**Welcome to the Ozarks of North Central Arkansas.** Bull Shoals-White River State Park is a place where water generates life. The park was designated in 1955 to provide recreational opportunities to the public. After completion of Bull Shoals Dam in 1952, the cold tail-waters of the White River soon became a trout fishing paradise. This 732-acre park also provides unlimited scenic views and a wonderful closeness to nature. Several nature trails have been built for you to enjoy views of the White River, Bull Shoals Lake, and the Ozark countryside. Park interpreters present a variety of interpretive programs, walks, and lake tours throughout the year.

**Big Bluff Trail**
- **Length:** 1 3/4 mile loop trail
- **Trailhead:** Open field area south of Rent-A-Camp
- **Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous
- **Special Note:** Children should be accompanied by an adult.

The first part of this loop trail is a level walk over the remains of the railroad tram constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to bring in steel and lumber from Cotter to construct Bull Shoals Dam. Once the trail crosses the paved road, it goes up the hillside to an area overlooking the White River, Bull Shoals Dam, and the Ozark hill country. The trail then leads you through cedar glades, mature deciduous forests, and across streams. These areas provide excellent habitat for colorful Ozark wildflowers. Pick up a wildflower checklist at the park visitor center before walking this trail.

**Lakeside Trail**
- **Length:** 1 mile
- **Trailhead:** East end of Lakeside Picnic Area
- **Difficulty:** Moderately easy

Constructed in 1979 by the Young Adult Conservation Corps, this loop trail offers relatively easy walking. Bull Shoals Lake, combined with the Ozark plant and animal life, makes the trail an ecosystem in itself. Any season of the year, even in the deepest winter, a surprise awaits you around each corner. Eagle Point and Titmouse Alley provide excellent habitat for bird watching. Bald eagles, waterfowl, and gulls are often seen from Eagle Point in winter. During spring, summer, and fall over 90 species of migrating and summer resident songbirds populate the area. Stop at the Visitor Center and pick up our field checklist of birds at Bull Shoals.

**Heritage & Habitat Trail**
- **Length:** 1/2 mile
- **Trailhead:** Northwest of the visitor center
- **Difficulty:** Easy-Moderate

The stories along this trail are of hard use and nature’s ability to regenerate itself. Along this trail you will see how this land looked during the construction of the dam and now, how it is ecologically succeeding into the forest it once was: A forest that provides a home for plants and animals as part of Bull Shoals-White River State Park.

**Gaston Wildflower Garden Area and Trail**
- **Length:** 3/4 mile
- **Trailhead:** Across from the camper registration center on River Road
- **Difficulty:** Easy

This paved loop trail meanders through three acres of wildflowers that change each week through the season. Wildlife, including birds and butterflies, can be viewed throughout the trail. Several habitats, including meadow, woodland and low wetland areas can be viewed from the trail, along with their distinct wildflower species. The area is continually under development. Contributions may be made at any time; check with the park interpreter for more information.

**Oakridge Mountain Bike Trail**
- **Length:** 2-4 miles
- **Trailhead:** 5 miles from entrance of the park on Powerhouse Road
- **Difficulty:** Easy-Moderate

Constructed by the Bull Shoals - Lakeview Rotary Club, this multi-use trail offers both hikers and mountain bikers access to remote areas of the park.
The best way to enjoy Bull Shoals - White River State Park is to explore its natural beauty along its trails and to participate in our many interpretive programs. Together we can protect park resources for today and the future.

In an emergency
Notify the visitor center, camper registration center, Trout Dock, or camp host, or call from one of the pay phones in Camp Areas ‘A’ or ‘B’.

911 - Emergency
445-3629 - Park Ranger
425-2400 - Sheriff’s Office

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