BULL SHOALS-WHITE RIVER STATE PARK Where water generates life

In the Ozark Mountains of northern Arkansas, you will discover one of the finest fishing and boating destinations in the nation–Bull Shoals Lake and the White River. A dam constructed across the White River in 1951 formed this 45,440-acre lake that stretches along 720 miles of scenic shoreline with waters in both northern Arkansas and southern Missouri.

Along the river below Bull Shoals Dam is 732-acre Bull Shoals-White River State Park. Bull Shoals Lake and the White River create an anglers' paradise. In addition to lunker bass, crappie, and bream in the lake, the clear coldwater river is nationally-known for record-setting rainbow and brown trout.

This area of the state also offers more than boating and fishing. Travel winding roads through the scenic Ozarks where rushing streams, gushing springs, and trails abound. From the flowering dogwoods in springtime to the flaming fall foliage of autumn, from the sun-soaked days of summer to the magic of wintertime in the mountains, the beauty here captivates artists, photographers, and vacationers.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

A little more than a leisurely hour's drive south is a unique attraction, the Ozark Folk Center State Park, the only park in America dedicated to perpetuation and interpretation of the heritage of the Ozark people. A few miles from the Ozark Folk Center is Blanchard Springs Caverns operated by the USDA Forest Service. Tours of this magnificent living cave, where an underground river flows, are offered daily. A short drive away, canoeists can float the nation's first national river, the renowned, bluff-lined Buffalo National River.

FACILITIES

James A. Gaston Visitor Center ◆ On a highpoint above the dam, the park visitor center features sweeping views of the White River, Bull Shoals Lake, and Bull Shoals Dam. Here you'll find an observation tower, interpretive exhibits, audiovisual theater, gift shop, meeting rooms, and park offices.

Camping \blacklozenge The park offers a variety of year-round camping options. For campers who want a primitive experience, there are 20 tent sites at the forest's edge.

For those who don't own camping equipment, the park offers one Rent-A-Camp. Which includes use of a platform tent, two cots, camp stove, cooler, and light. The park also offers three Rent-A-RV units. These 31-foot trailers will accommodate eight people. For specific information, contact the park. Campers needing water and electric, hookups will find 82 campsites spread along the White River bank; 34 sites offer sewer hookups. Modern bathhouses and a sanitary trailer dump station are conveniently located for all park visitors. The clear, cold waters of the river provide natural air-conditioned comfort even on August's warm nights.

NOTE: Campers <u>must</u> register at the camper registration center or visitor center <u>before</u> occupying a campsite. All sites are reservable and can be reserved up to one year in advance. Call to check availability.

Picnicking \blacklozenge A picnic area overlooks the lake. Playgrounds and pavilions are in the picnic area and the campground.

Trout Dock/Store ◆ The trout dock provides up-tothe-minute fishing information, bait, tackle, snacks, ice, souvenirs, and general merchandise, and is a wifi Internet hotspot. You can rent a canoe, kayak, or boat and motor and enjoy the sparkling waters of the White River. Rainbow and brown trout are abundant and until you've experienced hooking a lunker you haven't fished. Join us for an exciting, unique adventure on the White River.

Other Facilities ◆ Hiking trails meander near the lake and climb the wooded hills below the dam. A three-mile mountain bike/hiking trail opened in 2006, and a .5 mile barrier-free trail starts at the visitor center. Group pavilions can be reserved by calling the park and must be reserved before being used (fee required).
Local Services ◆ Shopping, service stations, restaurants, swimming areas, and a hospital are a short drive away.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Programs ◆ From April-October park interpreters offer guided trail walks, demonstrations, and evening activities. Other activities include trout fishing workshops, lake cruises, canoe and johnboat floats, and special events scheduled throughout the seasons. Groups can request special programs to meet specific interests anytime during the year. Contact the park to schedule programs and activities for your group.

LOCATION

From U.S. 62 at Flippin, take State Highway 178 just 10 miles north to the park; OR, travel six miles north of Mountain Home on Hwy. 5 and then go eight miles west on State Hwy. 178 to the park.

For further information including park hours and fees, contact: Bull Shoals-White River State Park

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Volunteer Opportunities

Bull Shoals-White River State Park is a place for spending quality time that creates special memories. The park welcomes volunteers. Do you have a special skill to share? Do you have time to volunteer? If so, please call or visit the park visitor center and let us know.

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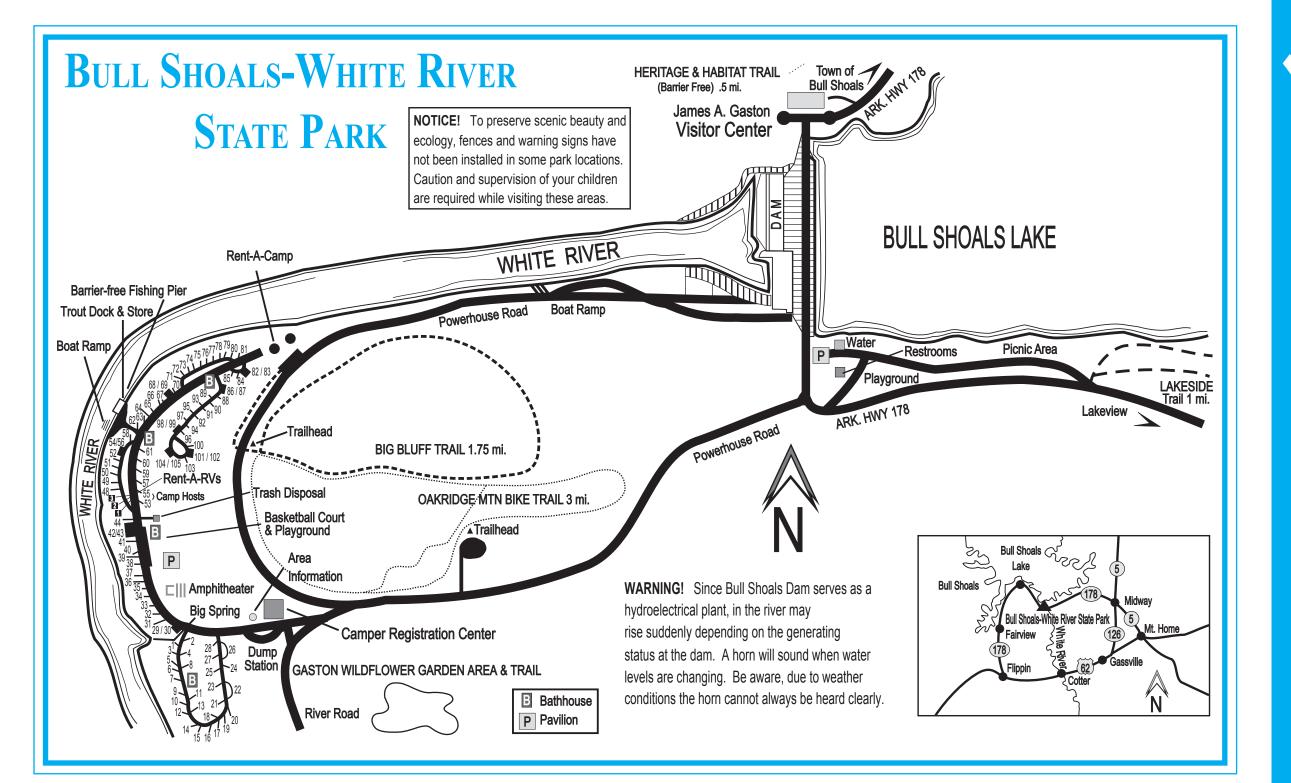
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