

DAISY STATE PARK

Situated among the scenic foothills of the Ouachita Mountains in southwest Arkansas is Lake Greeson. This 7,000-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment was formed in 1950 when a dam was placed across the Little Missouri River in Pike County. Famous for its clean, clear water which provides fishing enthusiasts with a chance for stripers, black bass, crappie, bream, catfish, white bass and smallmouth, the lake is also stocked with northern pike and walleye; plus the river above and below the lake is stocked with rainbow trout for winter and spring trout fishing.

Daisy State Park is on the northern end of Lake Greeson just off U.S. Highway 70 near the town of Daisy. The park is surrounded by vast timberlands of pines and hardwoods (privately owned); add the Ouachita National Forest just a few miles to the north, and this outdoor bonanza offers a variety of year-round recreational pursuits. From fishing, boating, camping, hiking, swimming, waterskiing and scuba diving, to in-season hunting on timber company and U.S. Forest Service lands (no hunting allowed in state parks), to touring the back country roads, south-west Arkansas offers some of the most spectacular mountain scenery, wildlife viewing and outdoor fun found in the state.

During your stay at Daisy State Park, you may want to visit the Caney Creek Wilderness Area, Camp Albert Pike, Shady Lake, Little Missouri Falls, Winding Stairs - all located in the nearby Ouachita National Forest - where cascading streams, mountain trails and high country picnic sites provide days of enjoyable outings. White water floating is enjoyed by many on the Little Missouri, Cossatot and Caddo Rivers. The Little Missouri float from Albert Pike to Highway 70 at Lake Greeson is approximately 20 miles. Floats can be divided into two sections - Albert Pike to Highway 84 near Langley (8.5 miles) and Highway 84 to Lake Greeson. The Little Missouri is for experienced paddlers with rapids up to Class IV on the upper section. The Cossatot River from Highway 246, near Vandervoort, to Highway 4, near Empire, provides 10 miles of floating up to Class V. The exhibits in the new state park interpretive center on Highway 278 are well worth the scenic drive to the Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area. The Caddo River has about 20 miles for floating from Norman to Amity. This can be divided into three floats beginning at Norman to Caddo Gap (6 miles). The second from

Caddo Gap to Glenwood at Highway 70 (6 miles). The third from Highway 70 to 1 1/2 miles north of Amity (8 miles). The Caddo is an excellent river for beginners and family outings with rapids to Class II. Floating is dependent on rainfall and is generally confined to spring and early summer.

Just 23 miles south of Daisy near Murfreesboro is Crater of Diamonds State Park, which contains the only diamond-producing volcanic "pipe" open to the public in North America. For a small fee, anyone can search for diamonds in their original kimberlite soil matrix and keep all they find!

FACILITIES

Camping ♦ Open year-round, Daisy State Park offers a wide variety of camping experiences. For visitors needing water and electrical hook-ups, 82 campsites with asphalt-surfaced pads are available including Premium C & D, Preferred A & B, and Standard A & B, check with park for details. The park also offers 21 tent sites (no hookups), 10 of which are for hike-in camping only, for visitors who wish a more "primitive" camping experience. All camping sites are equipped with tables and grills, plus seven clean, modern bathhouses and a sanitary dump station are handy to all. Two concrete-paved boat launch ramps, adjacent to the lakeside campgrounds (see map on reverse side), are available free of charge.

Picnicking ♦ Scattered among the pines and hardwoods, the shaded picnic sites at Daisy are equipped with tables and grills for cookout fun at no charge. A large, enclosed pavilion/restroom is available for rent to groups by reservation. Plenty of open space surrounds the pavilion, making it ideal for games and other group activities. A playground is also available.

Nearby Facilities ♦ The Corps of Engineers provides 12 additional campgrounds around the lake near Daisy State Park. Campgrounds are also available at Crater of Diamonds State Park. Stores, service stations, motels, marinas, restaurants, miniature golf, canoe rental, bait and fishing supplies are available in several locations just outside the park. A public golf course is 18 miles northeast of the park, near Glenwood. A phone call is suggested to set a tee-time: 501-356-4422. Also, Bear Creek Motorcycle Trail starts in Daisy and has 32 miles of trails for ATV's, mountain bikes, dirt bikes, and hiking.

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

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

An interpretive program of guided hikes, games, crafts, nature talks and demonstrations plus evening slide and movie shows at the park's outdoor amphitheater are offered to the public free of charge during the summer months (Memorial Day through Labor Day). Organized groups may request special interest programs (advance arrangements required).

LOCATION

From the town of Daisy on U.S. 70, the park is 1/4 mile south; from Hot Springs, travel 50 miles southwest on U.S. 70 to Daisy; from Murfreesboro, go 20 miles on Arkansas 27 to Kirby, then 6 miles west on U.S. 70 to Daisy; from DeQueen, on U.S. 71, travel 41 miles northeast on U.S. 70 to Daisy; from I-30 at Texarkana, take U.S. 71 north 43 miles to U.S. 70 and then drive 33 miles northeast to Daisy.

For further information on park fees, services or pavilion reservations, contact:

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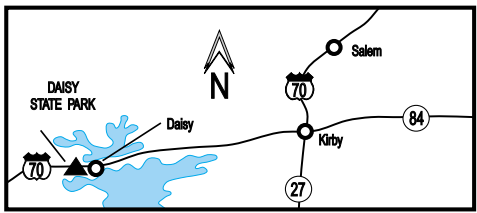
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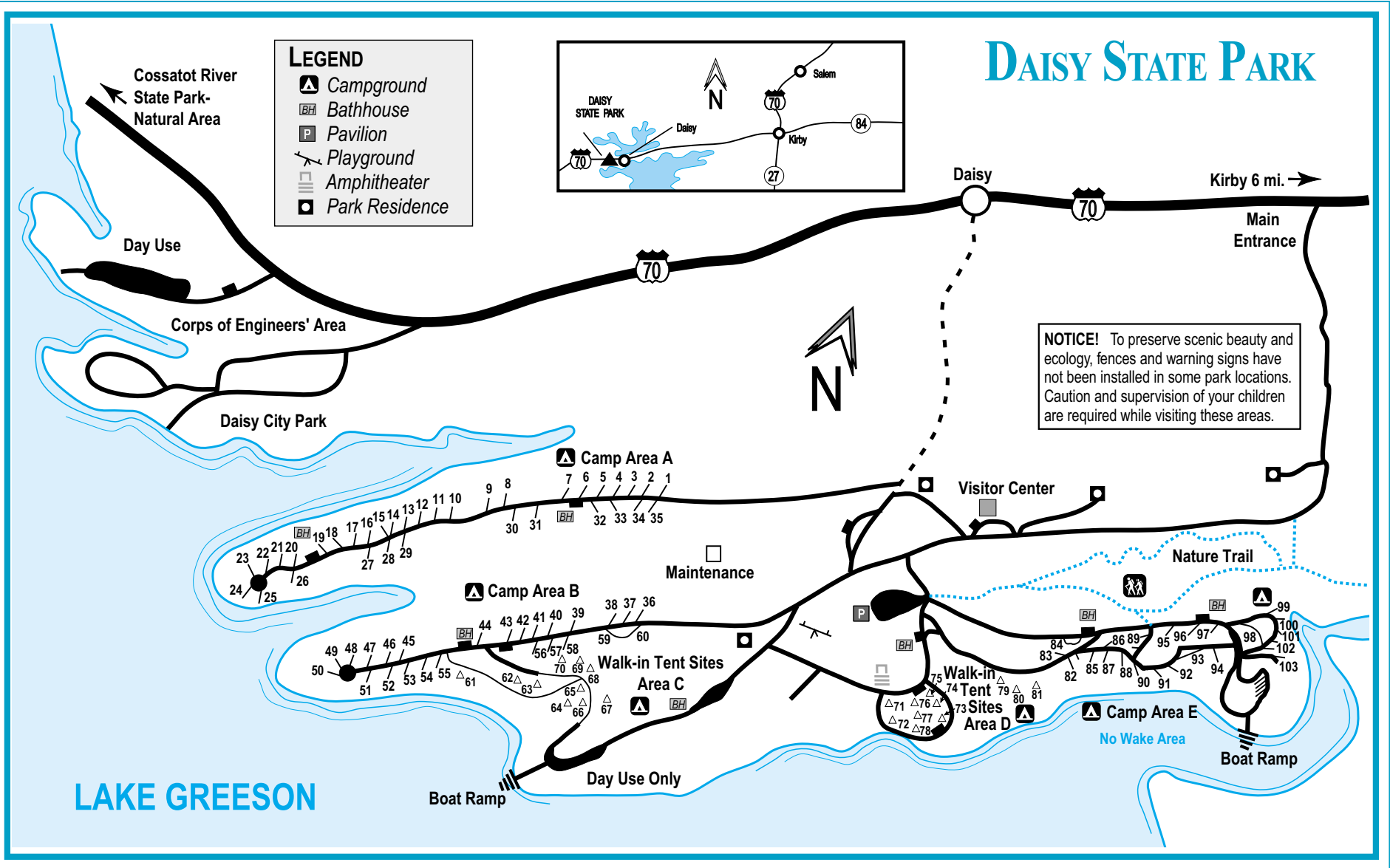
LEGEND

- Campground
- Bathhouse
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Amphitheater
- Park Residence



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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.



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