



An Outstanding Recreation and Beauty Spot in Central Kansas

Welcome to the Marion County Park & Lake

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Marion, KS 66861-9205

Phone 620-382-3240

Located 1 1/2 miles east,
2 miles south of
Marion, Kansas 66861,
just off Highways
U.S. 256 & U.S. 77

LAKE / PARK AREA MAP KEY

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| A – Office | H – CCC Memorial Statue |
| B – Heated Dock | I – East Shelter House |
| C – Public Dock | K – Rearing Pond |
| D – Beach | R – Restroom |
| E – Hall | S – Shower/Restroom |
| F – Boat Ramps | T – Picnic Tables |
| G – North Shelter House | |

- Disc Golf Course
- Swimming Beach
- Shower Restroom
- Water Skiing for County Residents
- All-Weather Road around Lake
- Bait & Tackle Shop
- Year-Round RV Hookups
- Camping Grounds
- Recreational Hall

- Heated Fishing Dock
- Shady Groves
- Restrooms
- Many Picnic Facilities
- Shelter Houses
- Children's Playgrounds
- Fine Fishing & Boating



THE MARION COUNTY PARK & LAKE

*Everyone is cordially invited to make full use of the recreational facilities
provided by the Marion County Park and Lake*

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Resolution No. 05-06 Revised and brought up to date by motion of the Board of Marion County Commission on August 8, 2011.

The destruction, injury, defacement or removal of property of any kind is unlawful. This includes, but is not restricted to, the peeling of bark, carving and chopping of trees, shrubs, plants, and the unauthorized removal of dirt or rock or any kind of plant.

Personal, commercial or charitable sales are prohibited on County Park and Lake property. The Lake Superintendent has all concession rights, with the exception of special event days. The Board of County Commissioners may permit other sales upon application.

Refuse, garbage, rubbish or waste of any kind shall not be discarded on or along roads, picnicking or camping areas, in the lake or on the premises, but shall be placed in depositories. Lake trash containers are not for cabin owners or local residents' personal trash dumping. Trash containers are for use only by persons using the lake facility.

Fires are prohibited in the open or in any place except where fireplaces, grills or other provisions have been made. Use of personal charcoal grills is permitted.

Smoking in all county park and lake buildings is prohibited.

All county property at the Marion County Park and Lake is closed to the general public between 11:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. of the following day. All activities during said hours on county owned property except by persons having proper permits are prohibited.

All recreational units shall be open and free to the public except the East Shelter House and the North Shelter House, which may be reserved at the Lake Office. The Lake Hall may also be rented by reservation at the Lake Office.

There shall be a three hour limit for persons using either the north or east shelter houses. Parties who want to shelter house for longer than three hours may reserve and pay a fee at the Lake Office.

Persons under twelve (12) years must be accompanied by an adult while on the lake premises.

SWIMMING

No one shall swim, float or wade in any of the waters of the lake except within the area designated as a swimming beach area. A half circle of orange PVC pipe, attached to white and/or orange buoys designate the beach area.

Swimming and Beach hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Swim at own risk.

No diving from pier.

No glass containers allowed on or in beach area.

No fishing in beach area.

No horses on or in beach area.

No beer or alcoholic beverages allowed on or in beach area.

Violators can be made to leave beach area and a citation with Notice to Appear can be issued.

CONDUCT

Disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct including drunkenness, vile language, fighting, open beer parties, consumption of alcoholic beverages including 3.2 beer possession or kegs of beer, personal exposure, (or changing clothing in automobiles, woods, or any place where a person is not properly sheltered), amplified sounds, and the use of non-prescription drugs is strictly prohibited.

The Marion County Park and Lake Superintendent has full authority to enforce all rules and regulations as set out in this brochure. A citation with Notice to Appear can be issued for any infraction. Lake Superintendent shall have the authority to require person or persons to leave the park and lake area if, in his/her opinion, said removal is in the best interest of the park and lake.

TRAFFIC

Speed will be radar controlled on all roads in and around the park and lake. The speed limit for vehicles is 10 miles per hour except where otherwise posted. No vehicle shall be parked or left unattended on any road in a manner which will block or impede traffic. No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on lake property for storage purposes by cabin owners

or any other persons.

Pursuant to Marion County Resolution No. 2019-06, Marion County residents, lakeside cabin owners, and persons renting a yearly trailer lot at Marion County Lake, may purchase a permit to operate a utility task vehicle, micro utility task vehicle, and / or golf cart on the roadways of Marion County Park and Lake. All vehicles shall be inspected by the Superintendent before a permit may be issued. Vehicles must have a rear-view mirror, slow moving vehicle sign, and lights if they are to be operated between sunset and sunrise. Proof of liability insurance must also be submitted before obtaining a permit.

Permits shall be displayed in such a manner as to be clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle. All vehicle operators must have a valid drivers license, and all occupants must ride in a designated, marked seat. Permits are issued at the Lake Office.

Non-county residents who don't meet the criteria stated above shall not be allowed to obtain such annual vehicle permits.

ZEBRA MUSSEL WATCH. There is a Mandatory check-in at lake office for all vessels and carried in live bait (excluding worms). \$1,000.00 fine if not compliant.

FISHING

The Marion County Park and Lake has entered into a five (5) year contract with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. This program is called Community Fisheries Assistance Program.

All Kansas residents ages 16 through 74 who have been residents of the State of Kansas for sixty (60) days immediately prior to buying a license, must have a resident license in possession while fishing in Kansas.

All non-residents ages 16 and older must have a valid non-resident license to fish in Kansas. Fishing licenses are subject to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks regulations and are not transferable.

Fishing shall be permitted 24 hours per day. Each person fishing on the lake shall be limited to two rods or two poles of any type with not more than two hooks on each pole or rod. Any such rod or pole left unattended or more than 100 feet from the fisherman is prohibited and may be confiscated by the Lake Superintendent.

Anglers can purchase a Kansas permit that allows the use of a third pole. There are no age exceptions to the requirement.

Fishermen are allowed to wade the shoreline while fishing.

Fishing tube floats are allowed.

Troutlines, set lines, float, bank or limb lines are not allowed.

The dumping of minnows or any kind of bait in the water or in the park is prohibited. The bringing of, or having in your possession, live or dead shad minnows is prohibited. Commercially prepared shad is not prohibited. The use of seines, traps or equipment of any kind used for catching fish, minnow, or bait of any kind is prohibited. However, ¼ inch mesh or greater landing nets are not prohibited.

The harvest or gathering of mussel, clams, or their shells from said lake area is prohibited.

Creel limit: The maximum number of a species of fish or frog that can be taken per person in a calendar day.

(5) Channel Catfish, must release if less than 15 inches.

(5) Flathead Catfish, no length limit here.

(5) Black Bass (Largemouth or Spotted, single species or in combination), slot limit and must be released if between 13 to 18 inches.

(2) Walleye or Saugeye (single species or in combination) must release if less than 18 inches.

(2) Wiper, must release if less than 18 inches.

(20) Crappie, no length limit here.

Creel, length limits and all other regulations and laws governing the taking of fish and bullfrogs are set by Kansas Wildlife and Parks, and are subject to change.

HEATED DOCK

The heated dock is open year-round, 24 hours a day. There will be no admission charge for fishing in or from the heated dock.

Fishermen using the dock must have state fishing licenses in their possession.

No children under the age of twelve shall fish, play or be on the dock unless accompanied by an adult.

No beer or alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed inside or outside the dock.

Littering or leaving a mess inside or outside of the heated dock is prohibited.

Camping or sleeping inside or outside the heated dock on lounge chairs or on the floor is prohibited.

No chumming is allowed in or on the heated dock.

By Marion County Resolution No. 99-17, the Marion County Commission has designated the heated dock to be a non-smoking facility.

BOW FISHING

The use of bow and arrow shall be legal for the taking of rough fish and White Armour only. Persons shooting fish must remove all dead fish from the lake property. Persons using a bow and arrow shall comply with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks laws relating to bow fishing.

CAMPING

Camping permits may be obtained from the Lake Superintendent at the Lake Office.

Campers, vehicles and tents should not be left unattended at a permanent picnic table site.

The use of a portable generator shall not be used within 300 feet of another camper or camp site and shall be turned off during quiet hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Overnight camping in the electricity area and around the lake shall be limited to fourteen (14) consecutive days. Thereafter, the camping unit or person must leave the lake premises for seven (7) days before returning to the lake.

The Lake Superintendent shall have authority to require campers to remove their camp if in his/her opinion said removal is in the best interest of the park.

No person shall park an automobile, trailer house or pitch a tent in any place not designated for such purpose.

No person or persons shall camp at the North or East Shelter House where posted "No camping within 100 feet". However, groups that have reserved and paid for a shelter house are allowed to camp there as long as they have camping permits.

No camping in beach area.

No person under the age of 17 years, unaccompanied by an adult or chaperon, shall be allowed to camp within the boundaries of the park.

Special arrangements will be made for Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups.

BOATS AND BOATING

A synopsis of *Kansas Boating Regulations and Safety Tips* published by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks can be obtained at the Marion County lake Office or at most places where fishing and hunting licenses are obtained.

There is a *Kansas Personal Watercraft Regulation Summary* available and it should be read before you operate or let someone operate a personal watercraft on said lake.

Vessels are subject to state boating laws and regulations with the following county restrictions.

SPECIAL NOTICE

U.S. Coast Guard approved life saving devices, one for each person, must be in the vessel at all times when it is in use. Children 12 years of age and younger must wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. This applies to all and any type vessels.

Vessels shall be equipped with sealed air chambers or foam capable of keeping the vessel and occupants afloat.

Vessels with automobile type engines or high performance racing type open engines with above water header exhaust system, propeller or jet prop driven are prohibited.

No rubber vessels, rubber tubes, or life rafts are allowed on the lake; excepting however, rubber tubes may be used as skiing devices behind ski vessels to which a proper skiing permit has been issued. Rubber vessels, rubber tubes, life rafts, or similar devices shall be allowed in the designated beach area. Provided however,

that fishing tube floats are allowed on the lake pursuant to these rules and regulations.

Personal watercraft are allowed on the lake providing all occupants of the vessel wear United States Coast Guard approved life jackets; provided, however, that no personal watercraft shall be used to tow any person, object, or skiing device. All rules shall be the same as for speed vessels. Effective January 1, 1995, a person under 16 years of age shall not operate personal watercraft providing the person has successfully completed a boating safety course approved by the Secretary and has received a valid boating safety certificate. All personal watercraft operators will not be allowed to wake jump or follow behind any vessel that is towing a person. A distance of 150 feet must be maintained at all times.

All vessels shall be inspected by the Lake Superintendent before a permit shall be issued. Vessels shall have a Manufacturers Hull Identification Capacity Number Plate before a permit can be issued for said vessel.

All vessels shall have the Marion County vessel permit sticker which is issued when the vessel permit is obtained. The sticker is to be placed on all vessels on the right rear side of the vessel. For purposes of this paragraph, only Marion County residents, lakeside cabin owners, and persons renting a yearly trailer lot at Marion County Lake who are named on the Vessel Registration card as principal owner of the vessel for which a yearly boat permit is sought, shall be eligible to purchase a boat permit under the foregoing fee schedule. Effective 2010, Marion County residents, lakeside cabin owners and persons renting a yearly trailer lot at Marion County Lake which possess an out of state vessel registration card will be charged double the normal boat permit rate.

Speed boating and skiing permits shall be issued only to Marion County residents and owners of lakeside cabins, and to persons renting a yearly trailer house lot at the campground area.

A person who has rented a cabin from a cabin owner for a year, may, by showing a rental contract at office, purchase a speed boating permit for skiing but the cabin owner must relinquish his right to operate his own vessel for speeding or skiing purposes.

All Marion County and all non-county resident vessels used for fishing will not be required to have a county boat permit if used for fishing purposes only, and will be limited to operate at a speed of not to cause a wash or wake (5 m.p.h. or less). All vessels used for pleasure or non-fishing purposes will be required to have appropriate Marion County boat permits as described.

Non-county residents shall not be allowed to tow any person, object, or skiing device behind their vessel.

Vessels of all types operating at night shall operate according to State Law as set out by Kansas Statutes.

No vessels shall operate within 150 feet of a shoreline where there are people fishing from the shore or the heated dock.

No vessels shall operate within 150 feet of a scuba diver's flag. No person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or non-prescription drugs, shall operate or be in control of a vessel.

Every operator of a vessel shall at all times operate the same in a careful and prudent manner.

No owner or person in possession of a vessel shall permit a person under 12 years of age to operate a motorboat unless accompanied and under direct and audible supervision of a parent, guardian, or person over 17 years of age.

The County Commissioners have the right to restrict all boating during "Special Event" days.

WATER SKIING

Water skiing, speed boating and personal watercrafts are permitted on the lake on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week from sunrise until sunset. On Friday and Saturday, speed boating, water skiing and operating personal watercraft is permitted from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, water skiing, speed boating and personal watercraft is permitted from 10:00 a.m. until sunset.

On Sunday only, all vessels used for skiing must have an observer beside the operator of the vessel. All vessels shall travel in a counter clockwise direction on the water during skiing, speed boating and personal watercraft days.

Water skiers must wear a life preserver, ski belt, or wet or dry suit. If ski belts or wet or dry suits are worn, there must be, in the vessel, a U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver for that person.

Skiing, speed boating and operating personal watercraft are allowed only within the area marked by white and orange buoys. Vessels

going beyond the white and orange buoys for purpose of docking and fishing may do so by reducing the speed of the vessel not to cause a wash or wake (5 m.p.h. or less).

Members of skiing and personal watercraft groups may swim in the water next to their vessel or boat docks, provided that all persons in the water are wearing life preservers, ski belts, or wet or dry suits, provided they maintain within 15 feet of their vessel and or boat dock.

No skiing or swimming is allowed from the public boat dock. Vessels leaving and approaching the dock shall do so by reducing the speed of the vessel not to cause a wash or wake (5 m.p.h. or less) from the vessel causing damage or unnecessary damage or inconvenience to the occupants of the area or other vessels. No vessels shall be parked in or tied to the public docks; slip rentals are available in the lake office.

A red light near the public dock will notify drivers that ski and speed boat time is up. Vessels wishing to remain on the lake after time is up shall reduce speed to not cause a wash or wake (5 m.p.h. or less).

No parking is allowed on skiing and speed boating days on the road to the public dock and boat ramps, except in places marked by signs as parking areas.

The county permit of any vessel may be revoked if the vessel is operated in a hazardous or careless manner.

Row boats, canoes, sailboats, sailboards, tube fishing floats, and paddle boats may be barred from the skiing area on speed boating days if the Lake Superintendent deems it necessary for public safety.

SAILBOAT REGULATIONS

Sailboats and sailboards shall be inspected by the Marion County Park and Lake Superintendent before a permit shall be issued.

Occupants of sailboats must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device on board while sailing. Children 12 years of age and younger must wear a personal flotation device. Any person operating a sailboard must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device or a wet or dry suit while in or on the water.

Sailboats and sailboards shall have U.S. Coast Guard approved running lights, and after sunset they must be turned on at all times.

DOCKS AND BOATHOUSES

Docks and boathouses may be constructed along the shore of the lake upon receiving a written permit from the Lake Superintendent approving location. All individuals who have or intend to erect a boat dock on the Marion County Lake must construct a floating type dock approved by the Lake Superintendent and must maintain same in good repair. Any person may use these private docks unless the owner wants to use the dock, in which case a non-owner user shall leave upon request. Any person using a private dock shall be responsible for any damages they have done to the dock.

All docks and boathouses shall be constructed without the use of metal barrels. Only extruded foam or vinyl barrels filled with extruded foam for flotation may be used. Also EZ Dock one-piece self floating dock system may be used. A permit shall be obtained by each owner of a dock or boathouse on or before the 1st day of May of each year. Each permit shall contain a permit number and the permit number shall be painted on the dock in a conspicuous place.

Dock supports and cables must be constructed in a manner which is comparable to the Marion County public dock located on the county lake.

Docks must be constructed out of C.C.A. treated or redwood lumber. Docks shall be no less than 8 feet by 10 feet, and no larger than 25 feet by 25 feet. The deck material shall be no smaller than 2"x4". 5/4 inch C.C.A. treated deck boards with round edges may be used. The floor stringer material shall be no smaller than 2"x6". Docks shall be constructed with angle iron bolted in every corner of the dock. Roofs on all boathouses shall be supported on posts no less than 4"x4" lumber or 2 1/2 inch o.d. pipe. Rafters shall be no less than 2"x4" on more than 24 inch centers. Walkways shall be at least 30 inches wide and shall

have extruded foam under them if necessary. All boat docks built in a "U" shape shall have at least 4 foot sides and 4 foot fronts. All docks and boathouses must be maintained and placed in good condition by May 1st of each year, or they will be removed by the Lake Superintendent at the owner's cost. All newly constructed boat docks and boathouses will be built on previous documented spaces only. Previous dock spaces may be reserved at the Lake Office. Construction of docks and boathouses must begin 90 days after reservation of space and must be completed in 6 months from reservation. All docks and boathouses must be accessible from land and water.

SCUBA DIVING

Marion County Lake is open to scuba diving and spear fishing in accordance with Kansas state laws and regulations, with the additional following county restrictions:

Scuba divers must show proof that they have passed a scuba diver's test by an accredited scuba diving organization or instructor.

Scuba divers shall be accompanied by another diver.

Scuba diving is permitted from sunrise to sunset in any non-speed boating area. Generally, scuba diving is allowed in coves or behind any of the white and/or orange buoys, any day of the week. Scuba diving anywhere in the lake shall be permitted only during hours when there is no speed boating.

HUNTING

No person shall hunt or molest any birds or wildlife within the boundaries of the park.

No person other than an on-duty law enforcement officer shall carry or have in his possession any gun or firearm.

Hunting with or firing a bow and arrow, shotgun, rifle, revolver, pistol, BB or pellet rifle, or BB or pellet pistol within the boundaries of the park is prohibited; except for bow fishing. The target range has been closed as of October 1, 1993. It can no longer be used.

HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS

The Marion County Park and Lake is the result of two FDR New Deal programs that were born during the 1930's depression. The Civilian Conservation Corps and Work Progress Administration's goals were to put men to work and conserve our natural resources. In 1934 when Marion County was designated a drought area, voters passed a bond issue for \$15,000 to buy land for a lake project. County Engineer James Meisner, site designer; Lt. Robert Horsely, commanding officer to CCC Black Veteran Co. #4755 and Supt. Edward C. McBurney, Soil Conservation Service engineer of the dam, were responsible for its completion in three years. The Park and Lake was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. The Civilian Corps Statue was dedicated on October 2, 2004.

In 1938, during the construction of the park and lake, three enterprising CCC workers saw the need for a laundry and dry cleaning business for the 250 men. A native limestone building was constructed and furnished with a washing machine, mangle, pressing machine, sewing machine, irons, and hot water tank. In 1939 when the lake project was completed the camp moved to construct Mead Lake. As time passed the unused building became a place for junk, peacocks, pigeons, and raccoons. In 2007, the building was restored by volunteers and is now a museum that displays the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps and its contributions to our county.

Call 620-381-3710 or go to the Lake Office for access to the museum located west of the Lake Hall.

The Marion County Park and Lake includes approximately 300 acres, with water depth in the 153 acre lake ranging up to 40 feet.

Some 275 homes and cottages have been built, with more under construction. There are 235 year round residents and this number grows steadily. A fine, large trailer park and camping grounds have been added.

The lake is encircled by a four-mile all blacktopped road, plus several miles more of rock inlet roads furnishing easy access to every part of the park and lake area.

Thousands of beautiful trees enhance the beauty of the park, making it one of the most attractive spots in the state of Kansas.

Marion County Park And Lake Fees

Lake Hall Rental:

\$75.00 - Half Hall for Half Day

\$150.00 - Half Hall All Day, or Whole Hall for Half Day

\$300.00 - Whole Hall All Day

Shelter House Rental: \$10 per day

Golf Cart/ATV Permit: \$50.00 Annually

Disc Golf Rental: \$20.00 (Comes w/ 3 discs & carrying bag)

Horseshoe Rental: \$10.00 (Comes w/ 4 horseshoes)

Tent/Primitive Camping:

\$7.00 per night for MN Co. resident

\$8.00 per night for Non Co. resident

Camping w/ electric & water:

\$14.00 per night for Mn Co. resident

\$18.00 per night for Non Co. resident

**Each camping permit includes 2 vehicles; for any additional vehicle there will be a \$2.00 charge.*

Annual Camping Permit:

\$100.00 MN Co. resident - \$8/night with annual

\$150.00 Non Co. resident - \$10/night with annual

Cable TV & WiFi: \$1.75 per night

Boat/RV Storage: \$20.00 per month

Boat Slip Reservation: \$10 for 24 hours

County Boat Permit: based on HP of the boat motor

0-9hp = \$10.00

10-14hp = \$15.00

15-99hp = \$22.00

100-199hp = \$30.00

Over 200hp = \$40.00

All Jet Skis = \$30.00

STORM WARNING SIREN

High then low or wailing sound - TORNADO SIGHTED, take cover.

High solid blast - SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING, possible strong winds, hail and heavy rains.

Siren will be tested the first Monday of every month at noon.

Emergency number - 911.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

The Lake Superintendent shall have authority to issue Citations and Notices to Appear in the Marion County District Court for the enforcement of all rules and regulations.

Any person violating these rules or regulations, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of no more than \$100.00 together with court costs or commitment to the county jail for a period not to exceed 30 days or both such fine and imprisonment.

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