
PARK INFORMATION

2015

Lake Shelbyville



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TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to Lake Shelbyville and thanks for visiting. Lake Shelbyville is one of five lakes and many miles of river offering exceptional opportunities for water recreational activities managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District. Surrounding these waters are thousands of acres of public land, managed for your enjoyment.

Please become familiar with the rules that apply to your recreational activities. They have been developed to make your visit safe and enjoyable and to preserve natural resources. If you observe anyone performing unsafe acts or violating regulations, please contact a park ranger.

The St. Louis District hosts millions of visitors annually. Regrettably, accidents occur each year. Please be careful in and around the water, on trails, and near bluffs or steep areas. One careless moment can result in a lifetime of regret. Always remember to wear your life jacket when you are on or near the water. If you will not wear it for yourself then wear it for those who love you.

We hope your visit will be a pleasant experience. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact the Lake Shelbyville Project Office at (217) 774-3951 or address on the back of this publication.

VISITOR REGULATIONS

Rules and regulations governing public use of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water resource development projects are published in Title 36, CFR and are posted on bulletin boards or available from a park ranger. The following additional regulations are in effect for all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District Projects as authorized in Title 36, CFR 327.12a.

GENERAL

1. The operation of powerless flight devices including, but not limited to sail planes, gliders, balloons, body kites, and hang gliders is permitted. Powerless flight devices shall not be operated on any part of the dam, roads, bridges, or over beaches or other heavy use areas.
2. The use of all kite tubes, defined as a "towable, inflatable device designed to be airborne", are banned from use on Corps managed waters throughout the St. Louis District.

3. All waste water must be collected in a container and disposed of in authorized disposal facilities. In primitive areas where sanitary facilities are not provided, human waste must be buried 100 feet from any body of water and/or campsite.
4. The use of America the Beautiful Senior or Access Pass, Golden Age or Golden Access Passport by someone other than the person to whom it is issued is prohibited.
5. All motorized vehicles operated on roadways on public land administered by the Corps of Engineers must be licensed and operated by licensed drivers.

PICNIC AREAS

6. Picnic areas, designated by the operations manager and marked with appropriate signs, close at 10:00 p.m. Other areas, that are not posted, will remain open to public use.

BEACHES

7. Beach users must stay within designated swim area.
8. Alcohol is prohibited on the sand and water portions of all swimming beaches and other nearby facilities normally associated with beaches that are marked with appropriate signs. These facilities may include, but are not limited to, picnic areas, parking lots, picnic shelters, etc.
9. All glass and other dangerous objects, including, but not limited to, lawn darts and horseshoes, are prohibited on the sand and water portions of swimming beaches.

CAMPING

10. To avoid unsanitary conditions, all food, pets, and waste materials are prohibited on the sand and water portion of swimming beaches and other posted areas.
11. A responsible person must register and pay fees within a reasonable time after a camp is established or when the fee booth opens. Check out time is 4 p.m. Reservation sites will be available for occupancy when available, but not later than 5 p.m.
12. At Lake Shelbyville the majority of sites are classified as single capacity sites. The only exceptions are designated double sites, which are double capacity sites.

- a. Single capacity sites are limited to one recreational vehicle or trailer and three tents. If no recreational vehicle or trailer is on the site, a maximum of four tents is permitted.
- b. Double sites are limited to two recreational vehicles or trailers and six tents. If no recreational vehicles or trailers are on the site, a maximum of eight tents is permitted.
- c. The maximum number of people permitted to stay overnight on a single capacity site is eight. Up to sixteen people are permitted to stay overnight on double capacity sites.

13. Campground roads and facilities are to be used by registered campers and their visitors only. Interfering with, or restricting the use of the shoreline by boaters or other lake users is prohibited.

14. All wheeled vehicles, including but not limited to mopeds, minibikes, boat trailers, motorcycles, and other vehicles, must be kept on camping pads registered to vehicle users or in designated parking areas. All motor vehicles must be parked lengthwise on the camp pad except at sites with irregularly shaped pads. Empty boat trailers may be stored on the grass provided that they are moved onto and off the grass by hand.

15. Picnic tables and lantern holders must remain on gravel surfaces at campsites with gravel impact areas.

Lake Shelbyville Specific Boat Rafting Policy

Up to 5 boats are allowed in a raft without requiring a special use permit. No more than 50 people will be allowed on any raft of boats that consists of 5 boats or less. The required distance between each raft of boats is 150 feet. A Special Use Permit, which is free of charge, is required for rafts of boats consisting of more than 5 boats and up to 20 boats. A permit can be requested no more than 30 days in advance. A primary and an alternate rafting location can be chosen when applying for a permit. For more information or to obtain a boat rafting permit call 217-774-3951, ext 2.



VISITOR CENTER

The visitor center opened in May 2011 and is located within the Dam East Recreation Area. It includes a 2500 square foot exhibit room, grand lobby with information station, sales area, meeting room, resource library, free wireless internet, outdoor patio with covered observation platforms, outdoor classroom and butterfly house and garden.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS:

October 2 – April 30
Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
May 1 – September 1, (Labor Day)
Sunday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
September 2 – October 1
Monday – Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

To reserve the visitor center meeting room and/or the outdoor classroom for public or private events call 217-774-3951 ext 2.

THINGS TO DO

2015 SPECIAL EVENTS

General Dacey Luminary WalkJan 24
Bald Eagle Day at Visitor Center.....Feb 14
Shelby County Art Show at Visitor Center....Apr 11 & 12
Spores-N-More Mushroom Festival.....Apr 24 & 25
Coon Creek Campground Open House.....May 7-10
Crappie USA TourMay 15
Kids Fishing Tournament at Opossum Creek.....Jun 6
Loop Lake Shelbyville Bike Ride..... Jun13
Shelbyville Fireworks.....July 4
Dog Days of Summer at Coon Creek..... July 4
Tom Short 5K Trail Run & 1-Mile Walk/Run.....Aug 1
Aqua Fest at Dam West Beach.....Aug 1
Balloon Fest.....Oct 9, 10 & 11
Visit with Santa Claus at Visitor Center.....Dec 12

TOURS OF THE LAKE SHELBYVILLE DAM

The tours start at the Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center. Tours are held from Memorial Day Weekend until Labor Day on Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m.

CAMPGROUND & BEACH PROGRAMS & NATURE HIKES

Park rangers present programs on a number of topics related to the natural and cultural resources, as well as programs about safety. Programs are presented in selected campgrounds at the amphitheaters at public beaches and on trails throughout the summer. All of the programs are free and are fun for the entire family. Look for program flyers posted in the campgrounds and on information boards located in all recreation areas.

ADDRESSES

Lake Shelbyville Project Office

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
GPS Coordinates: 39°24'25.77"N 88°46'28.8"W
1989 State Highway 16 Shelbyville, IL 62565
(217) 774-3951

Email: LakeShelbyville@usace.army.mil
Website: <http://tinyurl.com/lakeshelbyville>

24-Hour Lake Information Recording
(217) 774-2020

Report Non-Emergency Maintenance Items
(217) 774-3951 Ext 5

Eagle Creek State Park
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
GPS Coordinates: 39°30'33.68"N 88°43'4.92"W
RR 1, Box 198B Findlay, IL 62534
(217) 756-8260

Wolf Creek State Park
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
GPS Coordinates: 39°29'14"N 88°40'43"W
1837 N. Wolf Creek Rd, Windsor, IL 61957
(217) 459-2831

Lake Shelbyville Fish & Wildlife Management Area
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
GPS Coordinates: 39°37'55"N 88°42'29"W
RR 1, Box 42A Bethany, IL 61914
(217) 665-3112

Lithia Springs Marina
GPS Coordinates: 39°25'37.19"N 88°45'36.02"W
(217) 774-4121

Findlay Marina
GPS Coordinates: 39°31'21.01"N 88°42'39.35"W
(217) 756-8595

Sullivan Marina and Campground
GPS Coordinates: 39°32'17"N 88°36'29"W
(217) 728-7338

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Area Code (217)
Park Ranger: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 774-3951
Sheriff: Shelby County 774-3941
Sheriff: Moultrie County 728-4386
Shelbyville Ambulance 774-5519
Shelby Memorial Hospital 774-3961
Fire: Shelbyville 774-2121
Fire & Rescue: Sullivan 728-4341

RECREATION AREAS

CAMPGROUNDS

Campsite Reservations are available by phone (877) 444-6777, internet www.Recreation.gov, or in person at campground fee booths. Campsite reservations must be made at least 2 days in advance and may be made up to 6 months in advance.

▪ **FORREST W. "BO" WOOD RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°33'12.06"N 88°36'46.59"W
 Address: 1060 CR 1025N, Sullivan, IL 61951
 South of Sullivan, IL on Route 32, 2.6 miles; west .5 mile
 141 sites/71 sites reservable, 3 double sites,
 36 full hookup sites, 4 tent only sites
 Camping Area Open: April 16 - October 25*
 *Extended camping season: weather permitting
 Camping Fee: \$18-\$24 per site per night

▪ **COON CREEK RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°27'12.20"N 88°45'27"W
 Address: 1633 N 2175 East Rd. Shelbyville, IL 62565
 South of Findlay, IL 2.8 miles; then west .2 mile; then south 1.7 miles
 184 sites/100 sites reservable, 10 double sites,
 13 full hookup sites, 8 tent only sites
 Camping Area Open: May 7 - October 12
 Camping Fee: \$18 - \$24 per site per night
**** Coon Creek Campground Open House ****
 May 7-10, 2015.
 FREE Camping / Music / Family Fun

▪ **LITHIA SPRINGS RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°26'2.53"N 88°45'37.32"W
 Address: 2042 E 1500 North Rd. Shelbyville, IL 62565
 East of Shelbyville, IL on Route 16, 3.2 miles; then north 2.1 miles; then west 1.4 miles
 110 sites/62 sites reservable, 2 double sites,
 13 full hookup sites
 Camping Area Open: April 16 - October 25
 Camping Fee: \$18-\$24 per site per night

▪ **LONE POINT RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°27'20.14"N 88°44'18.24"W
 Address: 1653 N 2175 East Rd. Findlay, IL 62534
 South of Findlay, IL 2.8 miles; then east .5 mile; then south .8 mile; then east .5 mile; then south .5 mile
 79 sites/57 sites reservable, 1 double sites, 2 full hookup sites, 2 tent only sites
 Camping Area Open: May 14 - September 8*
 *Extended camping season: weather permitting
 Camping Fee: \$16-\$24 per site per night

▪ **OPOSSUM CREEK RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°26'52.79"N 88°46'29.42"W
 Address: 1598 N 2000 East Rd. Shelbyville, IL 62565
 North of Shelbyville, IL on Route 128, 3.4 miles; then east .9 mile; then south .5 mile; then east 1.2 mile
 70 sites/39 sites reservable, 1 double site,
 12 full hookup sites, 18 tent sites 11 w/ power.
 Camping Area Open: May 14 - September 8
 Camping Fee: \$16-\$24 per site per night

▪ **WILBORN CREEK RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°34'27.62"N 88°42'19.22"W
 Southeast of Bethany, IL on Route 121, 2.5 miles; then south 4 miles; then west .5 mile
 6 tent only sites, first come-first served basis
 Camping Area Open: May 14 - September 8
 Camping Fee: \$10 per site per night

GROUP PICNIC SHELTERS

All picnic shelters are available on a first come-first serve basis or through a special use permit obtained at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office or by calling (217) 774-3951, ext 7048. All permits are available beginning on the first working day in January and require a \$30 non-refundable permit fee. The large shelter at Dam West requires a \$50 permit fee. Permits will be posted at shelters indicating use.

BEACHES

▪ **DAM WEST RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°24'57.85"N 88°47'3.93"W
 Address: 1903 State Highway 16 Shelbyville, IL 62565
 Directions: East of Shelbyville, IL on Route 16, 1 mile; then northwest across main dam 1 mile

▪ **SULLIVAN BEACH RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°31'53"N 88°36'31"W
 Directions: South of Sullivan, IL on Route 32, 4.7 miles

▪ **WILBORN CREEK RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°34'27.62"N 88°42'19.22"W
 Directions: Southeast of Bethany, IL on Route 121, 2.5 miles; then south 4 miles; the west .5 mile

Beaches Open: May 23 - September 13
 8 a.m. until sunset
 Day Use Fees: See Day Use Fees section on this same page

GROUP CAMPS

▪ **LONE POINT RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°27'20.14"N 88°44'18.24"W
 Address: 1653 N 2175 East Rd. Findlay, IL 62534
 Directions: South of Findlay, IL 2.8 miles; then east .5 mile; then south .8 mile; then east .5 mile; then south .5 mile
 Group Camp Open: May 14 - September 8
 Group Camp Fee: Walleye 10 sites \$160 per night

Reservations are available by phone (877) 444-6777, internet www.Recreation.gov, or in person at campground fee booths. Group Camp reservations must be made at least 2 days in advance and may be made up to 1 year in advance.

▪ **WILBORN CREEK RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°34'27.62"N 88°42'19.22"W
 Directions: Southeast of Bethany, IL on Route 121, 2.5 miles; then south 4 miles; then west .5 mile
 Group Camp Open: May 14 - September 8
 Group Camp Fee: \$120 per night
 Wilborn Creek Group Camp Reservations are available by phone (217) 774-3951, ext 3.

▪ **OKAW BLUFF GROUP CAMP**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°31'52.45"N 88°36'25.93"W
 Address: 865 St. Hwy. 32, Sullivan, IL 61591
 Directions: South of Sullivan, IL on Route 32, 4.7 miles
 This area contains two houses, which can accommodate a maximum of 30 people. Facilities include AC, bunk beds (no linens provide), kitchen with utensils, showers, picnic tables, outside grills, recreational facilities, and meeting facilities.
 Group Camp Area Open: March 20 - November 29
 Group Camp Fee: \$30 Administrative Fee
 Stone House: \$130 per day
 Frame House: \$130 per day
 Meeting Room (does not include use of kitchen) \$75 per day

Okaw Bluff Group Camp Reservations Available by phone (217) 774-3122, ext 3. These reservations require a non-refundable \$30 administrative fee and first night's deposit must be made at least one week in advance. Telephone reservations begin at 8 a.m. on the first Monday in December. Walk-in reservations are taken at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office beginning on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December. Reservations available in three packages:
 8 a.m. Monday - 5 p.m. Tuesday
 8 a.m. Wednesday - 5 p.m. Thursday
 8 a.m. Friday - 5 p.m. Sunday
 Packages may be combined but not split.
 Reservations for use of meeting rooms for one-day meetings may be made starting on the first working day in January. Evening use of the meeting room is not available unless in conjunction with an overnight stay.

DAY USE AREAS

▪ **DAM EAST RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°24'21.89"N 88°46'18.69"W
 Address: 1919 State Highway 16
 Directions: East of Shelbyville, IL on Route 16, 1 mile

▪ **SPILLWAY RECREATION AREA**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°24'20.33"N 88°46'57.04"W
 East of Shelbyville, IL on Route 16, .5 mile

▪ **Camp Camfield Ecological Study area**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°33'51.76"N 88°38'08.97"W
 South/West of Sullivan, IL.
 Multi Use area for hiking/biking/fishing/hunting/watchable wildlife.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS AND OTHER PRIVATE SPECIAL EVENTS

Reservations for fishing tournaments and other private special events, such as weddings, business parties, etc may be made in person or by calling the Lake Shelbyville Project Office at (217) 774-3951, ext 3. Reservations for fishing tournaments can be made by telephone beginning at 8 a.m. on the last Monday in September. These reservations require a non-refundable \$50 administrative fee and must be made at least one week in advance.

DAY USE FEES

User fees are charged for the use of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public beaches and certain boat ramps. A \$3.00 per day boat launch fee is charged at the following boat ramps:

Bo Wood	Lithia Springs	Whitley Creek
Coon Creek	Lone Point	Wilborn Creek
Dam West	Opossum Creek	

A \$1.00 per person per day fee is charged at the following beaches: Dam West, Sullivan, and Wilborn Creek.

The total Day Use Fee paid shall not exceed \$4.00 per day per vehicle. No Day Use Fees are charged for children under 13 years of age or persons camped in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds.

Annual Passes can be purchased for a \$30.00 fee and are available at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds, and the West Okaw Wildlife Management Office. Golden Age and Golden Access cardholders and those with America The Beautiful Senior and Access Passes receive a 50% reduction in all Day Use Fees and on the purchase of an Annual Pass.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources manages Eagle Creek State Park, Wolf Creek State Park, Kaskaskia Wildlife Management Area, and West Okaw Wildlife Management Area at Lake Shelbyville.

▪ **EAGLE CREEK STATE PARK**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°30'33.68"N 88°43'4.92"W
 Southeast of Findlay, IL 3 miles
 Camping Area Open: January - November
 Camping Fee: Class A - \$20 + \$30 Holidays
 Class B/S - \$10
 Class C - \$8
 Reservations Available: www.ReserveAmerica.com

▪ **WOLF CREEK STATE PARK**
 GPS Coordinates: 39°29'9.24"N 88°40'48.37"W
 Address: 1837 N. Wolf Creek Rd. Windsor, IL 61957
 Camping Area Open: January - November
 Camping Fee: Class A - \$20 + \$30 Holidays
 Class C - \$8
 Class B/E - \$18
 Reservations Available: www.ReserveAmerica.com

Lake Shelbyville Recreation Area	Amphitheater	Basketball Goal	Beach	Boat Ramp	Boat Ramp High Water	Boat Rental	Cabins	Camping - Full Hookups	Camping - Trailer/Tent	Camping-Tent Walk In	Camping-Group	Courtesy Dock	Drinking Water	Dump Station	Electric Hookup	Fish Cleaning Station	Fuel - Marine	Deer Hunting	Hiking / Biking Trails	Horse Trail	Laundry	Picnic Shelters	Picnic Tables	Playground	Waterfowl Hunting	Restaurant	Sanitary Pump-Marine	Shower House	Swimming Pool	Toilet - Flush	Toilet - Vault	Visitor Center	Volleyball Net
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USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 IDNR = Illinois Department of Natural Resources

SP = State Park
 WMA = Wildlife Management Area

C = Concessionaire
 ♿ = Wheelchair Accessible
 ■ = Service / Facility Available