

## BULL SHOALS-WHITE RIVER STATE PARK

### *Where Water Generates Life*

In the Ozark Mountains of northern Arkansas, you will discover two 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, cold-water river is nationally-known for record-setting rainbow, cutthroat, and brown trout.

This area of the state offers more than boating and fishing. One can 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, to the sun-soaked days of summer, or the magic of wintertime in the mountains, the beauty here captivates artists, photographers, and vacationers alike.

### AREA ATTRACTIONS

A little more than a leisurely hour's drive south lies 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. Another 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** ♦ Elevated high above the dam, the park's visitor information center features sweeping views of the White River, Bull Shoals Lake, and Bull Shoals Dam. Here you find an observation tower, interpretive exhibits, audiovisual theater, gift shop, meeting rooms, and park offices.

**Camping** ♦ The park offers a variety of year-round camping options. The park features 112 campsites with breath-taking views of the White River: 26 of these sites have 30-amp electric and water hookups; while 63 of these sites feature 50-amp electric, water

and sewer hookups. Five of these camping sites are paved/ADA. For campers who want a primitive experience, there are 20 tent sites at the forest's edge. Experience the joys of camping in one of the three, 39-foot Rent-an-RV units, which accommodate up to six people. 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 summer's warmest nights.

**NOTE:** Campers **must** register at the camper registration center or the visitor information center **before** occupying a campsite. All sites are reservable and can be reserved up to one year in advance. Call to check availability, or visit [www.ArkansasStateParks.com](http://www.ArkansasStateParks.com)

**Picnicking** ♦ The park features two picnic areas: the largest is located in the day use area of the park overlooking Bull Shoals Lake. Visitors can enjoy a charcoal grill at their picnic table, playground, and hiking trail. Located along the bank of the White River within the campground, visitors will find four picnic sites with grills and a nearby stairway leading down to the river's edge.

**Trout Dock/Store** ♦ The trout dock provides current fishing information, wifi internet hotspot, bait, tackle, snacks, ice, souvenirs, and general merchandise. Visitors can rent a canoe, kayak, or boat and motor; this is a perfect way to enjoy the clear, cold waters of the White River. Rainbow and brown trout are abundant.

**Other Facilities** ♦ Hiking and mountain biking trails meander near the lake and climb the wooded hills below the dam. The visitor information center has a half-mile, paved/ADA trail with engaging wayside exhibits along the way. 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** ♦ Park interpreters can offer guided trail walks, demonstrations, and evening activities year round, with the most numerous programs from March to October. Other activities include trout fishing workshops, lake cruises, kayak or johnboat floats, plus special events scheduled throughout the seasons. Groups can request special programs to meet their 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:**

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**Book Online Reservations:**  
**[ArkansasStateParks.com](http://ArkansasStateParks.com)**

### Volunteer Opportunities

Bull Shoals-White River State Park is a place for spending quality time while creating 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.

For further information on Arkansas's other fine state parks, contact:

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Notice: To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and increased supervision of your children and others in your care are required when visiting these areas.

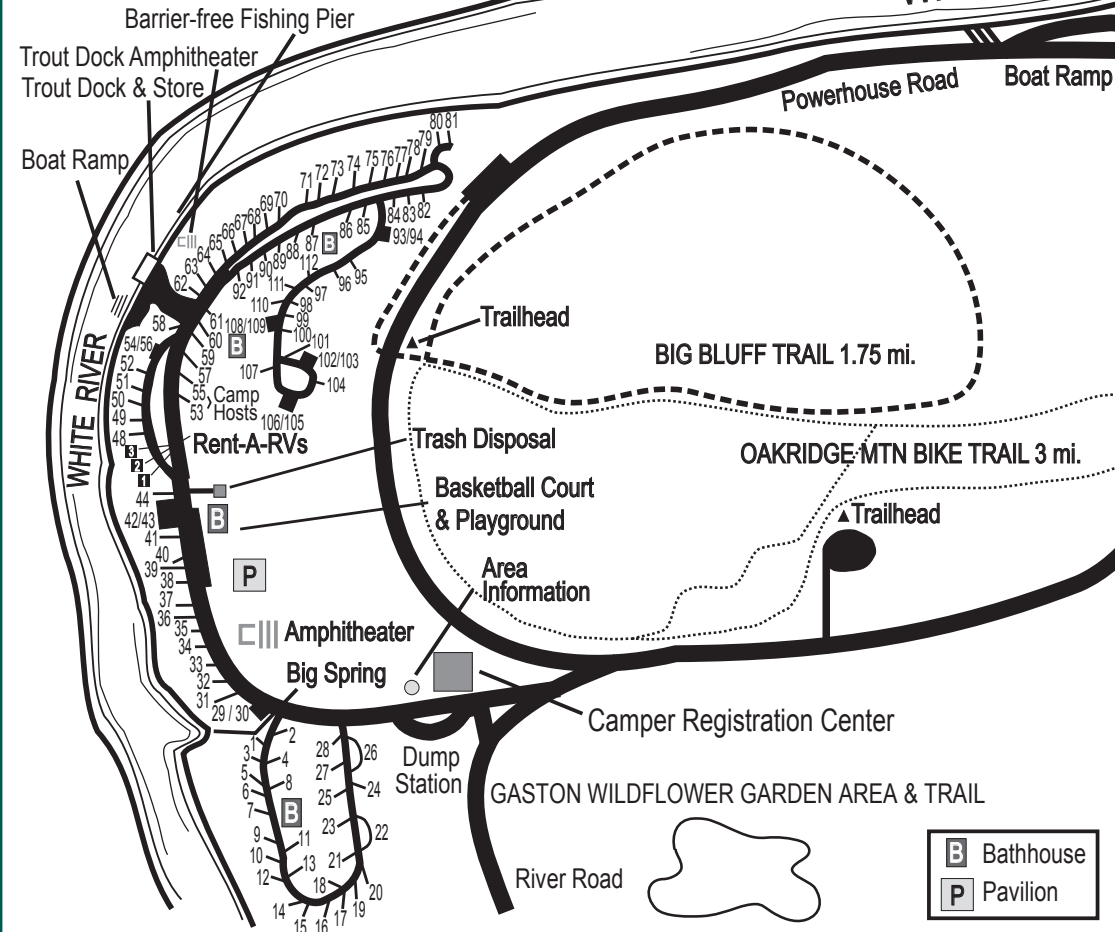
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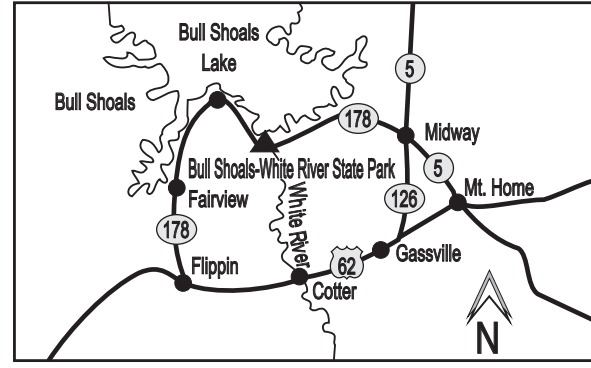
Town of Bull Shoals

ARK. HWY 178

BULL SHOALS LAKE



**WARNING!** Since Bull Shoals Dam serves as a hydroelectrical plant, the river may rise suddenly depending on the generating status at the dam. A horn will sound when water levels are changing. Be aware, due to weather conditions the horn cannot always be heard clearly.



- B** Bathhouse
- P** Pavilion



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