

## Missouri Lakes Challenge

Missouri has hundreds of lakes where people enjoy the beauty of nature and recreation through boating, fishing and swimming. Whether in a state park, conservation area, or city public access, these lakes share a rich history enriching tourism, environmental resources and healthy outdoor recreation. In the Sailing the Lakes of Missouri Challenge, you are invited to explore the lakes of Missouri that have become homes of sailors across the state.



*Missouri Lakes Challenge is sponsored by the **Mark Twain Lake Sailing Association (MTLSA)**. Formed in February 1988, the purpose of MTLISA is to promote seamanship, education, and boating safety to boaters of all types. MTLISA provides a forum to discuss and determine the needs of sailors on Mark Twain Lake. The unified voice of MTLISA communicates to marina operators, the Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri State Water Patrol, and other federal, state, and local agencies. Visit the MTLISA website for more information: <https://sites.google.com/site/mlsasailors/home>*

***Missouri Lakes Challenge** ... Visit sites at five different lakes. Remember: Missouri Explorers must be registered in the program, and they are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites. Upload your verification photographs using the online submission form at <https://missouri2021.org/missouri-explorers/> to receive your merit badge button.*

**Remember**, Missouri Explorers, you are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites before arriving.

### Lake of the Ozarks

*The Lake of the Ozarks is one of the largest reservoirs in the United States with over 57,000 acres of water created by completion of the Bagnell Dam in 1931. Supplied by the Osage River, Lake of the Ozarks covers two counties: Camden and Miller.*

<https://www.funlake.com/>

### **Lake of the Ozarks State Park**

403 Highway 134  
Kaiser, Missouri  
573- 348-2694

*Enjoy the solitude of an undeveloped cove hidden along the shorelines of one of Missouri's largest lakes. Swim, fish, boat or simply take in the view from a shady campsite or picnic area overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks. On shore, hikers, backpackers, equestrians and bicyclists can wind through open woodlands, sunny glades, small springs and streams to blufftop views of the Lake of the Ozarks. Water enthusiasts can make use of the park's two swimming beaches, boat rentals and paved boat*

*ramps. Lake of the Ozarks State Park's natural beauty and solitude remain untouched, yet visitors are just minutes away from extensive shopping, restaurants and a variety of entertainment opportunities. Snap your photograph at the Grand Glaize area marina.*

<https://mostateparks.com/park/lake-ozarks-state-park>

### **Ozark Yacht Club**

500 Yacht Club Landing Drive  
Lake Ozark, Missouri  
573-552-8401

*Ozark Yacht Club marina serves power boats and sailboats on Lake of the Ozarks. Located at the 1-MM in beautiful Jennings Branch Cove, it is easily accessible by land or water. The marina is located two miles from Highway 54 near Bagnell Dam. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<https://ozarkyachtclub.com/>

**Willmore Lodge**

1 Willmore Lane  
Lake Ozark, Missouri  
573-964-1008

*The historic Willmore Lodge is home to the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Bagnell Dam History Museum and Visitor Center. Snap your photograph with one of the exhibits at the Lodge.*

<https://www.facebook.com/WillmoreLodge/>

**Lake Taneycomo**

*Lake Taneycomo helped turn Branson and Rockaway Beach into major Missouri tourist destinations in the 1920s and 1930s. The lake was originally supplied by the White River and created by completion of the Powersite Dam in 1913. With completion of Table Rock Lake in 1958, Lake Taneycomo is now supplied by water from Table Rock Lake. The lake occupied portions of Taney County.*

**Powersite Dam Scenic Overlook**

2239 State Hwy VV  
Powersite, Missouri

*Powersite Dam is a hydroelectric dam that went into service in 1913 in Forsyth, Missouri. It is found along the White River, and the reservoir it forms is Lake Taneycomo. It was the first hydroelectric dam built in Missouri. Snap your photograph with Powersite Dam in the background.*

**Mark Twain Lake**

*Mark Twain Lake contains over 18,600 acres of water and was created by the completion of the Clarence Cannon Dam in 1984. Supplied by the Salt River, the lake occupies portions of two counties: Monroe and Ralls.*

<https://exploremarktwainlake.com/>

**Blackjack Marina**

22226 Hwy. J  
Perry, Missouri  
573-565-2233

*Blackjack Marina is located in the Ray Behrens Recreational area, 2 Miles South of the Clarence Cannon Dam off of Highway J in Perry. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<https://blackjackmarina.com/>

**Indian Creek Marina**

23111 Monroe Road No. 589  
Monroe City, Missouri  
573-735-4075

*Mark Twain Lake is your local destination for fun and relaxation, and Indian Creek Marina is here to make sure you've got everything you need to enjoy your time on the lake! We're your conveniently-located marina on Mark Twain Lake, offering boat and slip rentals, boat maintenance and wide variety of conveniences, including bait and tackle, and food. Indian Creek has been serving area boaters since 1986. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<https://icmarina.com/>

**M. W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center  
Mark Twain State Park**

37352 Shrine Road  
Florida, Missouri  
573-565-3440

*Nestled in the Salt River Hills of north-central Missouri, Mark Twain State Park gives visitors access to sprawling Mark Twain Lake, as well as unparalleled outdoors activities. The terrain is covered by bluffs overlooking the lake and stands of oak, hickory and maple that are filled with white-tailed deer, turkey and other wildlife. Numerous picnic areas, two four-lane boat ramps and more than 6 miles of hiking trails with lake views offer something for everyone. Snap your photograph outside the Visitor Center with Cannon Dam in the background.*

<https://mostateparks.com/park/mark-twain-state-park>

### **Pomme de Terre Lake**

*Pomme de Terre Lake is located in the Osage River Basin. Supplied by Lindley Creek and the Pomme de Terre River, the reservoir was completed in 1961. Portions of the reservoir are located in Hickory and Polk counties.*

### **Pomme de Terre State Park**

23451 Park Entrance Road  
Pittsburg, Missouri  
573-852-4291

*With locations on both the Hermitage and Pittsburg sides of Pomme de Terre Lake, Pomme de Terre State Park offers a little bit of everything. A marina and boat ramps make it easy to get in the water and fish for bass, walleye, catfish, crappie, or muskie. Two public swimming beaches make for great places to cool off or laze the day away. Two hiking trails satisfy an appetite for adventure. Approximately 240 campsites make the park ideal for multi-day getaways. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<https://mostateparks.com/park/pomme-de-terre-state-park>

### **Smithville Lake**

*Smithville Lake contains over 7200 acres of water. The reservoir is supplied by the Little Platte Branch of the Platte River and is located in Clay County.*

<https://www.visitclaymo.com/p/play/outdoors/smithville-lake>

### **Camp Branch Marina**

17201 Paradesian  
Smithville, Missouri  
816-407-3420

*The Camp Branch Marina Store has fishing boats and pontoon boats for rent May 1st through September 15th. It also offers: boating accessories, life jackets, swim flags, batteries, fishing tackle, bait, ice, snacks, drinks, fuel and much more. Covered overnight boat slips are available along with 212 covered boat slips that can be leased in 6-month increments. Camp*

*Branch is located near the swimming beach, Camp Branch Campground, boat ramps, walking trails, trapshooting park, and picnic sites. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<https://www.claycountymo.gov/departments/commission-departments/parks/marinas>

### **Sailboat Cove**

4404 Paradise Rd.  
Smithville, Missouri

*Sailboat Cove is utilized by sailors, picnickers, sightseers, and fishermen. With the exception of the docks, mooring buoys, and dry storage facility, the area is open to the public. The Day Sailboat launch area of Sailboat Cove is an excellent place for launching catamarans, small sailboats and windsurfing. There are picnic tables and grills as well as access to walking trails nearby. Snap your photograph at Sailboat Cove with a sailboat in the background.*

<https://www.claycountymo.gov/departments/commission-departments/parks/marinas>

### **Stockton Lake**

*Stockton Lake was created by damming the Sac River in 1969. The reservoir contains over 24,900 acres of water in portions of three counties: Cedar, Dade, and Polk.*

<https://www.stocktonlake.com/>

### **Mutton Creek Marina**

18 Mutton Creek Loop  
Greenfield, Missouri  
417-995-3355

*Mutton Creek Marina is a full-service marina and campground with a floating restaurant, fuel, marina store, private shower house, marine repair shop, laundry facility, boat ramp, and boat slips. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<http://muttoncreekmarina.com/index.html>

**Stockton State Park**

19100 S. Highway 215  
Dadeville, Missouri  
417-276-4259

*The clear waters of Stockton Lake beckon visitors to water ski, scuba dive, swim or fish. And Stockton State Park is the perfect place to do it. It's an ideal place for sailing, with a perpetual southwest breeze and a nationally recognized sailing school housed at the marina. Two boat launches make it easy to get in the water, as does a swimming beach. The park is great for photographing wildlife, picnicking with the family, hiking or just reveling in the beauty of southern Missouri. The park also offers a range of lodging from campsites to cabins. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<https://mostateparks.com/park/stockton-state-park>

**Table Rock Lake**

*Table Rock Lake contains over 42,000 acres of water. Supplied by the White River, the lake was created by the completion of the Table Rock Dam in 1958. Table Rock Lake occupied portions of two counties: Stone and Taney.*

<https://www.visittablerocklake.com/>

**Dewey Short Visitors Center**

4500 State Highway 165  
Branson, Missouri  
501-340-1943

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*No visit to the lake would be complete without stopping by Dewey Short Visitor Center near Table Rock Dam. Exhibits at the visitor center include a state-of-the-art interactive map of Table Rock Lake, beautiful artistic wall murals, and a replica of an Ozarks bluff complete with local flora and fauna. A Native American artifact exhibit and Ozarks dioramas are fascinating features of the interpretive center. An interactive water safety exhibit demonstrates the importance of wearing a life jacket, and an expansive cut-away model reveals the inner*

*workings of a hydroelectric dam. Snap your photograph outside the Visitors Center with the Table Rock Dam in the background.*

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lakes/Table-Rock-Lake/>

**Table Rock Lake State Park**

5272 State Highway 165  
Branson, Missouri  
417-334-4704

*Nestled near one of the hottest tourist towns in the United States, Table Rock State Park serves as Branson's natural getaway and an outdoor recreation base camp for those wanting to take in the area's abundant attractions. The park is also handy if you are seeking outdoor adventures. If water recreation is what you desire, State Park Marina rents everything from ski boats to paddle boards and offers all the supplies you will need for a day on the water, whether it is a relaxing day of fishing or an exciting day of skiing. For land-based activities, take a hike or go for a bicycle ride on a paved trail or a challenging mountain biking trail. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<https://mostateparks.com/park/table-rock-state-park>

**Truman Lake**

*Truman Lake is the largest flood control lake in the State of Missouri. Supplied by the Osage River and completed in 1979, the lake covers 56,000 acres in portions of four counties: Benton, Henry, Hickory, and St. Clair.*

**Harry S Truman Dam/Visitor Center**

15968 Truman Road  
Warsaw, Missouri  
660-438-7317 ex 1

*The Harry S. Truman Visitor Center, one of only a handful of Class A visitor centers in the United States, sits atop Kaysinger Bluff and provides a spectacular view of Truman Dam and Reservoir. Exhibits within the visitor center provide information about the rich history of the Osage Arm of Lake of the Ozarks Valley from pre-*

*civilization to modern day. Waterfowl, bald eagles, and turkey vultures can routinely be observed from the observation deck. Snap your photograph next to the Truman bust.*

<https://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Lakes/Harry-S-Truman-Lake/>

**Harry S Truman State Park**

28761 State Park Road  
Warsaw, Missouri  
660-438-7711

*Clear waters, dramatic bluffs and vibrant summer and fall colors make Harry S Truman*

*State Park an ideal place to vacation. Located on a peninsula, the park offers a marina, ample fishing and boating opportunities, and water that's perfect for every kind of swimmer. Hiking trails, picnic areas and campsites dot the park's open oak woodlands and provide a home for abundant wildlife. Snap your photograph at the marina.*

<https://mostateparks.com/park/harry-s-truman-state-park>