

Special Events Activities & Programs*

Earth Day Celebration **May 4-5**
Rend Lake Visitor Center

Beach Blast **June 3**
South Sandusky Beach

Rend Lake Cleanup / National Public Lands Day **Sept. 23**
Rend Lake Visitor Center

*Listing as of January 1, 2006

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERIES

Saturdays, May 27 - September 2
Rend Lake Visitor Center

This summer-long series of workshops, seminars and field trips kicks off on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. For a complete listing of programs, inquire at the Rend Lake Project Office, the Rend Lake Visitor Center, or the Rend Lake web site.

SUMMER SUNSET SERIES PROGRAMMING

Saturday Evenings, May 27 - September 2
Rend Lake Visitor Center

Local talent is spotlighted in a summer-long series of Saturday evening programs. These programs are designed to entertain as well as enlighten you to the cultural heritage of Southern Illinois. For a complete listing of programs and locations, inquire at the Rend Lake Project Office, the Rend Lake Visitor Center, or the Rend Lake web site.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Upon Request

The Rend Lake ranger staff presents programs on a number of topics related to the natural and cultural history of the Rend Lake area, as well as programs about safely using lake facilities. Evening campfire programs are given in selected campgrounds on weekends and water safety programs are presented each Sunday. Groups may request a program by contacting the Rend Lake Project Office at (618) 724-2493 at least two weeks in advance.

Visitor Center Hours

April 1 thru May 21 **Open Weekends**
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

May 27 thru August 13 **Open Daily**
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

August 19 thru October 29 **Open Weekends**
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Day Use Fees

A day use fee of \$3.00 per day is collected at designated Corps of Engineers boat ramps. Day use fees also apply for swimming (and must be paid prior to swimming) at the North Marcum and South Sandusky beaches. Standard fees are \$1.00 per person with a maximum charge of \$4.00 per car. Children, 12 and under, are admitted free to the beach. An annual day use pass for boat ramps and beaches may be purchased at Corps of Engineers offices for \$30.00. Persons with a Corps of Engineers camping permit are exempt from day use fees on any date for which the permit is valid. Golden Age and Golden Access discounts apply to day use fees.

Camping Season and Fees

Individual campsites are available for advanced reservations, through NRRS™, in selected loops of each campground. Golden Age and Golden Access discounts apply.

OPEN APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31

Class A Sites

(North Sandusky, South Sandusky, & South Marcum)

Family Standard Single w/Electric	\$16.00
Family R/V Single w/Electric	\$16.00
(No Acceptable Tent Space)	
Family Standard Single w/Electric	\$22.00
Water, & Sewer (Full Hookup)	
Family Walk-in Single Tent	\$12.00
Family Standard Double w/Electric	\$32.00
Family Standard Double w/Electric	\$40.00
Premium	

Class B Sites

(Gun Creek)

Family Standard Single w/Electric	
Family R/V Single w/Electric	\$12.00
(No Acceptable Tent Space)	\$12.00

OPEN YEAR ROUND

Wayne Fitzgerald State Park	\$15.00
Primitive	\$ 6.00

Reservation Program

Contact NRRS (National Recreation Reservation Service) toll free, at 877-444-6777 or TDD at 877-833-6777 to reserve an individual campsite or a group site, which includes picnic shelters and the Dale Miller Youth Area. Reservations may be changed or cancelled, subject to additional service fees, at the same numbers. For specific information on any of the facilities you are interested in reserving and/or to make an on-line reservation, go to www.ReserveUSA.com.

All fees will be paid in full at time of reservation. A credit card may be used to pay fees by phone or on-line. If paying by cashiers check, money order, bank check, or travelers check (no personal checks), reservations must be made at least 20 days in advance and payment must be received within 10 days of making reservations.

Individual Campsites

- A two (2) night minimum stay is required for reservations, which begin on Friday or Saturday evening.
- A three (3) night minimum stay is required for reservations, during holiday weekends, which begin on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday evening.
- Reservations may be made no earlier than 240 days prior to or no later than two (2) days prior to planned arrival.
- Golden Age or Golden Access discounts apply only to individual campsites.

Group Sites

Dale Miller Youth Area and Shagbark Group Area:

- A two (2) night minimum stay is required for reservations, which begin on Friday or Saturday evening.
- A three (3) night minimum stay is required for reservations, during holiday weekends, which begin on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday evening.
- For **youth groups** in the Dale Miller Youth Area and **all groups** in Shagbark, reservations may be made no earlier than 360 days prior to or no later than two (2) days prior to planned arrival.
- For **all other groups** in Dale Miller Youth Area, reservations may be made no earlier than 240 days prior to or no later than two (2) days prior to planned arrival.

Picnic Shelters:

- Reservations may be made no earlier than 360 days prior to or no later than two (2) days prior to planned arrival.

Visitor Center

The Rend Lake Visitor Center, located at the east end of the Main Dam Road, is a great place to begin your visit to Rend Lake and learn about the exciting recreational opportunities available in the area. A multi-screen slide presentation, interactive computer station, and a variety of exhibits invite you to learn more about the Rend Lake area. A 115-gallon aquarium showcases Rend Lake fish species, while a terrarium features live snake specimens. A wetland and wildlife demonstration garden, and prairie are outdoor features of the Visitor Center.

Group Camping

Group camping in the Dale Miller Youth Area and the Shagbark Group Area are available by advance reservation only (see Reservation Program for details). The Shagbark Group Area, in North Sandusky Campground, has 21 wooded campsites available for \$100.00/day. The Dale Miller Youth Area, in South Marcum campground, has numerous facilities including five cabins, ten trailer sites with electric hookups, an enclosed shelter, and recreation facilities for \$150.00/day.

Check in: 4:00 P.M.

Check out: 2:00 P.M.

Park Facilities

BEACHES

Beaches located at North Marcum and at South Sandusky, invite water recreationists of all ages. The North Marcum Beach is located on the east side of Rend Lake just off State Route 37, north of Benton. South Sandusky Beach is located on the west side of the lake, just off Rend City Road.

MARINA

The Rend Lake Marina is located on Rend City Road with fishing and pontoon boats for rent. Boat repair services, slip rentals, winter boat storage, bait, and boat and personal watercraft sales and supplies are available. Call the marina at (618) 724-7651 for more information.

PICNIC SHELTERS

Ten picnic shelters, located around Rend Lake provide the perfect setting for family reunions, company picnics, graduation parties, etc. Shelters are available in advance through the NRRS™ toll-free number for a fee of \$40.00. If the picnic shelters have not been reserved, they are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

WATCHABLE WILDLIFE SITES

Rend Lake offers wildlife enthusiasts excellent opportunities to observe wildlife. Look for the binocular logo around the lake and pick up a free Watchable Wildlife Guide at the Rend Lake Visitor Center or the Rend Lake Project Office.

TRAILS

Several trails at Rend Lake provide visitors an opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. The self-guided Blackberry Nature Trail is a 3/4 mile long, barkchipped stroll located between the entrance of South Sandusky Day Use Area and campground. Sections of the Rend Lake Bike Trail have been completed around the lake. Pick up a Bike Trail Brochure for further information.

Wayne Fitzgerald State Park Trail

Located in the heart of Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, this four mile trail suited for a leisurely bicycle ride or a meandering hike through the scenic, woodland terrain begins at the picnic area.

Note-

Check the Rend Lake Watchable Wildlife Guide for additional areas to hike and observe wildlife in the Rend Lake area.

REND LAKE RECREATION AREAS

RECREATION AREAS	Amphitheater	Arts & Crafts Market	Beach	Boat Ramp	Boat Rental	Camping Trailer	Camping (walk in)	Camping Group	Dumping Water	Electric Hookup	Fuel - Auto	Fuel - Marine	Golf Course	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Playground	Resort Complex	Restaurant	Rest Room	Sawyer & Water Hookups	Shower House	Telephone / Pay	Tennis Courts	Trail / Bicycle	Trail / Hike	Trail / Horse	Trap Range	Visitor Center
SOUTH SANDUSKY	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
NORTH SANDUSKY	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
SOUTH MARCUM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
GUN CREEK	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
NORTH MARCUM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
DAM WEST	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
SPILLWAY	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
WAYNE FITZGERRELL STATE RECREATION AREA	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
REND LAKE MARINA	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

■ SERVICE / FACILITY AVAILABLE

■ WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

● SERVICE / SUPPLY WITHIN 2 MILES OF AREA ENTRANCE

Ranger Willie B. Safe and Corkey want you to remember:

"YOU LOOK BEST IN YOUR LIFE VEST!"

Thumbs Up to Safety!



James E. Lynch
Operations Manager

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.

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 Rend Lake Project Office, campground entrance booths, a park ranger, or the Rend Lake 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.

Welcome to Rend 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.

Rend Lake Project Office
US Army Corps of Engineers
12220 Rend City Road
Benton, Illinois 62812

To Our Visitors

PARK INFORMATION 2006

REND LAKE



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8. To avoid unsanitary conditions, all food, pets, and waste materials are prohibited on the sand and water portion of swimming beaches and other posted areas.

7. 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.

6. Alcohol is prohibited at all swimming beaches. This includes the facilities associated with beaches such as picnic areas, parking lots, picnic shelters, sand and water areas etc. These areas are marked with appropriate signs.

BEACHES AND PICNIC AREAS

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

3. The use of a Golden Age or Golden Access Passport by someone other than the person to whom it is issued is prohibited.

2. 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.

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

GENERAL

Rules and regulations governing public use of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water resources 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 Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District Projects as authorized in Title 36, CFR 327.12a.

12. 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. Empty boat trailers may be stored on the grass provided that they are moved onto and off of the grass by hand.

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

14. 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.

11. 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.

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.

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 trailer is on site, a maximum of four tents will be permitted.

10. At Rend Lake, the majority of sites are classified as single capacity sites. The only exceptions are designated family double sites, which are double capacity sites. The maximum number of campers per site is eight.

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 trailer is on site, a maximum of four tents will be permitted.

9. A responsible person must register and pay fees within a reasonable time after a camp is established or when the fee booth opens. Check out time is 4:00 p.m. Reservation sites will be available for occupancy at 5 pm or earlier if site is unoccupied.

CAMPING

Visitor Regulations

Emergency Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Rend Lake Project Office	618-724-2493
Franklin County Sheriff	618-438-4841
Jefferson County Sheriff	618-244-8004
Illinois State Police	618-542-2171
Illinois Conservation Police	618-435-8138

OFFICE ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Rend Lake Project Office (USACE)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
12220 Rend City Road
Benton, IL 62812
Phone: (618) 724-2493

Rend Lake Visitor Center	618-439-7430
South Sandusky Campground	618-625-3011
North Sandusky Campground	618-625-6115
South Marcum Campground	618-435-3549
Gun Creek Campground	618-629-2338

Wayne Fitzgerald State Park (IDNR)

11094 Ranger Road
Whittington, IL 62897-9781
Phone: (618) 629-2320

Rend Lake Conservancy District (RLCD)

P.O. Box 907
Benton, IL 62812
Phone: (618) 439-4321

Rend Lake Hotline

Recreation Information Network
Tune your radio to 530 AM in the Rend Lake area or call (618) 629-1828.

Area Attractions



REND LAKE RESORT

Located at the north end of the Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, the area features overnight lodging facilities, cabins, restaurant, banquet facility, courtesy boat dock, tennis courts, swimming pool, convenience store, marine fuel, personal watercraft and boat rental. Call the Rend Lake Resort at (618) 629-2211 or toll free at 1-800-633-3341 for more information.

REND LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT GOLF COURSE & SEASONS AT REND LAKE LODGE

Rated as one of the finest championship golf courses in the Gateway PGA, this 27-hole course is located on the east side of the lake, just south of State Route 154. Call the Rend Lake Golf Course at (618) 629-2353 for more information. For information about lodging at the "Seasons at Rend Lake" resort, adjacent to the golf course, call toll free 1-800-999-0977.

ILLINOIS ARTISANS SHOP & VISITOR CENTER

The Illinois Artisans Shop & Visitor Center features an artisans shop for displays and sales, a souvenir shop, an art exhibition hall, and an outdoor pavilion for craft fairs and presentations. Located at the intersection of I-57 and Illinois State Route 154, the Artisans Shop is open daily from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Contact the Artisans Shop at (618) 629-2220.



Rend Lake's New E-Mail Address

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Visit our web site under the
recreation section of the St. Louis
District page at:

www.mvs.usace.army.mil/rend