

RULES & 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 a 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, insured 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 must remain on a six-foot leash at all times while 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.

2026 SPECIAL EVENTS

- Eagle Watch Jan. 31
Case-Halstead Library
- Polar Plunge Feb. 28
Dam West Recreation Area
- The Great Bottlecap Bike Race Jun. 6
Dam West Recreation Area
- Fireworks Spectacular Jun. 27
Dam West Recreation Area
- Cruz-In the Dam Car Show Aug. 14
Mariner's Village Resort
- Carlyle Lake Triathlon Sep. 20
Dam West Recreation Area
- Carlyle Lake Haunted Trail Oct. 16-17
Dam West Recreation Area /
Little Prairie Nature Trail
- Campground Trick or Treat Oct. 24
Dam West Campground

All dates are subject to change. Please visit our Facebook page @carlylelake for up to date information.

Fishing Tournaments & Other Private Special Events

Permits for special events like weddings, business parties, and more can be obtained by calling the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484.

Carlyle Lake Sailing Events

The Carlyle Lake Sailing Association hosts sailing events year-round. Please visit their website for the calendar of events at <https://www.csa-sailing.org>

VISITOR CENTER

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

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Sat & Sun Apr. 4 - May 24
- Daily May 25 - Sep. 7
- Sat & Sun Sep. 12 - Sep. 27

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
Operations 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
712 N 300 Street E, 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

- Dam West Campground (618) 594-4410
- Boulder Campground (618) 226-3586

Lake Information 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

Email

Carlyle.Lake@usace.army.mil

Website

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

Facebook

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AT CARLYLE LAKE



GET OUT AND ENJOY
YOUR LAKES AND RIVERS

CAMPING SEASONS & FEES

Single Capacity Standard	\$20/night
Double Capacity Standard	\$40/night
Single Capacity Full Hookup	\$30/night
Double Capacity Full Hookup	\$60/night

Single Capacity Standard	\$20/night
Double Capacity Standard	\$40/night
Single Capacity Full Hookup	\$30/night

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Single Capacity Standard \$20/night

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.

GROUP CAMPING

DAY USE FEES

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL PASSES

Scan to Make a
Reservation at
USACE Facilities

RESERVATIONS

QUIET HOURS

Carlyle Lake Recreation Areas	Amphitheater	Beach	Boat Access	Camping	Courtesy Dock	Dump Station	Fish Cleaning	Golf Course	Marina - Fuel	Picnic Area	Playground	Restaurant	Restrooms	Showers	Trails	Visitor Center
Boulder																
Coles Creek																
Dam East-McNair																
East Spillway																
General Dean																
West Spillway																
Dam West																
Eldon Hazlet SP																
Keyesport																

 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Located at West Access Marina, this established business offers tritoon and pontoon rentals, providing the perfect opportunity to get out on the water and enjoy Carlyle Lake. Learn more at: <https://dwphome.com/>

ELDON HAZLET STATE PARK

LODGING

Hazlet Cottages (618) 594-8701
The cottages are situated on the shores of Carlyle Lake within Eldon Hazlet State Park, offering guests a picturesque setting.
Learn more at: <https://hazletcottages.com/>