

LAKE DARDANELLE STATE PARK

Surrounded by the beautiful Ouachita Mountains to the south and the Boston Mountain Range of the Ozarks to the north, Lake Dardanelle offers some of the finest fishing and boating resources in Arkansas. Formed by the Arkansas River, this 34,000-acre man-made lake is two miles west of Russellville in Pope and Yell Counties.

Lake Dardanelle State Park provides picnicking, camping and boat launching at the Russellville and Dardanelle areas.

FACILITIES

Camping ♦ The main park campground, the Russellville Area, has 57 campsites (three barrier-free) and the Dardanelle Area has 18 sites. Both camping areas are open all year. Boat ramps are open all year free of charge.

Campsites include dual-voltage hook-ups, freeze-proof water connections and modern bathhouses plus a table and grill at each site. A sanitary trailer dump station is centrally located at both the Russellville and Dardanelle Areas.

Other Facilities ♦ The park Visitor Center houses over 7,000 gallons of freshwater aquariums displaying species found in the lake, river and tributaries of the area. Other living exhibits include a honeybee hive, river darter tank and aquatic turtle touch table. Visitor's may explore the park's environment and culture through interactive touch screen kiosks. A short orientation video is available at the Visitor Center theatre. The Visitor Center classroom offers opportunities for educational programs and may also be rented for a modest fee.

Spend a pleasant afternoon swimming, fishing or have a family picnic by the lake at one of the parks many picnic sites.

The Fishing Tournament Weigh-In Facility provides everything needed to hold a fishing tournament on Lake Dardanelle. Park staff handles release of all tournament fish. Group pavilions and Fishing Tournament Weigh-In Facility may also be reserved for a modest fee. Tournament Facility meeting room may be rented separately.

Marinas are conveniently located in both the Russellville and Dardanelle areas (both privately owned and operated). Shopping, hospitals and restaurants are conveniently located in nearby towns just minutes away.

NOTE: Campers **must** register at the Visitor Center **before** occupying a campsite. All Russellville sites are reservable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Please call to check availability. Group pavilions must be reserved at the Visitor Center before being used (deposit required).

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Interpretive programs are offered to all park visitors. Programs include guided hikes, nature talks, kayaking, lake tours and demonstrations throughout the park and at the Visitor Center, plus evening slide shows and movies at the park's outdoor amphitheater (Russellville Area main park). Off-season programs and hikes are available; groups may request special programs to meet specific interests year-round (advance arrangements necessary). Park staff offers curriculum-based educational programs which are outlined in the teacher's handbook (available by calling or stopping by the park). The Meadowbrook Self-Guided Trail (.7-mile) is also available at the Russellville Area for your outdoor pleasure (ask at the Visitor Center for a trail guide). Two new, watchable wildlife areas are available for viewing the wild inhabitants of Lake Dardanelle.

ACTIVITIES

Fishing ♦ Although stringer-busting catches of crappie, bream and catfish are common, the outstanding largemouth bass fishery attracts anglers from all over the country. Take a short drive to the waters below



the Dardanelle Dam and try your skills on the 40-pound plus catfish or the 200-pound-and-up alligator gar which lurk here in the depths of the Arkansas River.

Recreation ♦ Fun on Lake Dardanelle comes in many varieties: fishing, waterskiing, swimming in well-marked beach areas, sailing the open waters along the lake's 315 miles of shoreline, or cruising by power boat. Take a party barge or kayak tour, available at the main park area. For those who wish to explore the lake area by land, bicycles may be rented at the Visitor Center (Russellville Area). Also, available is a barrier-free playground.

LOCATION

From I-40 (Exit 81) at Russellville, take Hwy. 7 south, then turn right on Hwy. 326 and travel 4 miles to the main park; OR, from west on I-40, take Exit 78, go left on U.S. 64 just 2 miles, then right on Hwy. 326 to the park.

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

Lake Dardanelle State Park
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Russellville, AR 72802
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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 supervision of your children are required while visiting these areas.

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

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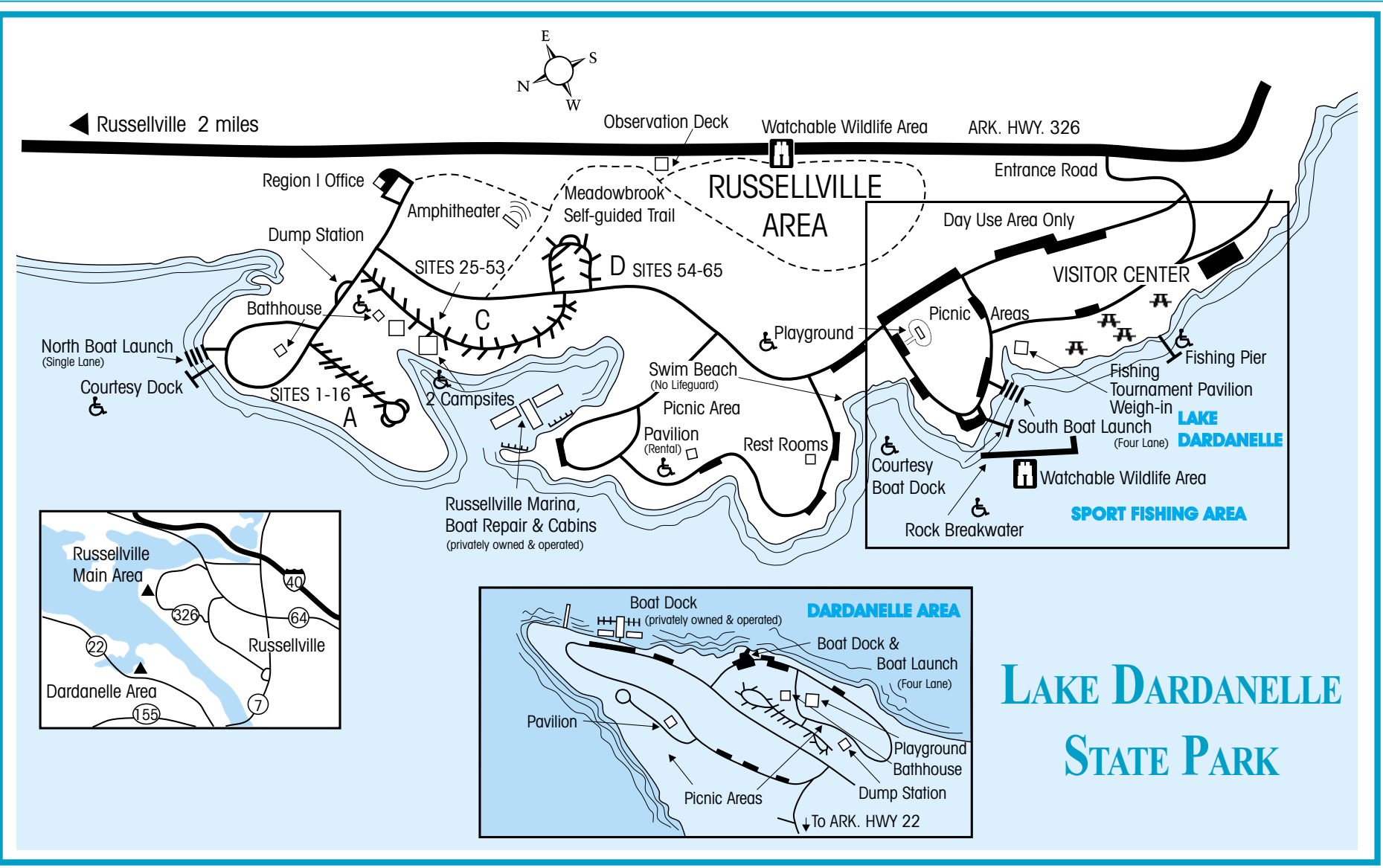
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