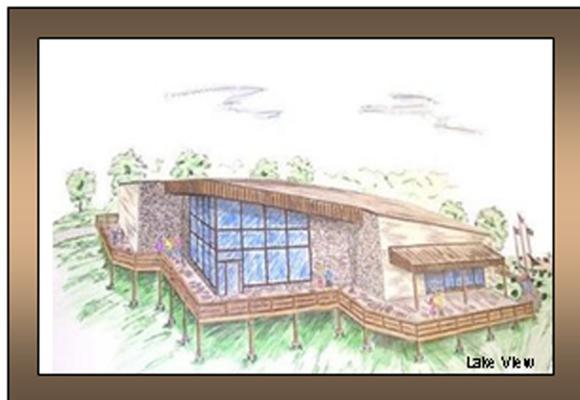


Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake Visitor Center



Artist's Renderings by Michael P. Kettelkamp

Where Have We Been?

Northeast Missouri has boasted the M.W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center at Clarence Cannon Dam & Mark Twain Lake for the last 20 years. It sits on one of the most scenic and easily accessible locations on the lake. Recently the center closed due to structural deterioration. Our visitors and community began asking what was needed to have a new facility built. A Citizens' Committee was formed to assist in this endeavor by spreading the word of the regional importance of the center.

Where Are We Today?

Together, Mark Twain Lake and the Citizens' Committee members are meeting and incorporating the public's ideas and suggestions, leading to a design with new features and improvements made in the best interests of the public trust. New visitor center features will include a nature book/sales area, outdoor classroom and multipurpose community room.

Future Plans?

Continued support and marketing the need for this regional facility by working with partners, stakeholders and the Citizens' Committee will promote the benefits of the Visitor Center. The benefits include award-winning education and recreation opportunities, support to economic growth, tourism expansion and historic preservation. It is also the site of the Northeast Missouri Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. The Visitor Center is host to special events, family fun and a central meeting place.

Why Support the Visitor Center and Lake?

- 2.5 million visitors to the region in 2006
- \$63.2 million in recreational spending
- Private/Industry expansion rising
- National Award Winner:
 - 2006 America's Top 100 Family Campgrounds - Ray Behrens Campground
 - 2006 America's Top 100 Family Campgrounds - Frank Russell Campground
 - 2006 America's Top 25 Fishing Spots - Mark Twain Lake
 - 2006 America's Top 25 Hiking Trails - Joanna Trail
 - 2005 National Interpreter of the Year Award
- Supply water source for 13 counties
- Hydroelectric power supplier (up to 20,000 people)
- Increased regional visits with Hwy. 36 expansion

It's not just a building. It's an Opportunity. Make it YOURS!

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