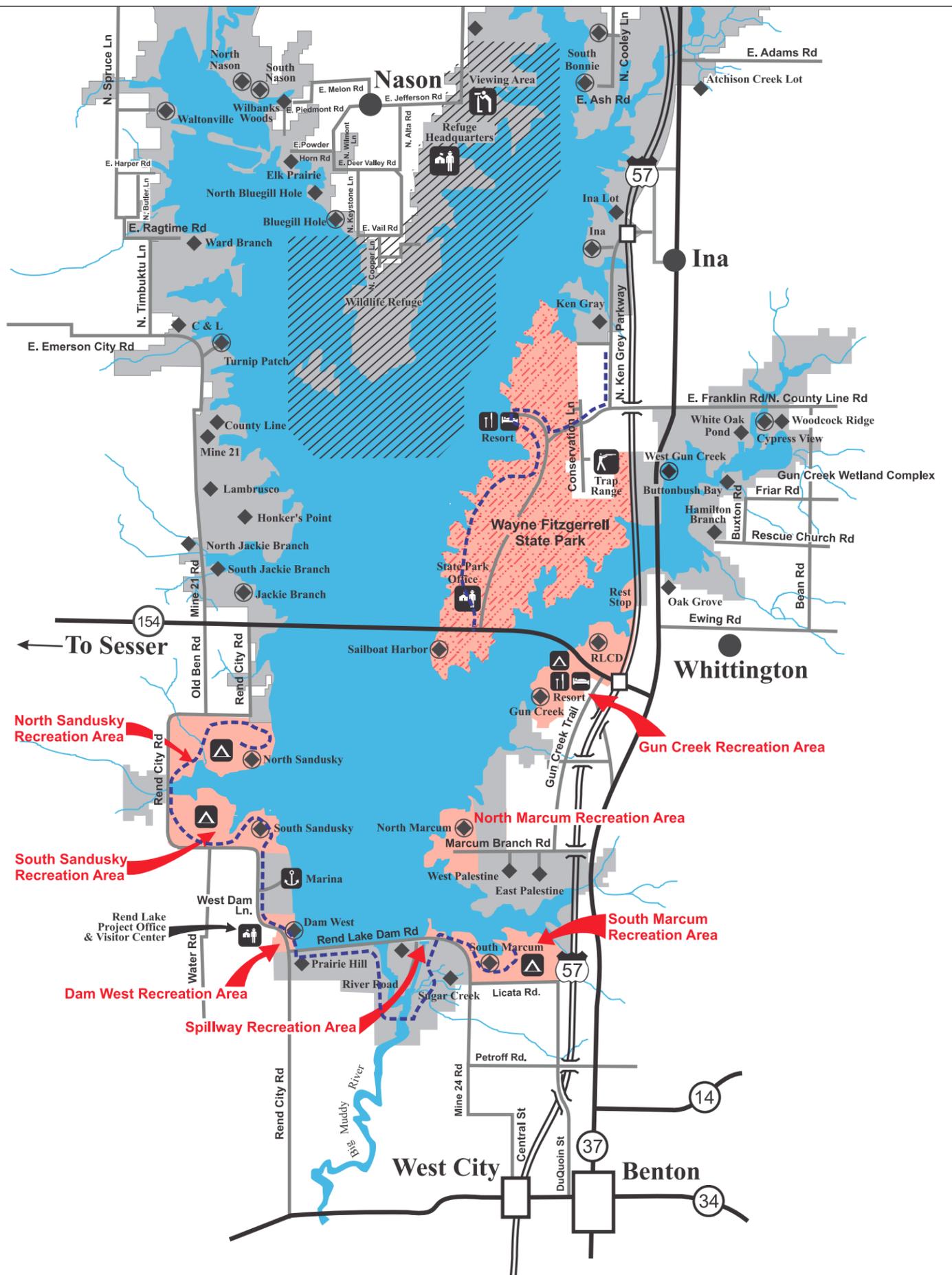
**Hiking & Biking**  
Rend Lake offer interpretive trails, multi-use bike trails, and horse trails for a variety of speeds and modes of transportation. Three sections of the Rend Lake Bike Trail have been completed and offer over 20.6 miles of trail for your enjoyment.

**Information**  
To get further information about all the recreational opportunities offered at Rend Lake, stop at the Rend Lake Project Office & Visitor Center, 11981 Rend City Road, Benton, Illinois 62812, located at the west end of the main dam. Additional information is also available at Rend Lake's homepage at [www.corpslakes.gov/rend](http://www.corpslakes.gov/rend); facebook at Rend Lake Project Office/Visitor Center; or by calling 618-724-2493.

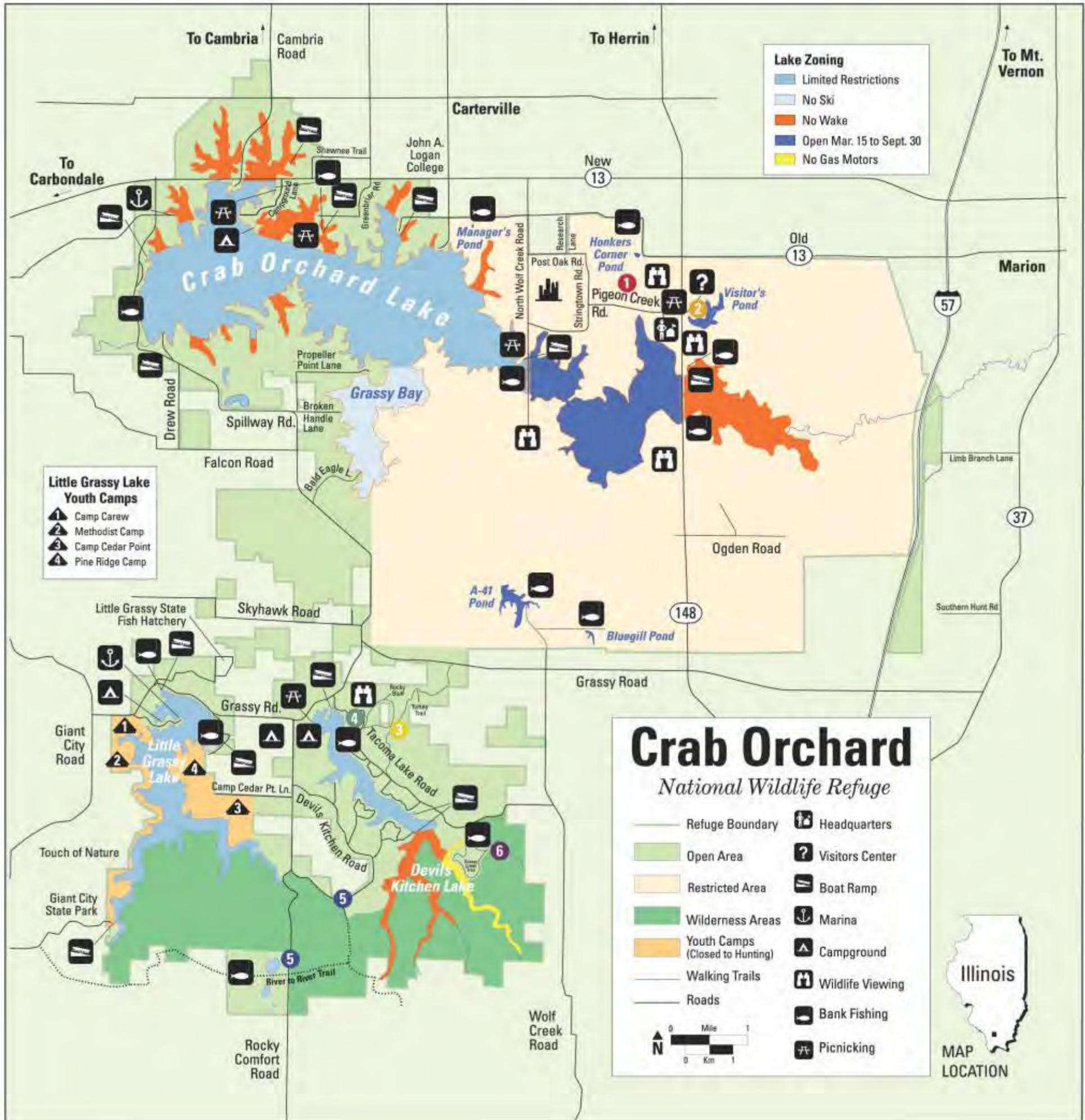


## LEGEND

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- Waterfowl Viewing Area
- Ranger Station
- Marina
- Lodging
- Food
- Trap Range
- Camping



# Enjoy Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge



## Fee Schedule

### Entrance Fees:

Vehicle (1 day)	\$2.00	per vehicle, covers all passengers
Vehicle (7 days)	\$5.00	per vehicle, covers all passengers
Vehicle (Annual Pass, July-June)	\$15.00	first vehicle, covers all passengers
Interagency Senior Pass	\$10.00	U.S. Residents 62 or older, lifetime
Interagency Annual Pass purchased	\$80.00	Valid one year from mo. purchased
Interagency Access Pass	Free	for medically proven to be permanently disabled, lifetime

For a family purchasing an annual entrance pass (excluding the America the Beautiful, Senior and Access Passports) additional annual passes for immediate family members at the same address will be \$5.

### Special Recreation Permit Fees:

These fees exist for specialized uses such as group activities, recreational events and rental fees.

Fish-off Permit \$35 per organization.

(Permit allows the organization to host one fish-off at each of the three lakes per season)

### Lake Use Fees:

All vessels/boats using the refuge will be assessed a lake fee use charge. This includes vessels that are in dry storage and/or maintained in slips at the marinas.

Vessel (1 day)	\$2.00	per vessel
Vessel (7 days)	\$5.00	per vessel
Vessel (Annual Pass, July-June)	\$10.00	first vessel
	\$5.00	each additional vessel

Holders of Interagency Senior and Access Passes are authorized to a 50% discount of the full value price for Lake Use Fees. Additional vessels are already discounted, therefore all additional passes are \$5.00.

In order for the pass to be valid, it must be affixed directly to the vessel on the port (left) bow next to, but not overlapping the state registration.

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(618) 858-2111

Mississippi Bluffs Dist.  
521 North Main St.  
Jonesboro, IL 62952  
(618) 833-8576

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