

LAKE DARDANELLE STATE PARK

Surrounded by the beautiful Ouachita Mountains to the south and the Boston Mountain Range of the Ozarks to the north, Lake Dardanelle offers some of the finest fishing and boating resources in Arkansas. Formed by the Arkansas River, this 34,000-acre man-made lake is two miles west of Russellville in Pope and Yell Counties.

Lake Dardanelle State Park provides picnicking, camping, and boat launching at the Russellville and Dardanelle areas.

FACILITIES

Camping • The main park campground, the Russellville Area, has 57 campsites (three barrier-free) and the Dardanelle Area has 18 sites. Both camping areas are open all year. Boat ramps are open all year free of charge.

Campsites include dual amperage hook-ups, water connections, access to modern bathhouses, plus a table, and grill at each site. A sanitary trailer dump station is centrally located at both the Russellville and Dardanelle Areas.

Other Facilities • The park Visitor Center houses over 7,000 gallons of freshwater aquariums displaying species found in the lake, river, and tributaries of the area. Other living exhibits include a honeybee hive, live displays, river darter tank, and aquatic turtle touch table. Visitors may explore the park's environment and culture through interactive touch screen kiosks. A short orientation video is available at the Visitor Center theatre. The Visitor Center classroom offers opportunities for educational programs and may also be rented for a modest fee.

Spend a pleasant afternoon swimming, fishing, or having a family picnic by the lake at one of the park's many picnic sites.

The Fishing Tournament Weigh-In Facility provides everything needed to hold a fishing tournament on Lake Dardanelle. Park staff handles release of all tournament fish. Group pavilions and Fishing Tournament Weigh-In Facility may also be reserved for a modest fee. Tournament Facility meeting room may be rented separately.

Marinas are conveniently located in both the Russellville and Dardanelle areas (both privately owned and operated). Shopping, hospitals, and restaurants are conveniently located in nearby towns just minutes away.

NOTE: Campers must register at the Visitor Center before occupying a campsite. All sites are reserveable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Please call to check availability. Group pavilions must be reserved at the Visitor Center before being used (deposit required).

Fishing • Lake Dardanelle's diverse fishery offers you the experience of nature and the thrill of the catch. Bass, crappie, bream, or catfish provide fishing opportunities for each season. As a renowned largemouth bass fishery, Lake Dardanelle attracts anglers from all over the country. Within the park, access fishing areas by land using the covered fishing pier or along the shoreline. Launch your boat on the large 5-lane boat ramp or the single-lane boat ramp to reach those remote fishing holes.

Recreation • Fun on Lake Dardanelle comes in many varieties: fishing, waterskiing, swimming in well-marked beach areas, sailing the open waters along the lake's 315 miles of shoreline, or cruising by powerboat. Take a scheduled tour on a pontoon boat or kayak, available at the main park area. For those wishing to explore the lake on their own, kayaks may be rented at the Visitor Center (Russellville Area). Also available is a barrier-free playground.

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INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Interpretive programs are offered to all park visitors. Programs include guided hikes, nature talks, kayaking, lake tours, and demonstrations throughout the park and at the Visitor Center. Park staff offers curriculum-based educational programs which are outlined in the teacher's handbook (available by calling or stopping by the park). The Meadowbrook Self-Guided Trail (.8 mile) is also available at the Russellville Area for your outdoor pleasure (ask the Visitor Center for a trail guide). Along with its National Historic Trail of Tears Certification, the park has been designated an Audubon Important Bird Area. Several locations in the park are ideal for birding and wildlife watching.

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For further information on park hours, fees and services, contact:

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