# LAKE CATHERINE STATE PARK

Life and adventure at Lake Catherine State Park are shaped by the unique beauty and powerful natural forest of the Ouachita Mountains.

Drive slowly along the winding scenic highway down to beautiful Lake Catherine. Catch a fleeting glimpse of graceful white-tailed deer in the forest-clad Ouachita Mountains which dominate the 2,240 acres of this popular lake park.

Many outdoor activities are available here, including fishing, water sports, hiking, horseback riding, and nature study. Plus, just 15 miles away is one of the nation's major resort cities, Hot Springs, including Hot Springs National Park with its world-famous "Bathhouse Row."

Lake Catherine became a state park in 1935. It was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Evidence of those days can still be seen today in the park's Rustic-style CCC "parkitecture". Vision, generosity, and hard work built the foundation of this park, which has been a gathering place through time.

### **FACILITIES**

Cabins ◆ Nestled among the tall pines and hardwoods along the lake are 20 fully-equipped, heated and air-conditioned, housekeeping cabins. One large, two bedroom cabin is fully accesible (ADA) and includes a screened porch, patio with table and grill, private pier and boat slip. Enjoy winter evenings in front of a cheerful fire in the fireplace found in most units. Five pet friendly cabins available by special arrangements and fees. Inquire at visitor center.

Camping ◆ The park offers lakeside campsites for convenient fishing and boating, or you may prefer a quiet site in the secluded forest. Hot showers in a heated bathhouse provide year-round convenience. All sites are paved and equipped with freeze-proof water connections, table, and fire ring. AAA sites have water, sewer and 30/50 amp electric. Standard B sites have water and 30 amp electric. A sanitary dump station is nearby.

Rent-A-Camp ◆ For those who don't own their own camping equipment, Rent-A-Camp is available. It includes a 9 x 12 tent with wooden floor, a 2 burner stove, lantern, table, grill, and other camping equipment. An electrical hookup is provided. Bring your food and sleeping gear and enjoy an easy way to camp. Rent-A-Yurt ◆ Visitors who enjoy camping but don't have the necessary gear can rent a Year-Round Universal Recreational Tent, or YURT. The YURT is a large, round tent that contains bunk beds for six, lanterns, stove, an ice chest, table and chairs, and a decked floor.

**NOTE:** Campers **must** register at the visitor center **before** occupying a campsite. All sites are reservable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Please call or look online to check availability.

Visitor Services, Gift Shop & Store ◆ Registration, information, and the gift shop are located in the visitor center where gifts, T-shirts, picnic and camping supplies, groceries, and snacks are available.

Fishing and Water Sports ◆ During the summer season (Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day), party barges, fishing boats and motors, fuel, bait and tackle are handy at the park marina. Canoes, kayaks, water bikes, and pedal boats are also available for rent. Use the free launch ramp for your own fishing or ski rig and park your vehicle in the marina parking lot at no charge. During the off-season, barges, boats, and canoes may be rented from the visitor center.

Other Facilities ◆ A large picnic area with tables, grills, water, restrooms, and a group pavilion is located within walking distance to the sandy swimming beach and playground. Shopping, hospitals, other conveniences and attractions are just 20 minutes away in Malvern and Hot Springs.

**NOTE:** The pavilion must be reserved at the visitor center before being used (fee required).

## **INTERPRETIVE SERVICES**

A nature cabin, located near the swimming beach, houses exhibits which relate to the cultural history of the park and its natural environment (open Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day). During the spring, summer, and fall months, park interpreters offer guided hikes, scenic lake cruises, nature talks and demonstrations,

plus programs at the park's outdoor amphitheater. Special events including Wildflower Walks, Fall Foliage Tours, and Eagle Awareness Activities are held on weekends seasonally. Groups, including area schools, may schedule special programs to meet specific interests year-round.

Trails ◆ Four trails, Slunger Creek Nature Trail (barrier-free), Falls Branch, Horseshoe Mountain, and Dam Mountain, ranging in length from 5/8 to 4 miles, offer visitors a closer look at the rugged Ouachita (Wa'-sha-tah) Mountains. A brochure describing these trails and interpretive programs is available at the visitor center and the nature cabin.

### LOCATION

From Hot Springs, take Hwy 270 east and turn right on Carpenter Dam Road. Turn left on Hwy 290, left on Hwy 171 and follow Hwy 171 into the park.

From 1-30 (Exit 97), go north 12 miles on Hwy. 171 into the park.

For further information on park hours, and fees, contact:

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