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Fishing Tournaments
To schedule your tournament at Mark Twain Lake, you must:
1. Obtain a Special Use Permit from the Mark Twain Lake Project Office. (573) 735-4097
2. Obtain a regatta permit from the Missouri State Water Patrol. (573) 751-3333

TRAILS
Lick Creek Trail – An 8-mile multipurpose trail located off Route J across from the Ray Behrens entrance extending to the Duane Wheeler Recreation Area.
Joanna Trail – A multipurpose trail containing three loops: Prairie Loop (4 miles), Log Cabin Loop (11 miles), and Pioneer Loop (5 miles). All of which comprise a 32-mile scenic trail with trailheads at the John F. Spalding Boat Ramp entrance and Hunter Fisherman 11 and 16. Please check appropriate trail map for more details. Primitive camping along these trails is available by permit only.

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Visitor Center Hours of Operation
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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 in Northeast Missouri.
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 following additional regulations are in effect for all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District Projects as authorized in Title 36, CFR 357.12a:

GENERAL

1. The operation of powerless flight devices including, but not limited to sail planes, gliders, balloons, parasails, and hanggliders is permitted. Powerless flight devices shall not be operated upon any part of the dam, roads, bridges, or over beaches or other heavy use areas.

2. 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.

3. 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 campsites.

4. 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.

5. All motorized vehicles operated on roadways on public land administered by the Corps of Engineers must be licensed and operated by licensed drivers.

PICNIC AREAS

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

BEACH

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. To avoid unsanitary conditions, all food, pets, and waste materials are prohibited on the sand and water portions of swimming beaches.

10. Beach users must stay within designated swim area.

CAMPING

11. A responsible person must register and pay fees for designated areas as authorized by Public Law 103-66. These areas include four-lane boat ramps and public beaches.

12. The total number of camping units per site is limited to one recreational vehicle or trailer and three additional tents. If no recreational vehicles or trailers are on the site, a maximum of four tents will be permitted. The maximum number of people permitted to stay overnight on a site is eight.

13. 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.

14. All wheeled vehicles, including but not limited to mopeds, minibikes, boat trailers, motorcycles, and other vehicles, must be kept on parking pads registered to vehicle users or in designated parking areas. All motorized 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.

15. Picnic tables and lantern holders must remain on gravel surfaces at campsites with gravel impact areas.

16. 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.

ENTIRE GROUP CAMPING & DAY USE

John C. "Jack" Briscoe
22 May - 8 September
Camping Fees: $100.00/Entire Area
Indian Creek Group Use Areas
22 May - 8 September
Camping Fees: $125.00/Entire Area
Group camping permitted in these areas by reservation only. Call the Project Office at (573) 735-4097 about special use times outside of the listed availability.

DAY USE FEES

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers charges use fees for designated areas as authorized by Public Law 103-66. These areas include four-lane boat ramps and public beaches.

Boat Ramp $3.00/day
Beach Use $1.00/person
Maximum Fee $4.00/day
Annual passes may be purchased for $30.00 at the Mark Twain Lake Project Office, the M.W. Bourdeaux Center and the campground fee booths. Annual passes expire one year from the date of purchase and are honored nationwide. There is no charge for children under 12 years of age at the beach.

Day use fees do not apply to registered campsers.

SHelters

All shelters have electric, picnic tables and plenty of parking spaces. There are nine shelters found at the Ray Briscoe Day Use Area, Indian Creek Group Camp, Indian Creek Day Use Area, John F. Spalding Recreation Area, John F. Briscoe Group Camp, Frank Russell Day Use Area and Bluff View Recreation Area. The John F. Spalding Recreation Area has three shelters, with the third having a restroom. Reservations accepted a maximum of 12 months and a minimum of 1 day before planned arrival. All shelters can be reserved, or if not reserved, used on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservation Fee: $30.00
Phone: 1-877-444-6777
TDD: 1-877-833-6777
www.recreation.gov

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL PASSES

Golden Age and Access Passports are no longer issued by the Corps. However, previously issued passes will be accepted. A new federal recreation pass—America the Beautiful–Senior Pass and Access Pass will be honored. New passes may be obtained in person at USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife Service facilities. Additional information about the America The Beautiful Pass Program is available at: http://store.usgs.gov/pass/general

RESERVATION PROGRAM

Reservations for campsites and picnic shelters accepted by telephoning the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) toll free number 877-444-6777 or TDD 877-833-6777 or on the Internet at www.recreation.gov

Individual Campsite Reservations accepted a maximum of 6 months and a minimum of one day before planned arrival. Group Campsite Reservations accepted a maximum of 12 months and a minimum of one day before planned arrival. A two night minimum stay is required for all weekend campsite reservations. A three night minimum is required on holiday weekends.

Picnic Shelters are available on a first-come, first-serve policy if a shelter is not reserved for that day. Reservations are accepted a maximum of 12 months and a minimum of one day before planned arrival. Reservation fee is $30.00.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

MARK TWAIN STATE PARK

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - DIVISION OF STATE PARKS

The 2,775-acre park has camping, camper cabins, hiking, fishing, boat ramps and a beach. 99 camp sites and 6 camper cabins are available year round.

Water Available 15 April - 31 October
Check with park for details on fees for camping, lodging or other specifics.

573-565-3440

Reservations:
Phone: 1-877-432-6766
www.mostateparks.com

MARK TWAIN BIRTHPLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - DIVISION OF STATE PARKS

Museum containing the two-room cabin in which Samuel Clemens was born as well as some of his early writings.

ADMISSION IS FREE – OPEN YEAR ROUND

Closed Monday-Thursday during November through March

Physical Address
for both the park and historic sites:
37352 Shrine Road - Florida, MO 65283

Pet Owners - Please remember that pets must be on a six-foot leash and must not interfere with another visitor’s recreational experience.

All waste must be properly disposed.