LAKE OUACHITA STATE PARK

Stretching westward from Blakely Mountain Dam, Lake Ouachita (Wash'i taw) extends into the headwaters of the Ouachita River, spanning nearly half of Garland and Montgomery Counties in the Ouachita Mountains of west-central Arkansas. The 975 miles of rugged shoreline encircle 40,000 acres of clean, inviting, sporting waters. Recognized as one of Arkansas's superior fishing lakes where bass, crappie, bream and catfish abound, Lake Ouachita is also stocked with smallmouth bass, walleye and stripers which add to the fishing thrills. Lake Ouachita's wide open waters and quiet coves offer fun for water-skiers, sailing enthusiasts, kayakers and scuba divers. At the eastern end of the lake in the beautiful pine forest is Lake Ouachita State Park.



Cabins ◆ Four three-bedroom cabins with fireplaces which sleep up to ten people, and four A-frame housekeeping cabins which sleep up to six are nestled among the trees overlooking the lake. These fully equipped units are heated or cooled for year-round vacation comfort. Relax on the patio balconies for an after-dinner view of the breathtaking scenery of the surrounding mountains reflecting softly in the shimmering water.

Camping \blacklozenge Scattered along the forest-covered lakeshore are 101 campsites. Sixty-five have dual-voltage electricity and freeze-proof water hookups, forty with sewer hookups and all have paved camping spurs and a table and grill. Modern bathhouses with

hot showers are handy to all sites, and two sanitary dump stations are conveniently located. Some sites remain open year-round for those who prefer the lesscrowded, mild weather of off-season camping. **Marina** ◆ A full-service, 70-slip marina provides ski boat, fishing boats and party barges, plus rental slips (covered and uncovered), mooring buoys and transient slips. Live bait, fuel and fishing supplies are also available. Launch ramps are located near the marina and in "Camp Area **A**".

Other Facilities ◆ The Visitor Center houses the park offices, audiovisual room, store, gift shop, rest rooms and exhibits which feature the famous **Three Sisters Springs**, the history of the lake and the surrounding area, and the natural environment and geology of the lake and mountains. Overlooking the lake by the marina is a large, shaded picnic area with tables, grills, rest rooms, playground and swimming beach. Hospitals, gas stations, shopping and other services are minutes away in nearby towns, including the famous resort city of Hot Springs National Park.

NOTE: Cabin reservations can be made by calling the Visitor Center. <u>Please, no pets in the cabins</u>. Service animals are welcome. 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. Campers must vacate the site by 3 p.m. Lake Ouachita and all land contained within its shores are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Visitors and boaters must follow C.O.E. and Game & Fish Commission rules and regulations.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Programs ◆ Park interpreters offer guided hikes, scenic lake cruises, snorkeling, astronomy programs, nature talks and demonstrations, plus evening slide shows and movie presentations at the park's outdoor amphitheater (summer) or Visitor Center (winter or inclement weather). Groups may request programs of specific interest year-round if arrangements are made in advance. Kayak exploration tours and overnight kayak expeditions with island camping are scheduled several times a year.

Trails \blacklozenge The Caddo Bend Trail provides a 4-mile hiking experience as it meanders through the forests and along the shoreline of Point 50 Peninsula. A unique boating trail, the Ouachita Geo-float Trail, is offered by the Corps of Engineers (booklets can be obtained at the park). The Dogwood Trail (1/2 mile loop) begins near Camp Area C and is perfect for the casual hiker.

Three Sisters Springs \blacklozenge This has been a major attraction in the area since the late 1880s. The water welling up from these springs is said to have "curative powers" for different ailments.

LOCATION

From Hot Springs, travel 3 miles west on U.S. 270, then 12 miles north on Hwy. 227 to the park. Approaching the park from Hwy. 7, turn on Hwy 192, and travel west 6 miles to Hwy. 227, then 2 miles north to the park.

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

Lake Ouachita State Park 5451 Mountain Pine Road Mountain Pine, AR 71956 Telephone: (501) 767-9366 (Visitor Center) (501) 767-9367 (Marina) (501) 767-1100 (Emergency) For cabin reservations ONLY call 1-800-264-2441 Fax: (501) 767-8168 e-mail: lakeouachita@arkansas.com

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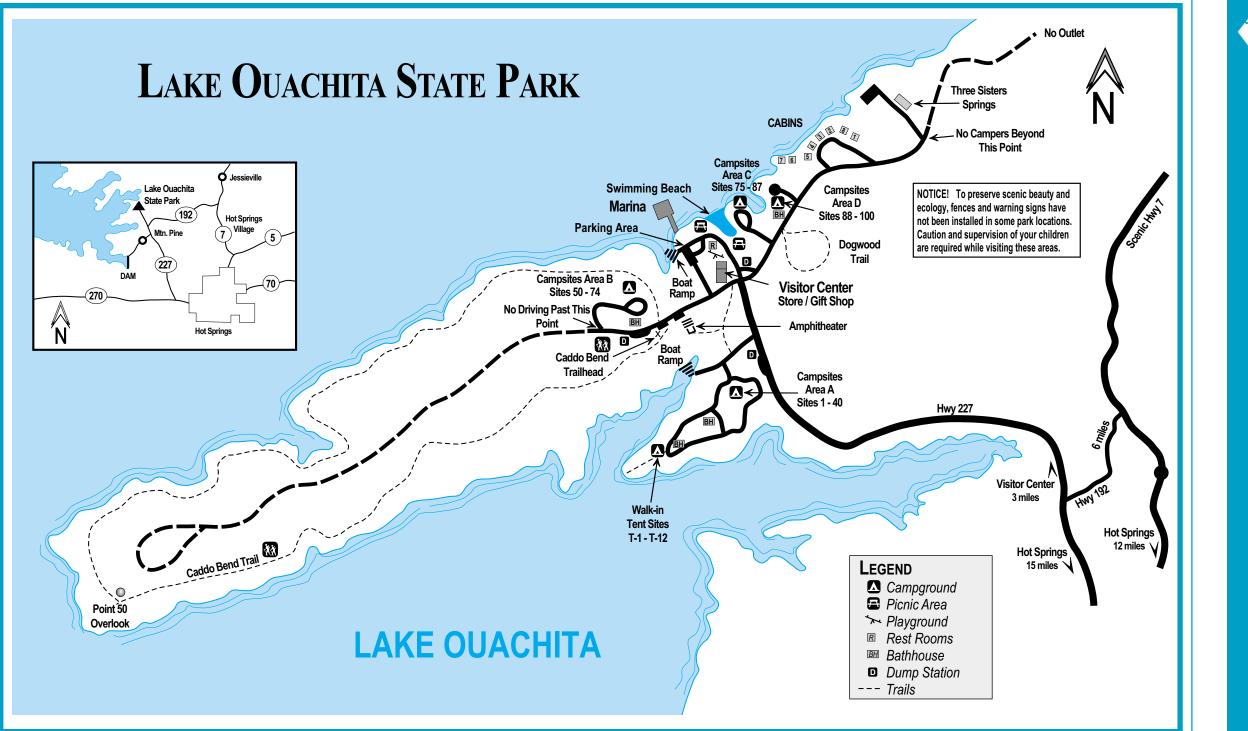


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