To Our Visitors:

Welcome to Carlyle Lake, and thank you for visiting us. We are one of five lakes and many miles of river-way 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 Carlyle 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.

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

Phone Numbers

911 is the emergency phone number for police, ambulance, and fire in Bond, Clinton, and 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 223 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 Road
Carlyle, IL 62231.....(618) 228-2197

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

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

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

24-Hour Lake Informations Recording....(618) 594-4637

West Access Marina.....(618) 594-2461
Boulder Access Marina.....(618) 226-3223
Tradewinds Marina.....(618) 749-5649
Carlyle Sailing Association.....(314) 325-9283
Hazlet Cottages.....(618) 594-8701
Mariner's Village Resort.....(618) 594-7666

PARK INFORMATION 2023

CARLYLE LAKE

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Website: www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Carlyle-Lake/
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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 through the St. Louis District.

4. All wastewater 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.

5. The use of America the Beautiful Senior Pass, America the Beautiful Access Pass, Golden Age or Golden Access Pass ports 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 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 are marked with the appropriate signs.

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 Coles Creek Beach. Dogs will not be permitted at any other Carlyle Lake beach.

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 available, 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 or 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, 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 over head limbs. Driving axes, nails, or other objects into trees is prohibited.

All Pets Must Be On A Leash

Please Clean Up After Your Pet

Please Do Not Litter

Keep Your Parks Clean

2023 Special Events

Eagle Watch.....Jan. 28
Case-Halstead Library

Polar Plunge.....Feb. 25
Dam West Recreation Area

American Crappie Trail.....May 6
Dam West Recreation Area

Crappie USA.....May 13
Dam West Recreation Area

IHSA Bass Fishing Finals.....May 19-20
Dam West Recreation Area

King Kat Tournament.....June 10
Dam West Recreation Area

Fireworks Spectacular.....July 1
Dam West Recreation Area

Cruz-In the Dam Car Show.....Aug. 11
Mariners Village Resort

Carlyle Lake Triathlon.....Sept. 17
Dam West Recreation Area

Pick of the Patch Fall Festival.....Oct. 21
Dam West Recreation Area

Haunted Trail.....Oct. 20-21
Dam West Recreation Area
Little Prairie Nature Trail

Dam West Trick or Treat.....Oct. 28
Dam West Campground

Youth Pheasant Hunt.....Nov. 11
Eldon Hazlet State Park

Fishing Tournaments & Other Private Special Events

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.

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., and water safety programs on all beaches on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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 (1/4 mile) is located by the Visitor Center. There are also over 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. Bikers, walkers, and joggers can all enjoy this multi-use trail. Stop by the Carlyle Lake Project Office or Visitor Center to pick up a copy of the Carlyle Lake Bike Trail Map.

Carlyle Lake Paddling Trails

Carlyle Lake offers eleven 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 Water Trail map.

Rentals

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

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

CSA Sailing Rentals.....(314) 325-9283
Sailboat rentals

Ronnie G's.....(618) 749-9933
Kayaks and beach cruisers

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 fee to use the beach at Keyesport, Dam West, McNair, and Coles Creek.

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.

Fees can be paid at automated fee machines, which have been installed in all day use areas. These machines have taken place of honor vaults and only accept debit/credit cards. 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. This pass is valid only at USACE projects for which a day use fee is charged. Annual passes are honored nationwide at Corps of Engineers managed facilities. A voucher for an annual pass can be obtained from any automated fee machine. Once purchased, the voucher must be brought to the Carlyle Lake Project Office, Visitor Center, or Campground fee booth within seven days of purchase to receive an annual pass.

Day use fees are not required if the individual is an America the Beautiful pass cardholder, or camping at a USACE Campground.

America the Beautiful Passes

America the Beautiful Passes (Senior Annual, Senior Lifetime, Access, Military, Every Kid Outdoors, and Volunteer) can now be obtained/purchased at the Carlyle Lake Project Office, Campgrounds, and Visitor Center. Additional information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/findapark/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 driver's 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 1 – May 21.....Sat & Sun
May 22 – Sept. 8.....Daily
Sept. 9 – Sept. 30.....Sat & Sun

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, Boulder, and Dam East-McNair; group sites at Lotus and Coles Creek; and picnic shelters at Boulder, Coles Creek, Dam West, Dam East, and Keyesport. For specific information on any of the facilities you are interested in reserving and/or to make an on-line reservation, go to www.recreation.gov.

All fees will be paid in full at the time of reservation. Reservations may be changed or canceled, subject to additional service fees, at the same phone number. A credit card may be used to pay fees by phone or on-line.

Picnic Shelter Reservations

R1S reservations for picnic shelters must be made a minimum of three days in advance. Reservations may be made up to 360 days in advance for picnic shelters. USACE picnic shelters are:

$30.00 per day (8:00 am. until 10:00 pm). If a shelter is not reserved, it is available on a first come, first serve basis.

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

Campsite Registration

All campsites located at Boulder, Coles Creek, and Dam East - McNair Campgrounds are now reservable. All sites will be available to reserve from current day up to six months in advance. QR Codes are located on each individual site post, that can be scanned to check availability & pay. You can also check availability by visiting www.recreation.gov.

At Dam West, Coles Creek, and Boulder 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 the fee booth hours, visitors should follow directions posted at the fee booth.

Check out time is 4:00 pm. Check in time is 5:00 pm.

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 on the site at the time of occupancy, then tent camping only is permitted on the site for the duration of the stay.

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.

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 12 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.

Scan to Learn How to Use the Day Use Fee Machines

Scan to Make a Reservation at USACE Facilities

Camping Season & 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 the campgrounds after 10:00 p.m.

Dam West **March 31 - October 30**
Single Capacity Standard.....$18/night
Double Capacity Standard.....$36/night
Single Capacity Full Hookup.....$26/night
Double Capacity Full Hookup.....$52/night

Coles Creek **May 12 - October 2**
Single Capacity Standard.....$18/night
Double Capacity Standard.....$36/night
Single Capacity Full Hookup.....$26/night
Group Area A.....$250/night
Group Area B.....$150/night

Boulder **May 12 - October 16**
Single Capacity Standard.....$18/night
Double Capacity Standard.....$36/night
Single Capacity Full Hookup.....$26/night

Dam East-McNair (N&S Loops) **March 31 - Oct. 30**
Single Capacity.....$18/night
Group Area C.....$125/night

Dam East-McNair (Spillway Loop) **Open Year Round**
Single Capacity.....$18/night

During non-peak recreation season (November- March) the Spillway Loop (sites 33-47) of Dam East - McNair Campground will remain open.

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
***Holiday Rate for Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.....$30/night*

No reservations. First come, first serve basis.
Sites 67 - 226 (Electric).....Open Year Round.....$20/night
Sites 227-328 (Electric).....Open May 1 - Oct. 31.....$20/night
***Holiday Rate for Memorial Day, 4th of July, & Labor Day Friday, Saturday, & Sunday.....$30/night*

Walk-in Tent Sites 1-36.....Open Year Round.....$8/night

Hazlet Cottages......Open Year Round.....Rates Vary
Phone: (618) 594-8701

Discounted fees are available for Sr. Citizens (62+) Mon.-Thurs., Illinois Veterans with disabilities and POWs. Rates and Information subject to change. Visit https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Camp/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 Area

Area A (Loop 2, Sites 36-53)
May 12 - Oct. 2.....$250/night
16 single sites and 1 double site with electric and a waterborne comfort station.

Area B (Loop 3, Sites 54-63)
May 12 - Oct. 2.....$150/night
10 single sites with electric and a waterborne comfort station.

Lotus Group Area

May 12 - Oct 2.....$125/night
Five enclosed mini-shelters, five campsites, one enclosed shelter, playground, with water, electric & vault toilet.

McNair Group Camping Area

McNair Area C.....March 31 - Oct. 30.....$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.

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

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

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