

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 are available from a park ranger, the visitor center or project office. 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 Rules

1. The operation of drones or other UAV's is prohibited on all Corps land without a permit.
2. The operation of powerless flight devices including, but not limited to, sail planes, gliders, balloons, parasails, and hang-gliders is permitted. Powerless flight devices shall not be operated on any part of the dam, roads, bridges, over beaches or other heavy use areas.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The use of America the Beautiful Senior Pass, America the Beautiful Access Pass, Golden Age or Golden Access Passports by someone other than the person to whom the pass was issued is prohibited.
6. All motorized vehicles operated on roadways on public land administered by the Corps of Engineers must be licensed and operated by licensed drivers.

Picnic Area Rules

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

Beach Rules

8. Alcohol is prohibited on the sand and water portions of all swimming beaches and other nearby facilities normally associated with beaches which are marked with appropriate signs. These facilities 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 portion of swimming beaches.
10. Beach users must stay within designated swimming areas.
11. An established dog friendly beach is available at Coles Creek. Dogs on a six foot leash will be allowed on a designated portion of the Coles Creek Beach. A no pet area of the beach will still be available for use. Dogs will not be permitted at any other Carlyle Lake beach.

To Our Visitors:


Welcome to Carlyle Lake, and thank you for visiting us. We are one of five lakes and many miles of riverway offering exceptional opportunities for water recreational activities managed by the St. Louis District. Surrounding these waters are thousands of acres of public land, managed for your enjoyment of natural resources.

All members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you. To assist you during your visit, we have developed a variety of publications. They are available from the Carlyle Lake Project Office, campground entrance booths, a park ranger or the visitor center.

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 otherwise violating regulations, please contact a park ranger.

The St. Louis District hosts millions of visitors annually. Please be extremely careful in and around the water, on trails, and near bluffs or steep areas. One careless moment can result in a lifetime of regret. Remember to wear your life jacket when you are on or near the water.

We hope your visit will be a pleasant experience. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact us at the phone number or address on the back of this publication. We are here to serve you. Come again soon, and tell your friends about this beautiful natural resource.


Courtney M. Wilson
Project Manager

Camping Rules

12. A responsible person must register with the park attendant prior to placing any equipment on a campsite. All campers are required to present valid identification upon registration and designate their primary camping unit. Check out time is 4:00 p.m. Reservation sites will be available for occupancy when site is vacant, but no later than 5:00 p.m.
13. At Carlyle Lake, the majority of sites are classified as single capacity sites. The only exceptions are designated buddy sites, which are double capacity sites.
 - a. The total number of camping units for single capacity sites is limited to one recreational vehicle or trailer and three additional tents. If no recreational vehicle or trailers are on the site, a maximum of four tents will be permitted.
 - b. The total number of camping units for double capacity sites is 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 will be permitted.
 - c. The maximum number of people permitted to stay overnight on a single capacity site is eight. Up to 16 people are permitted to stay overnight on double capacity sites.
14. 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.
15. All wheeled vehicles, including but not limited to, mopeds, mini-bikes, 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. Parking on the grass, roadside or obstructing traffic is prohibited. Empty boat trailers may be stored on the grass provided that they are moved onto and off the grass by hand.
16. Picnic tables and lantern holders must remain on gravel surfaces at campsites with gravel impact areas.
17. To avoid tree damage, hanging lanterns are to be suspended a minimum of 8" from the side of trees and 24" from overhead limbs. Do not drive axes, nails, or other objects into trees.

Phone Numbers

911 is the Emergency phone number for police, ambulance & fire in Bond, Clinton, & Fayette Counties.

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

Clinton County Sheriff..... (618) 594-4555
Bond County Sheriff (618) 664-2151
Fayette County Sheriff..... (618) 283-2141

Carlyle Lake Project Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
801 Lake Road, Carlyle, IL 62231
Phone: (618) 594-2484

Carlyle Lake Visitor Center
795 Lake Road, Carlyle, IL 62231
Phone: (618) 594-5253

Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management Area
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
RR #2, Box 233, Vandalia, IL 62471
Phone: (618) 425-3533

Eldon Hazlet State Park
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
20100 Hazlet Park Road, Carlyle, IL 62231
Phone: (618) 594-3015

McNair Campground
13160 McNair Campground Rd
Carlyle, IL 62231

Dam West Campground
14440 Lake Rd
Carlyle, IL 62231 (618) 594-4410

Coles Creek Campground
16225 Coles Creek Rd
Carlyle, IL 62231 (618) 226-3211

Boulder Campground
25501 Boulder Access Rd
Shattuc, IL 62231 (618) 226-3586

24-Hour Lake Information Recording (618) 594-4637

West Access Marina (618) 594-2461
Boulder Access Marina (618) 226-3223
Carlyle Sailing Association (314) 325-9283
Tradewinds Marina (618) 749-5649
Carlyle Lakefront Cottages (618) 594-8702
Mariner's Village Resort (618) 594-7666

2021 Special Events

- Eagle Watch** Jan. 30
General Dean Recreation Area
- Polar Plunge & 5k Donut Dash** Feb. 27
Dam West Recreation Area
- Crappie USA** May 15
Dam West Recreation Area
- Kids to Parks Day** May 15
Dam West Recreation Area
- IHSA State Bass Fishing Finals** May 21-22
Dam West Recreation Area
- King Kat Tournament** June 12
Dam West Recreation Area
- Fireworks Spectacular** July 3
Dam West Recreation Area
- Cruisin the Dam Car Show** Aug. 13
Mariner's Village Resort
- Carlyle Lake Triathlon** Sept. 19
Dam West Recreation Area
- National Public Lands Day** Sept. 25
Dam West Recreation Area
- Haunted Trail** Oct. 15-16
*Tractor Supply Parking Lot
Little Prairie Nature Trail*
- Pick of the Patch** Oct. 16
Dam West Recreation Area
- Youth Pheasant Hunt** Nov. 13
Eldon Hazlet State Park

Fishing Tournaments & Other Private Special Events

Reservations for fishing tournaments and other private special events, such as weddings, business parties, etc. can be made in person or by calling the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484.

PARK INFORMATION 2021

www.CorpsLakes.us/Carlyle

Carlyle Lake



GET OUT AND ENJOY YOUR LAKES AND RIVERS

Email: carlylelake@usace.army.mil

Website:

www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Carlyle-Lake/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/carlylelake



Programs & Activities

Interpretive Programs

During the recreation season, Memorial Day through Labor Day with the exception of holiday weekends, Carlyle Lake Park Rangers present tours of the Main Dam on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., water safety programs on all beaches on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and campground programs on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

For more information on interpretive programs, please contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484.

Hiking Trails

Enjoy a scenic hike at Carlyle Lake! Chipmunk Nature Trail (1/2 mile) is located near McNair Campground, Little Prairie Nature Trail (3/4 mile) in the Dam West Spillway, and Willow Pond Nature Trail (1/3 mile) is located by the visitor center. There are nine miles of nature trails at Eldon Hazlet State Park.

Bike Trail

The Carlyle Lake Bike Trail is the perfect way to stay fit while enjoying the beauty of Carlyle Lake. The trail offers over 60 miles of federal, state, and county roads including a scenic view from atop the Carlyle Lake Dam and a trip through Southern Illinois wetlands. Stop by the Carlyle Lake Project Office or visitor center to pick up a copy of the Carlyle Lake Bike Trail map.

Paddling Trails

Carlyle Lake offers 11 designated areas for paddlers to explore. These areas are abundant with scenic views and wildlife and are safe for paddlers. Stop by the Carlyle Lake Project Office or visitor center to pick up a copy of the Carlyle Lake Paddle map.

Rentals

Dam West Pontoon Rentals..... (618) 322-2319
Pontoons, tritoons, kayaks, and paddle boards

Keyesport Boat Rentals..... (618) 988-0011
Pontoons, jet skis, ski boats, and kayaks

CSA Sailing Rentals (314) 325-9283
Sailboats

Day Use Fee

There is a \$5/day fee to use the boat launching ramps at Keyesport, Dam West, Dam East, Coles Creek and Boulder.

There is a \$5/day/vehicle to use the beach at Keyesport, Dam West, McNair, and Coles Creek.

Automated Fee Machines are scheduled to be installed in the summer of 2021 in all day use areas. These machines will take the place of the honor vaults and will only accept debit/credit cards.

Total Day Use Fees will not exceed \$5/day/vehicle. The fees do not apply to children under the age of 16 or campers registered at Corps of Engineers campgrounds.

A Corps of Engineers annual pass is available for a \$40 fee. The pass is valid for a period of 12 months from the month of purchase. The pass is valid only at USACE projects for which a day use fee is charged. Corps annual passes are honored nationwide at Corps of Engineers managed facilities.

Annual Pass or Day Use fees are no longer required if the individual is an America the Beautiful Pass cardholder.

America the Beautiful Passes

America the Beautiful Passes (Senior Lifetime, Senior Access, Military, 4th Grade, Volunteer, and Federal Annual Recreation Lands Passes) can be obtained/purchased at the visitor center and campgrounds. Additional information is available at: <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm> or call the project office at (618) 594-2484. Previously issued Golden Age and Access Passports will be honored for the lifetime of the card holder. A drivers license or other form of identification will be required at the time of purchase to obtain a pass.

Visitor Center Hours

The Carlyle Lake Visitor Center, located in the Dam West Recreation Area, has exhibits, literature, and a video to help you plan your stay at Carlyle Lake.

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

April 3 – May 23..... Saturday & Sunday
May 24 – September 10..... Daily
September 11 – September 26..... Saturday & Sunday

Reservations

Contact the R1S (Recreation One Stop) toll free, at (877) 444-6777 or TDD at (877) 833-6777 for reservations. You can reserve individual campsites at Dam West, Coles Creek and Boulder; group sites at Lotus and Coles Creek; and picnic shelters at Boulder, Coles Creek, Dam West, Dam East, Keyesport, Spillway East and Spillway West. For more information on any of the facilities you are interested in reserving and/or to make an online reservation, go to www.recreation.gov.

All fees must be paid in full at the time of reservation. Reservations may be changed or cancelled, subject to additional service fees, at the same phone number. A credit card may be used to pay fees by phone or online. Personal checks are not accepted.

Picnic Shelter Reservations

R1S reservations for picnic shelters must be made a minimum of three days in advance. Reservations may be registered up to 360 days in advance for picnic shelters. Corps picnic shelters are \$30.00 per day (8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.). If a shelter is not reserved, it is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Reservable May 1-Sept. 30 ... \$30/Daily

Campsite Rules

All campers must register at the fee booth to verify their primary camping unit and provide trailer/RV license plate number prior to placing any equipment on a campsite. If outside of fee booth hours, visitors should follow directions posted at the fee booth. Check out time is 4:00 p.m. Check in time is 5:00 p.m.

After completing registration, campers must place their primary camping unit on the site at the time of occupancy. If a tent is the primary camping unit, then tent camping only is permitted on the site for the duration of the stay.

Campers wishing to extend their departure date or transfer sites during their stay must verify availability of their site with the campground attendant prior to moving any equipment and be in compliance with site specific campground regulations. For a copy of the site specific campground regulations, please contact a park attendant or the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484.

Group Area Reservations

Group reservations can be made for Group Area C at McNair Campground. If Area C has not been reserved, this area will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Campsites 1-32 are no longer reservable and are available at a first come, first serve basis.

Group sites are available at Lotus and Coles Creek Area A (formerly Loop 2) and Area B (formerly Loop 3). R1S reservations for group areas must be made a minimum of three days in advance. Lotus Group Area and Coles Creek Area A and Area B may be reserved up to six months, to the day, in advance. If Coles Creek Areas A and B have not been reserved in advance of the three day minimum, the sites are available individually on a first come, first serve basis. The Lotus Group Area is available solely for group use.

Camping Seasons & Fees

Individual campsites are available for advanced reservations through Recreation.gov in each of the campgrounds. Federal senior and access discounts apply. Only registered campers are allowed in campgrounds after 10:00 p.m.

Dam West
Single Capacity Standard \$18/night
Double Capacity Standard \$36/night
Single Capacity Full Hookup \$26/night
Double Capacity Full Hookup \$52/night

April 2 - November 1
April 30 - September 27
Coles Creek
Single Capacity Standard \$16/night
Double Capacity Standard \$32/night
Single Capacity Full Hookup \$24/night
Group Area A \$250/night
Group Area B \$150/night

April 16 - October 12
Boulder
Single Capacity Standard \$16/night
Double Capacity Standard \$32/night
Single Capacity Full Hookup \$24/night

April 2 - November 1
McNair
Single Capacity Standard \$18/night
Group Area C \$125/night

Open Year Round
East Spillway
Single Capacity Standard \$14/night

During non-peak recreation season (November- March) the East Spillway Loop (sites 33-47) of McNair Campground will be available for same day reservations.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Eldon Hazlet State Park

Reservations can be made through <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Camp/Pages/EldonHazlet.aspx>

Sites 1-65 (Electric)..... Open Year Round \$20/night
No reservations. First come, first serve basis.

Sites 1-226 (Electric)..... Open Year Round \$20/night
Sites 227-328 (Electric)..... Open May 1-Oct. 31... \$20/night
*Holiday rates for Memorial Day, 4th of July, & Labor Day
Friday, Saturday & Sunday \$30/night
Walk-in Tent Sites 1-36 Open Year Round \$ 8/night
*Holiday Rates for Memorial Day, 4th of July, & Labor Day
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday..... \$55/night

Discounted fees are available for Illinois Sr. Citizens (62+) Mon.-Thurs., Illinois Veterans with disabilities and POWs. Rates and information subject to change. Visit www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/EldonHazlet.aspx for the most current information.

Group Camping Seasons & Fees

A minimum two-day stay is required for group areas on weekends and holidays.

Coles Creek Group Camping Areas

Area A (Loop 2, Sites 36-53) May 1-Sept. 30 ... \$250/night
(16 single sites and one double site with electric and a waterborne comfort station)

Area B (Loop 3, Sites 54-63) May 1-Sept. 30 ... \$150/night
(10 single sites with electric and a waterborne comfort station)

Lotus Group Area May 1- Sept.30 ... \$125/night
(Five enclosed mini shelters, five campsites, one enclosed shelter, playground, with water, electric & vault toilet)

Osage Youth Group Area \$2/night/person
(\$20 minimum - Reservations recommended but not required)
Located at Eldon Hazlet State Park, phone (618) 594-3015

McNair Group Camping Area

McNair Area C April 2-Nov. 1 \$125/night
(Five electric pedestals without grills or tables. Primitive camping and grills are at the shelter. This area is limited to five recreational vehicles or trailers.)

Operating Agency Abbreviations:
COE = Corps of Engineers
IDNR = Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources
C = Concessions

SERVICES	SERVICES / FACILITY AVAILABLE NEARBY																												
	Amphitheater	Archery Range	Beach	Boat Ramp	Boat Rental	Cabins	Camping - Full Hookup	Camping - Trailer	Camping Tent (Walk in)	Courtesy Dock	Court - Basketball	Court - Tennis	Day Use Dock	Drinking Water	Dump Station	Electric Hook-up	Fish Cleaning Area	Fuel - Marine	Golf Course	Laundry Facility	Picnic Shelters	Picnic Tables	Playground	Restaurant	Sanitary Pump - Marine	Shower House	Toilet Flush	Toilet - Vault	Trail - Hiking
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■ SERVICE / FACILITY AVAILABLE NEARBY

■ WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

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