

**US Army Corps of Engineers®**  
St. Louis District

# Clarence Cannon Dam & Mark Twain Lake

## ATTENTION FISHERMEN & HUNTERS

All hunting and fishing regulations are administered and enforced by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Please refer to the Wildlife Code of Missouri or the Missouri Code of State Regulations. For further assistance contact the Missouri Department of Conservation at (573) 751-4115 or www.mdc.mo.gov

Note: All remaining statewide fishing regulations apply.

### RE-REGULATION POOL

- No fishing is permitted within the area 400' below the main dam.
- From 400' below the main dam, statewide stream regulations apply.
- Fishing is restricted to pole and line only from 400' below the main dam to the power line crossing and below the re-regulation dam to Route A.

## CAUTION SWIMMERS

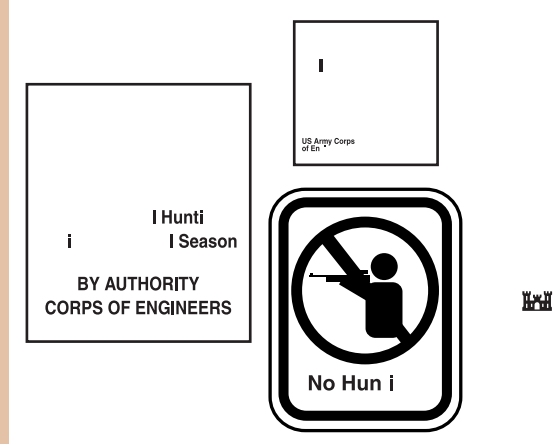
Designated beach areas are the safest place to swim in the lake. Jumping or diving anywhere that you can't see underwater is unsafe. Watch your children; it only takes 20 seconds for a child to drown.

## CAUTION BOATERS

This lake contains underwater obstructions such as trees, stumps, logs, rocks and other debris. Boaters are warned to watch for these unknown hazards especially when the pool level fluctuates. Boat ramps may be slippery due to the growth of algae, other vegetation and mud. PLEASE USE CAUTION.

All Public lands shown in this brochure are governed by the regulations set forth in Title 36, Section 327, U.S. Federal Code of Regulations. Copies of the "Rules and Regulations" brochure are available from a Park Ranger, at the Project Office or at campground fee booths. All local, state and federal regulations are applicable.

## SIGNING



## LEGEND

- Mark Twain Lake Normal Pool Elev. (606.0 msl)
- Mark Twain Lake Flood Pool Elev. (638.0 msl)
- Lands Managed by the Corps of Engineers - Open to Hunting/Trapping
- Lands Managed by the Corps of Engineers - Closed to Hunting/Trapping
- Towns
- Lands Managed by the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources
- Waterfowl Refuge - Closed to boating/waterfowl hunting during waterfowl season
- Hard-surfaced Roads
- Gravel Roads
- Railroad
- Recreation Area Road System
- Hiking Trails
- Hunter/Fisherman Parking Lots
- Hunter/Fisherman Boat Ramps
- Day Navigation Markers

## STANDARD LAKE MARKERS

Diamond: Danger



Red Flag with White Diagonal: Diver-Keep clear 50 yards.



Diamond with Cross: Boats Keep Out!



Circle: Controlled area-(explanation within circle)



Square or Rectangle: Gives information.



**If You Love Me...**

Make sure you put a life jacket on me before I get near water.

96% of drowning victims would be alive today if they had worn a life jacket.

www.mvs.usace.army.mil/marktwain

## PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS

	Mileage from Dam	Visitor Center	Boat Ramp	Marina	Picnic Facilities	Group Picnic Shelter	Campgrounds**	Electrical Hookups	Group Campground	Water	Trailer Dump Station	Toilets	Showers	Swimming Beach*	Playground	Phone	Fish Cleaning	Equestrian Trail	Shooting Range	Horse Corral***	
M.W. Boudreaux Visitor Center	.5	●																			
John C. (Jack) Briscoe	.5																				
Ray Behrens	2		●																		
Robert E. Allen	18		○																		
South Fork	18																				
Stoutsville	25		○																		
Warren G. See North Spillway	0		●																		
Warren G. See South Spillway	0		●																		
Indian Creek	23		○																		
John F. Spalding	8		○																		
Frank Russell	1																				
Bluffview	14																				
Duane S. Wheelan	6																				
Mark Twain St. Prk. & Birthplace	19		●																		
H/F Lot II	20																				
North Fork Recreation Area	25																				

\* Indian Creek Beach is reserved for registered campers at the Indian Creek Reservation Area

\*\* A number of campsites are available for reservation in the Indian Creek, Ray Behrens, and Frank Russell areas, minimum 2 day advance notice required.

\*\*\* Horse Corral is available for Frank Russell registered campers only.

- Indicates Handicap facility available
- Indicates high water boat ramp
- Visitor Center closed

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## Recreational Opportunities

The sparkling waters and scenic lands of Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake provide countless opportunities for outdoor recreation – boating, swimming, fishing, picnicking, camping, hiking and hunting to name a few. You'll find developed recreation areas such as campgrounds, beaches, playgrounds, boat ramps and full service marinas. Picnic shelters, perfect for group gatherings, are available by advance reservation or on a first-arrival basis. The recreational opportunities are endless.

**Camping** is available in four Corps of Engineers developed recreation areas, at the Mark Twain State Park and in private recreation areas around the lake. Camping fees and facilities differ in each recreation area, however, most have electric hookups, sewer and water hookups, showers, restrooms, sanitary stations, fire grills, picnic tables and playground equipment. Group camping areas and a number of individual campsites are available on a reservation basis. Visitors holding valid America the Beautiful Senior or Access Passes are entitled to a 50% discount on camping and day use fees at federal recreation areas. Previously issued Golden Age and Access Passports are still honored at Corps of Engineers Facilities.



Campfire programs are held throughout the summer at outdoor amphitheatres in the campgrounds and give visitors the opportunity to learn more about the natural and cultural history of the area. Programs are presented at the beaches to promote water safety.

School, scout and other interested groups may schedule programs upon request. The Corps also assists groups who sponsor fishing tournaments, camporees and other special events at the lake.

**Hike-in or boat-in primitive camping** is available along the Joanna Trail and Lick Creek Trail, at designated Hunter/Fisherman parking lots and the Hike-in section of the Indian Creek Recreation Area. Primitive campers must register at the Corps Project Office prior to camping. Indian Creek Hike-in campground users must register and pay at the campground fee booth. **CAMPING IS RESTRICTED TO DESIGNATED AREAS.**

Hikers and backpackers are encouraged to use the many miles of trails throughout the lake area. Two multipurpose trails are available for equestrian use. Food plots, small ponds and prairie areas enhance a trail user's chance of spotting a deer, bluebird or other wild inhabitants of Missouri.

From educational programs and nature hikes to rodeos and folkife festivals, there is something for everyone at Mark Twain Lake. Partnerships and agreements with local organizations provide programs and special events that are sure to entertain visitors of all ages. For the latest information about programs and special events offered at Mark Twain Lake, please visit the Mark Twain Lake Project Office or our website at [www.mvs.usace.army.mil/marktwain](http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/marktwain).



## Natural Resource Management

The stewardship of the natural and cultural resources on public lands is a top priority of the Corps of Engineers. Its mission is to manage and conserve those natural and cultural resources, consistent with ecosystem management principles, while providing quality public outdoor recreation experiences to serve the needs of present and future generations. Working closely with state, federal, and local agencies, the Corps promotes awareness of environmental values and adheres to sound environmental stewardship, protection, compliance and restoration practices of the natural and cultural resources.



Bass Tournament

## Hunting and Fishing Opportunities

Approximately 55,000 acres of land and water are available for public enjoyment. At normal pool, Mark Twain Lake encompasses 18,600 acres, providing a variety of fishing opportunities for large and smallmouth bass, crappie, walleye, catfish, bluegill and others. Approximately 45,000 acres of land and water are available for hunting. Game species available for hunting include dove, quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, wild turkey and waterfowl. There are many hunter-fisherman access areas found around the lake for your convenience. No off-road vehicles allowed.

Many fishing tournaments are held at Mark Twain Lake each year. To schedule your tournament, you must contact the Mark Twain Lake Project Office to obtain a Special Use Permit and the Missouri State Water Patrol to obtain a regatta permit.

All public lands are open to hunting with the following exceptions: developed recreation areas and areas posted with government "No Hunting" signs. Portable deer stands, waterfowl blinds, and waterfowl decoys are permitted, but must be removed each day after the hunt. No permanent or overnight stands/blinds are permitted. Fishing is prohibited at boat launching ramps, beach areas and immediately below the main dam.

Day use fees for the use of designated boat launching ramps and swimming beaches are collected at honor vaults. Annual passes are available from the Project/Administration Building or at campground fee booths.



David C. Bertl Shooting Range



Northeast Missouri Vietnam Memorial



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Mark Twain Lake Project Office  
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Monroe City, MO 63456-9359  
[www.mvs.usace.army.mil/marktwain](http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/marktwain)

Phone: 573-735-4097

Lake Information Recording 573-735-2619  
Lake Information Radio 530 AM

For Camping Reservations:  
National Recreation Reservation Service 1-877-444-6777  
[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

For additional information about State Park and Marina Facilities:

Mark Twain State Park 573-565-3440  
Mark Twain Birthplace 573-565-3449  
Blackjack Marina 573-565-2233  
Indian Creek Marina 573-735-4075

### FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911 or

Corps of Engineers-Mark Twain Lake 573-735-4097  
Monroe County Sheriff 660-327-5175  
Ralls County Sheriff 573-985-5611  
Missouri State Highway Patrol 660-385-2132  
Missouri State Water Patrol 573-751-3333

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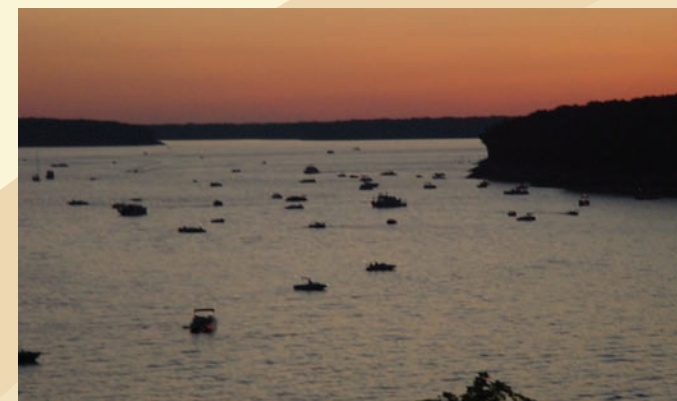


### PROJECT FACTS

**MAIN DAM**  
Concrete in dam ..... 450,000 cu. yds.  
Earth in embankment ..... 3,000,000 cu. yds.  
Height of dam above streambed ..... 138 ft.  
Length of dam ..... 1,940 ft.  
Total generating capacity ..... 58,000 kw.

### LAKE

Lake surface normal pool: 18,600 acres ..... 606 msl  
Lake surface flood pool: 38,400 acres ..... 638 msl  
Shoreline (normal lake pool) ..... 285 miles  
Average width of pool ..... 1 mile  
Average depth of pool ..... 29 ft.  
Watershed ..... 2,400 sq. mi.



Boats waiting for July 4th fireworks in front of dam.

## Clarence Cannon Dam and Power Plant

**Authorizations and Benefits** – The Dam was first proposed in 1937 as an answer to many years of flooding by the Salt River. With the support and expertise of many, including Representative Clarence Cannon, the multipurpose project was authorized by Congress in the Flood Control Act of October 1962. The Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake offer multiple benefits to Northeast Missouri including:

**Hydroelectric Power** – Providing energy during peak demand periods.

**Flood Damage Reduction** – For areas downstream of the dam together with reductions in Mississippi River flooding.

**Recreation** – Providing diverse recreational opportunities for the public.

**Fish and Wildlife Conservation** – Providing diverse habitat through responsible stewardship of the natural resources.

**Water Supply** – Providing a high quality and reliable potable water supply for the region.

**Navigation** – Improved navigation on the Mississippi.

The Clarence Cannon Dam contains a hydroelectric power plant capable of producing up to 58,000 kilowatts of power, or enough to supply a town of 20,000 people. The Clarence Cannon hydroelectric plant is powered by falling water. The tremendous force of the water sets the turbine blades in motion which turns the shafts connecting each turbine to a generator. When both units are operating at capacity, as much as 5,400,000 gallons of water pass through the turbines each minute. A re-regulation dam, located 9.5 miles downstream from the main dam, creates a storage pool that helps improve water quality and assists with wetland management.



18,600 acre family recreational lake.

## Welcome

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes you to Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake, located in Northeast Missouri, 30 miles west of the Mississippi River. Everyone is invited to use the 55,000 acres of land and water. These resources are shared by all and care should be taken to preserve them for future visitors. Come visit us and explore all that we have to offer. For opportunities to volunteer, assist with natural resource management activities, or ask a question, visit our website at [www.mvs.usace.army.mil/marktwain](http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/marktwain)