

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

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 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 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.

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

Dam East - 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

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 Do Not Litter



Please Clean Up After Your Pet



Keep Your Parks Clean

PARK INFORMATION 2024

CARLYLE LAKE



GET OUT AND ENJOY YOUR LAKES AND RIVERS

Email: carlyle.lake@usace.army.mil
Website: www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Carlyle-Lake/
Facebook: www.facebook.com/carlylelake



2024 Special Events

- Eagle Watch.....Jan. 27
Case-Halstead Public Library
- Polar Plunge.....Feb. 24
Dam West Recreation Area
- National Crappie League.....May 4
Dam West Recreation Area
- IHSA Bass Fishing Finals.....May 17-18
Dam West Recreation Area
- King Kat Tournament.....June 1
Dam West Recreation Area
- National Bass League.....June 8-9
Dam West Recreation Area
- Fireworks Spectacular.....June 29
Dam West Recreation Area
- Cruz-In the Dam Car Show.....Aug. 9
Mariners Village Resort
- Carlyle Lake Triathlon.....Sept. 15
Dam West Recreation Area
- Haunted Trail.....Oct. 18-19
*Dam West Recreation Area
Little Prairie Nature Trail*
- Dam West Trick or Treat.....Oct. 26
Dam West Campground
- Youth Pheasant Hunt.....Nov. 9
Eldon Hazlet State Park

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

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.

