

Kinderhook District
(Camden, Miller & Morgan Counties)

Federal Areas

There are no Federally administered sites in this district.

State Parks and Historic Sites

One of Missouri's showcase parks, and one of its largest, is Lake of the Ozarks State Park. At over 17,000 acres, right on the Lake of the Ozarks, this park literally has everything a troop could want to do for a short-term or long-term camp. Activities at this park are also suitable for packs as well as, at the opposite end, crews.

Lake of the Ozarks is prepared for troops. Four large group camping areas, in addition to the regular camp sites, are easily accessed in the park. In addition, twelve different trails, ranging in length from ½ mile to a 15 miles. Backpacking is allowed on most trails; the longer trails feature backcountry camping. Most of the trails are under 2 miles, and designed to take hikers to a specific type of geologic formation or other interesting piece of nature. Boats are available for rent, of all varieties. The park has also created an "aquatic trail", designed for boaters to follow a certain path around parts of the lake, seeing formations and parts of nature that are difficult to view from shore. Cabins are available; group camping areas are easily large enough to accommodate district events. Horses are available for rental and there are several equestrian trails at the park. All in all, this park is a great scouting park! Off Hwy 42 from US 54.

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Kaiser, MO 65047
(573) 348-2694

www.mostateparks.com/lakeozark.htm

Campsites: many
Groups?: yes
Water: yes
Scout rates: yes
Toilets: yes
Trails: yes
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: yes
Service: yes
Firewood: yes
Shelters: yes
Privacy: yes
Special: yes; see description

Ha Ha Tonka State Park

If Lake of the Ozarks is Missouri's premiere developed state park, then Ha Ha Tonka is one of Missouri's best naturalist parks. This park features multiple types of geography, plant life and animal life, many of which is more associated with desert or other areas, rather than the middle of the United States. Visitors can explore caves, sinkholes, natural bridges, one of Missouri's largest natural springs, and other formations. The park also boasts the ruins of 'the Castle', an attempt to build a European-style castle from the early to middle 20th century.

Park staff host numerous programs on the park's natural features throughout the year. The park boasts a large camping area, including a group camp area for scout camping large enough for district events. In addition, the park has fifteen miles of trails, including one seven mile backpacking trail. Most of the trails are interpretive of the parks features. Five miles SW of Camdenton, off Hwy 54, on Route D.

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Camdenton, MO 65020
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www.mostateparks.com/hahatonka.htm

Campsites: many
Groups?: yes
Water: yes
Scout rates: yes
Toilets: yes
Trails: yes
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: yes
Service: yes
Firewood: yes, for a fee
Shelters: yes
Privacy: yes
Special: yes; see description

Conservation Areas

Camden County (*Note: Camden County has several “tower sites”, operated by the Conservation department. These are not included here, as they are generally not intended for public day use.*)

Brown Bend Access—Small area giving access to the Lake of the Ozarks. 3.5 miles west of Climax Springs on Hwy 7, then 4 miles north on Hwy DD, then 4.5 miles on Hwy FF, then 2 miles on Hwy FF-14 (gravel).

Campsites: no
Groups?: no
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: yes
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: yes
Service: no
Firewood: no
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: yes; access to Lake of the Ozarks

Fiery Fork Conservation Area—Large area near Camdenton, mostly forested with some other types of land cover. Fishing is not recommended. DoC is actively working to maintain the various types of land cover. Good for nature and environmental activities. A short 1.2 mile trail. From Hwy 5, south of Camdenton, take Hwy 7, 18 miles, then 2.5 miles on Gravel Road 7-172.

Campsites: 4
Groups?: yes; small
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: yes
Trails: yes
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: limited
Service: yes
Firewood: yes
Shelters: no
Privacy: limited
Special: yes; multiple land cover

Gale Access—another site giving access to the Lake of the Ozarks; this site is, however, somewhat larger than the boat ramp. Good fishing, short trail through a glade. Active DoC projects. Good for nature and environmental projects. Hwy 54 west of Camdenton 4 miles, then 2.5 miles on Hwy AA, 1 mile on AA-101D. Follow the signs.

Campsites: no
Groups?: no
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: yes
Trails: yes
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: yes
Service: yes
Firewood: yes
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: yes; access to Lake of the Ozarks

Shawnee Bend Access—access to Lake of the Ozarks only. Near Sunrise Beach, on Hwy TT.

Campsites: no
Groups?: no
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: yes
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: yes
Service: no
Firewood: no
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: no

Toronto Springs Conservation Area—a smallish area with active DoC projects. Fishing is good in a creek that runs through the area. 3 miles east of Montreal on Hwy E, then 1.5 miles east on A.

Campsites: 2
Groups?: no
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: no
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: limited
Service: yes
Firewood: yes
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: no

Miller County (Note: As with Camden County, fire tower sites are *not* included in this section).

Bagnell Dam Access—small area designed primarily to give boating access to the Osage River. Immediately past Osage River Bridge on Hwy 54, exit left.

Campsites: no
Groups?: no
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: yes
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: yes
Service: no
Firewood: no
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: no

Bray's Access—no information given. Check with local conservation office.

King's Bluff Access—no information given. Check with local conservation office.

Madden Ford Access—access to Tavern Creek. Fishing not great. South of Iberia on Hwy 17 to CR 17-42. Watch for signs.

Campsites: no
Groups?: no
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: no
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: no
Service: no
Firewood: no
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: no

Osage Tavern Access—small area, with camping, giving access to Osage River. Fishing is good. Route E, outside of St. Elizabeth. When blacktop ends, go left about 1 mile.

Campsites: 18
Groups?: yes
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: yes
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: limited
Service: unk
Firewood: unk
Shelters: no
Privacy: limited
Special: no

Saline Valley Conservation Area—medium sized area, with camping and fishing in five different creeks/rivers; many kinds of land cover for nature or environmental activities. Fishing is rated as good; many kinds of wild life. Near Eldon, 2 miles west of M & 87 junction, on M.

Campsites: 6
Groups?: yes; small
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: no
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: limited
Service: yes
Firewood: yes
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: yes; wildlife observation; nature/environmental activities

Tuscumbia Access—good fishing on the Osage River. No other information given. See conservation office for details.

Wilson Camp Access—fishing only, and not great. No other information given. See conservation office for more details.

Morgan County (Note: As with Camden and Miller Counties, tower sites are not included).

Carpenter Memorial Conservation Area—forested hunting area. Not recommended for scout activities.

Coffman Beach Access—very small area giving access to the Lake of the Ozarks. West of Eldon on Hwy 52 to Y. From Hwy Y, turn on Lake Road Y-19. Watch for signs.

Campsites: no
Groups?: no
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: yes
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: yes
Service: no
Firewood: unk
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: yes; access to Lake of the Ozarks

Gravois Mills Access—very small area giving access to the Lake of the Ozarks. On hwy 5, near Gravois Mills. Watch for sign.

Campsites: no
Groups?: no
Water: no
Scout rates: no
Toilets: yes
Trails: no
Fishing: yes
Aquatics: yes
Service: no
Firewood: unk
Shelters: no
Privacy: no
Special: yes; access to Lake of the Ozarks

Hite Prairie Conservation Area—small area whose main interest is the native Missouri prairie that it preserves. Hwy 52, SW of Versailles, follow signs.

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Campsites:	no
Groups?:	no
Water:	no
Scout rates:	no
Toilets:	no
Trails:	no
Fishing:	no
Aquatics:	no
Service:	no
Firewood:	no
Shelters:	no
Privacy:	no
Special:	yes; native Missouri prairie