

## LAKE CHICOT STATE PARK

Situated in a grove of majestic wild pecans and ringed with cypress trees standing literally "up to their knees" in water along the nation's largest natural oxbow remnant, a cutoff of the mighty Mississippi, is Lake Chicot State Park. True Delta country can be found in this corner of southeastern Arkansas, complete with all the romance inherent in the lands that sweep down to Old Man River.

Lake Chicot, once the main channel of the Mississippi River, is now a protected sporting area for the outdoor enthusiast. Famous nationwide for its fantastic catches of bream, crappie, bass and catfish, fishermen from all over the country come to try their luck among the quiet coves of this bayou-like haven. Lurking along the high ground hidden in the swamps of this region are raccoon, mink, bobcat, white-tailed deer, wild turkey and many species of waterfowl.

Lake Chicot State Park offers access to a variety of south Arkansas attractions. Historic in nature is the Great River Road, marked by the pilot wheel of a steamboat. Stretching from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, the Great River Road seeks to link together and preserve the history of the Mississippi River Valley and its people. It enters the state near Lake Chicot and passes the entrance to the park on its way north. Stretched as far as the eye can see are farmlands widely known for their high yields in diversified farm products. A tour of the area will reflect farming from the plantation era of the early 1800s to the mass production methods of modern technology.

### FACILITIES

**Cabins** • Fourteen cabins are available year-round. The eight one-bedroom cabins are barrier-free, housekeeping cabins with a lake view. Directly across the drive are six cabins with two bedrooms, a spa tub, and screened-in-porches. These cabins are fully equipped with comfort in mind, including linens, cooking utensils, and tableware. These heated and air-conditioned units stand near the lakeshore and offer a sweeping view of the cypress-shrouded waters plus access to bank fishing at its best. All fourteen cabins have seasonally available fireplaces, to make a winter visit even more enjoyable. A tree-shaded playground is located near the cabins. Service animals are welcome in all facilities.

**Camping** • Each of the 28 individual campsites are complete with all the modern conveniences of paved camping pad, dual electrical outlet, water hookup, and a table and grill. Campers **must** register at the Visitor Center **before** occupying a campsite. All sites are reservable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Please call to check availability. A sanitary dump station is handily located near the Visitor Center. To accommodate larger camping rigs, 28 of the campsites have individual sewer hookups. Open year-round, the campgrounds also offer enjoyment to those who prefer the less crowded comfort, excellent fishing, and beauty of nature during the winter months.

**Marina/Park Store** • Open from early spring to late fall, the park general store and marina are well stocked with camping, boating, fishing and picnicking supplies. Snacks, ice, firewood, fishing equipment, and bait are available at the store. Barges, fishing boats and gas-powered motors (fuel available) can be rented at the marina for reasonable rates. A free launching ramp, located near the marina, is open to those bringing their own rigs. Also, a new barrier-free 100 ft. fishing pier is available.

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**Picnicking/Swimming** • A tree-shaded picnic area with tables, grills and water outlets plus two covered group pavilions and one air-conditioned, indoor pavilion (reserve at Visitor Center before use; deposit required) provide ample space for family gatherings. Located within a short walk of the picnic area is the park's 25-meter swimming pool complete with a bathhouse and zero entrance pool.

**Other Facilities** • Complete shopping, restaurants, churches and hospitals are located in the town of Lake Village just eight miles from the park.

### INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

The park interpreter provides a variety of programs including guided walks, barge tours through cypress swamps, nature talks, films, demonstrations, and living history from the pioneer and Civil War periods. Groups may request special programs of specific interest year-round (arrangements must be made in advance). Located in the Visitor Center are exhibits which interpret the natural flora and fauna of the Delta plus the history of the region. Lake Chicot's Delta environment attracts a wide variety of birds. Annual birding events include eagle and waterfowl watching, a spring migration count, a Christmas Bird count, and guided levee, lake, and trail tours to emphasize this unique area and its diverse birdlife.

### POOL

The pool is open seasonally from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

**Pool Admission: \$6.00**

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is charged for anyone entering the pool area.

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### LOCATION

Take Hwy. 144 from U.S. 65 at Lake Village and drive eight miles northeast to the park; OR, take Hwy. 257 from U.S. 65 southeast 4 miles to Hwy. 144, follow it northeast 5 miles to the park.

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