

Stretching westward from Blakely Mountain Dam, Lake Ouachita (Wash'i tauw) extends into the headwaters of the Ouachita River, spanning nearly half of Garland and Montgomery Counties in the Ouachita Mountains of west-central Arkansas. The 975 miles of rugged shoreline encircle 40,000 acres of clean, inviting waters. Recognized as one of Arkansas' superior fishing lakes where bass, crappie, bream and catfish abound, Lake Ouachita is also stocked with smallmouth bass, walleye, and stripers which add to the fishing thrills. Lake Ouachita's wide open waters and quiet coves offer fun for water-skiers, sailing enthusiasts, kayakers, and scuba divers. At the eastern end of the lake in the beautiful mixed hardwood forest is Lake Ouachita State Park.

CADDO BEND TRAIL

Length: .75 - 4 miles, 1 - 3 hours*

Trailhead: Near the Park Amphitheater

Difficulty: Strenuous

Trail End: Trail loops back to starting point

Trail Blaze: Red, Green, Blue, and Yellow

This trail provides a choice of lengths: 3/4-mile (marked by red blazes), 2-miles (marked by green blazes), 3-miles (marked by blue blazes), and 4-miles (marked by yellow blazes). This hiking experience meanders through the forests and along the shoreline of State Park Peninsula. Nature lovers, photographers, and geologists will enjoy walking on the slopes near Lake Ouachita's Caddo Bend Trail. Wildflowers, large boulder gardens, an abundance of quartz, scenic views, and an observation deck overlooking the lake at the end of the point are some of the main attractions.

DOGWOOD TRAIL

Length: .5 mile, .5 hours*

Trailhead: Near Camp Area B

Difficulty: Easy

Trail End: Trail loops back to starting point

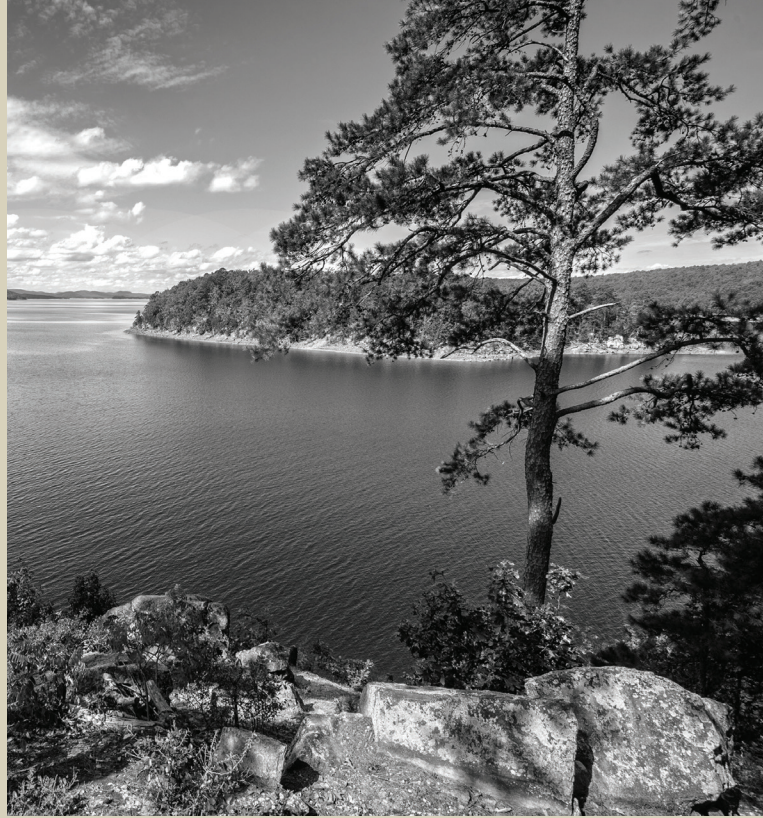
Trail Blaze:

The Dogwood Trail (1/2-mile loop) is perfect for a casual walk through the Ouachita National Forest, and interpretive signs highlight unique wildlife found throughout the region.

FACILITIES

CABINS

Four three-bedroom cabins which sleep up to ten people, and four two bedroom cabins which sleep up to six are nestled among the trees overlooking the lake. These fully equipped housekeeping units with fireplaces are heated or cooled for year-round vacation comfort. Relax on the patio balconies for an after-dinner view of the breathtaking scenery of the surrounding mountains reflecting softly in the shimmering water.



NOTE: Reservations can be made by calling the visitor center or booking online. Two of the eight cabins are pet friendly; please no pets in the other cabins. Service animals are welcome.

CAMPING

Scattered along the forest-covered lakeshore are 93 campsites. Fifty-eight have 30 and 50 amp electricity and frost-proof water hydrants with sewer hookups, table, and a grill. Modern bathhouses with hot showers are handy to all sites, and one sanitary dump station is nearby. Some sites remain open year-round for those who prefer the less-crowded, mild weather of off-season camping.

CAMPER CABINS

Four camper cabins are located near camping area C. These single room cabins are furnished with heat/ac, electrical service, one queen bed, two bunk beds, a small table, and a small screened porch. They are pet friendly. They do not include kitchens, bathrooms, or linens.

NOTE: Campers must register at the visitor center before occupying a campsite or camper cabin. All sites are reservable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Campers must vacate the site by 3 p.m. Lake Ouachita and all land contained within its shores are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps.

MARINA

A full-service, 70-slip marina provides paddleboats, canoes and kayak kiosks, fishing boats, and party barges, plus rental slips (covered and uncovered), and transient slips. Live bait, fuel, and fishing supplies are available. Free launch ramps and boat-trailer parking are located near the marina and in Camp Area A.

OTHER FACILITIES

The visitor center houses the park offices, meeting room, store and gift shop. Here you will find exhibits which feature the famous Three Sisters Springs, history of the lake, and information on geology and the surrounding Ouachita mountains. Overlooking the lake by the marina is a large, shaded picnic area with tables, grills, restrooms, playground, and swimming beach. The park is located 30 minutes away from the famous resort city of Hot Springs National Park. Where you will find restaurants, gas stations, shopping, and hospitals.

THREE SISTERS SPRINGS

The historic Three Sisters Springs at Lake Ouachita State Park has been a source of health, healing, and relaxation since its earliest recorded discovery in the late 1800s. Lake Ouachita State Park exists, in part, to protect the history of the springs and provide opportunities for visitors to hear its story. The cold spring water was said to have various healing abilities and its uses ranged from drinking water for locals to a health resort for visitors from all over the country. Though the area is no longer used as a resort, the three individual springs still flow freely for park visitors to enjoy to this day.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Park interpreters offer guided hikes, kayaking, scenic lake cruises, snorkeling, nature talks and demonstrations. Groups may request programs of specific interest year-round if arrangements are made in advance. Guided kayak tours and overnight kayak expeditions with island camping are scheduled several times a year.

LAKE OUACHITA STATE PARK



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* Hiking times may vary

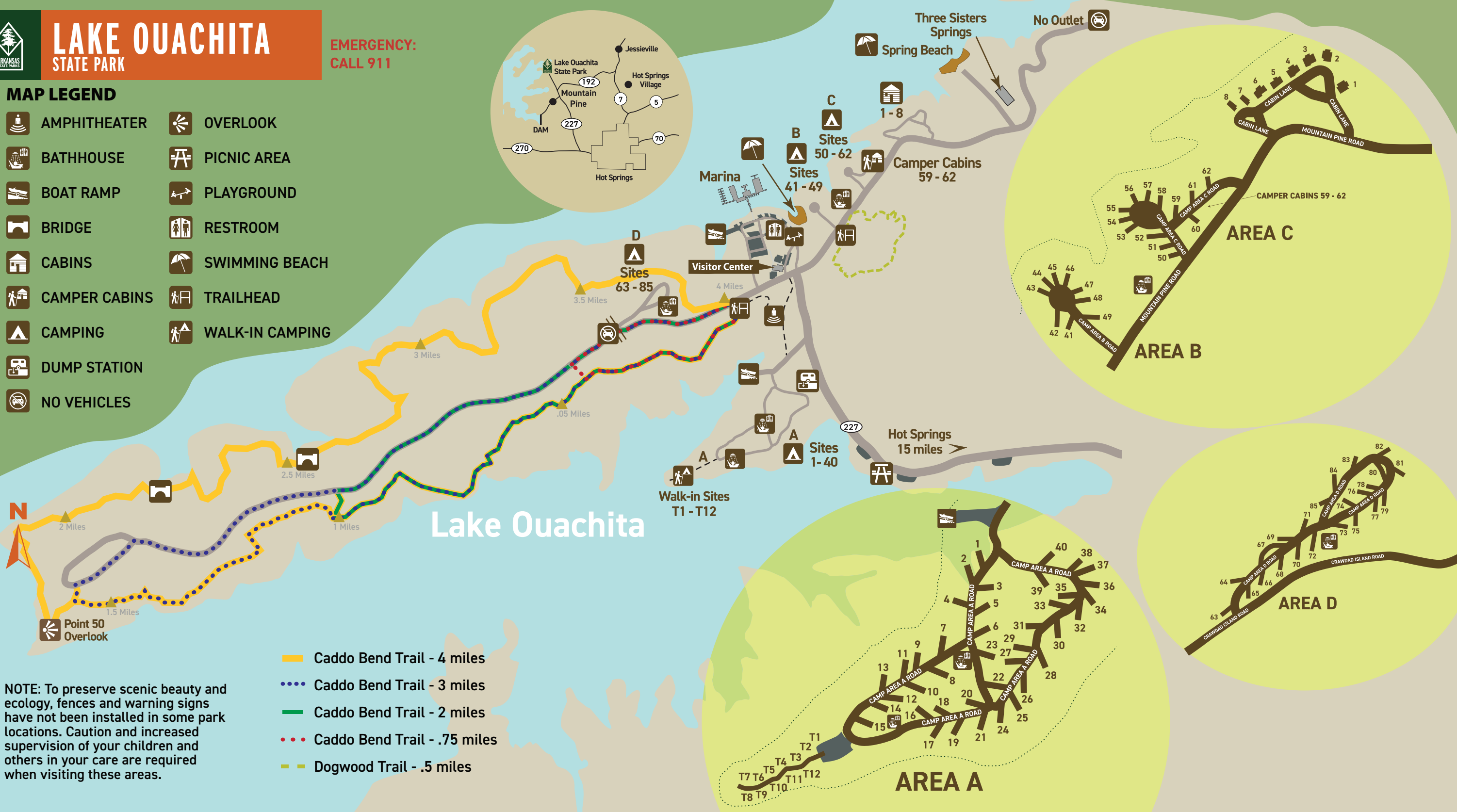
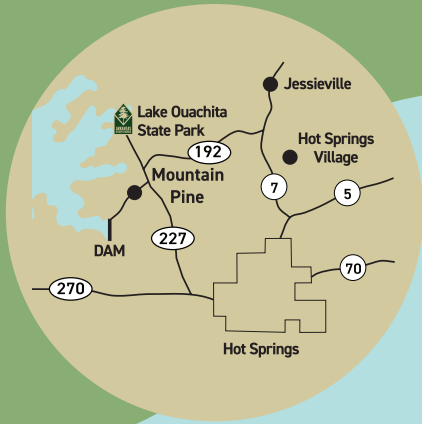


LAKE OUACHITA STATE PARK

EMERGENCY:
CALL 911

MAP LEGEND

- AMPHITHEATER
- BATHHOUSE
- BOAT RAMP
- BRIDGE
- CABINS
- CAMPER CABINS
- CAMPING
- DUMP STATION
- NO VEHICLES
- OVERLOOK
- PICNIC AREA
- PLAYGROUND
- RESTROOM
- SWIMMING BEACH
- TRAILHEAD
- WALK-IN CAMPING



- Caddo Bend Trail - 4 miles
- Caddo Bend Trail - 3 miles
- Caddo Bend Trail - 2 miles
- Caddo Bend Trail - .75 miles
- Dogwood Trail - .5 miles

NOTE: 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.

