

Pomme de Terre Lake

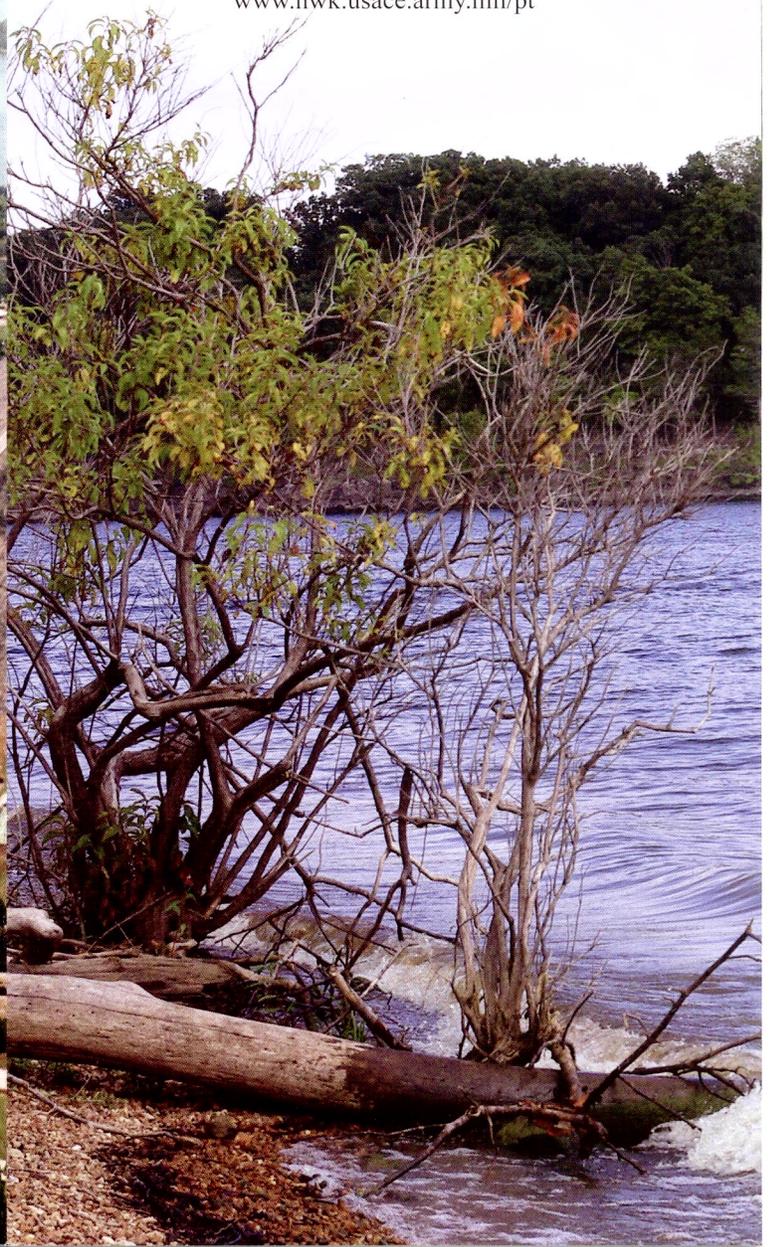
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Welcome

The Kansas City District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes you to Pomme de Terre Lake. This map and brochure will assist you in planning your visit to the wide range of areas and activities found here. For further information, stop by the project office located at the east end of the dam or call 417-745-6411.

You may also visit our web site at:
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/pt





Lake History

Pomme de Terre Lake was authorized in 1938 as part of a comprehensive flood control plan for the Missouri River Basin. Project planning efforts started in 1947 and construction began in 1957. The cost to build Pomme de Terre Lake was \$14,946,784. It was completed and the gates were closed on October 29, 1961.

According to legend, the French explorer La Salle gave the Pomme de Terre River its name when he crossed the Ozarks in 1682. However, it is unlikely that La Salle explored this far from the Mississippi River. The phrase "Pomme de Terre" is French for "Apple of the Earth" or "potato". The river was probably named by early French trappers and fur traders for plants resembling potatoes that grew on its banks. This plant was probably an *Apios Americana* or Potato Bean and was used as food by the Indians.

The Dam

Pomme de Terre Dam, an earth and rockfill embankment, is 7,240 feet long and stands 155 feet above the streambed. The dam's impervious core was made of heavily compacted clay and is virtually watertight. A sand drain allows any water that passes through the clay core to pass safely through the dam.

The outlet works, consisting of the control tower, tunnel and stilling basin, permits the controlled release of water through the dam. The control tower is equipped with two hydraulically-operated gates which regulate the flow of water through the outlet tunnel. The stilling basin then reduces the force of the water flowing downstream into the outlet channel.



Fishing

Pomme de Terre Lake is well known for its excellent fishing for crappie, bass, bluegill, catfish, white bass, walleye, and muskie. Muskellunge (muskie) have been regularly stocked in the lake since 1966 and provide dedicated fishermen the opportunity to catch a true trophy size fish.



There are bank fishing opportunities for the anglers who do not have a boat in the form of fishing docks at Bolivar Landing and below the office near the dam. These docks are maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be accessible to those who have mobility impairments and may not be able to fish at other locations. Also a newly constructed accessible fishing area is available below the dam where anglers can fish in the stilling basin from a fenced concrete sidewalk area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers working with the Missouri Department of Conservation and volunteer groups strive to enhance and improve fish habitat on the lake by placing fish attractors at various locations around the lake. A map of these locations is available at the Pomme de Terre Project Office and website.

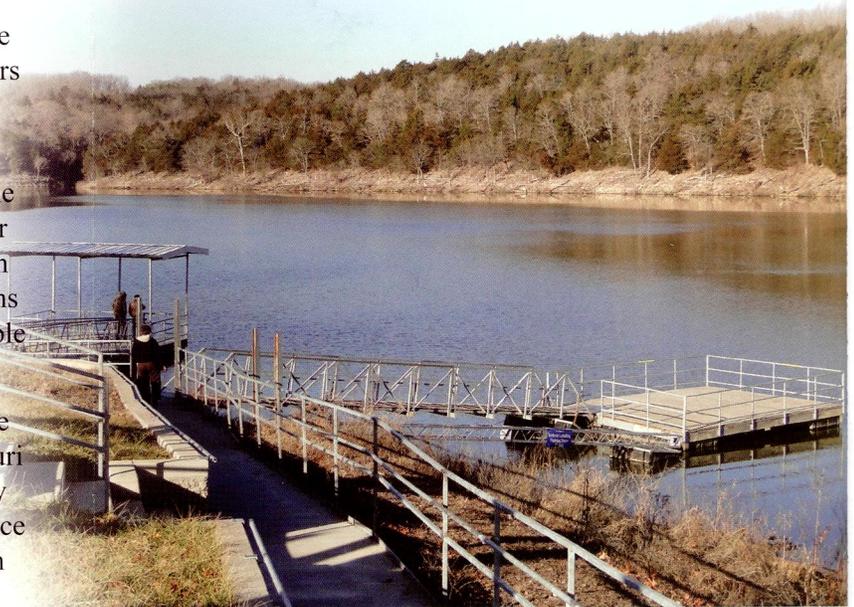
Fishing on Pomme de Terre Lake is regulated by the Missouri Wildlife Code and enforced by the Missouri Department of Conservation. It is the responsibility of the fishermen to ensure that they are in compliance with all applicable rules, whether they are fishing in the lake or the river.

Shoreline Management

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers adopted a Shoreline Management policy in 1974 to control the private exclusive use of public lands while conserving and protecting the natural resources of the project. The Shoreline Management Plan for Pomme de Terre Lake is reviewed periodically and is available at the Pomme de Terre Project Office.

The Pomme de Terre Project Office closely regulates all shoreline use permits for: private boat docks, pedestrian pathways, and vegetative modification permits such as firebreaks and mowing.

All activities on public lands which result in the alteration of lands or resources require authorization in the form of a permit, license, lease or other outgrant prior to the start of work. All requests must be provided to the Operation Project Manager for consideration. There is a fee for most Shoreline Use Permits and an updated fee schedule is available from the Pomme de Terre Project Office. It is important to remember that while the lands and waters of Pomme de Terre Lake are public, the boat docks are private property and should be treated as such.



Trails

Pomme de Terre Lake offers a variety of trail opportunities for those who enjoy a walk, bike or ride through nature.

The Healthy Active Community Running River Trail

Located in the Outlet Park, this 3.1 mile long trail of compacted fine rock takes you on a scenic and secluded walk along the Pomme de Terre River through oak, hickory and cedar forest. Many types of wildlife are a common sight along this trail. This trail is open to walkers, joggers and cyclists. No motorized vehicles or horses are allowed.

The Pomme de Terre Multipurpose Trail

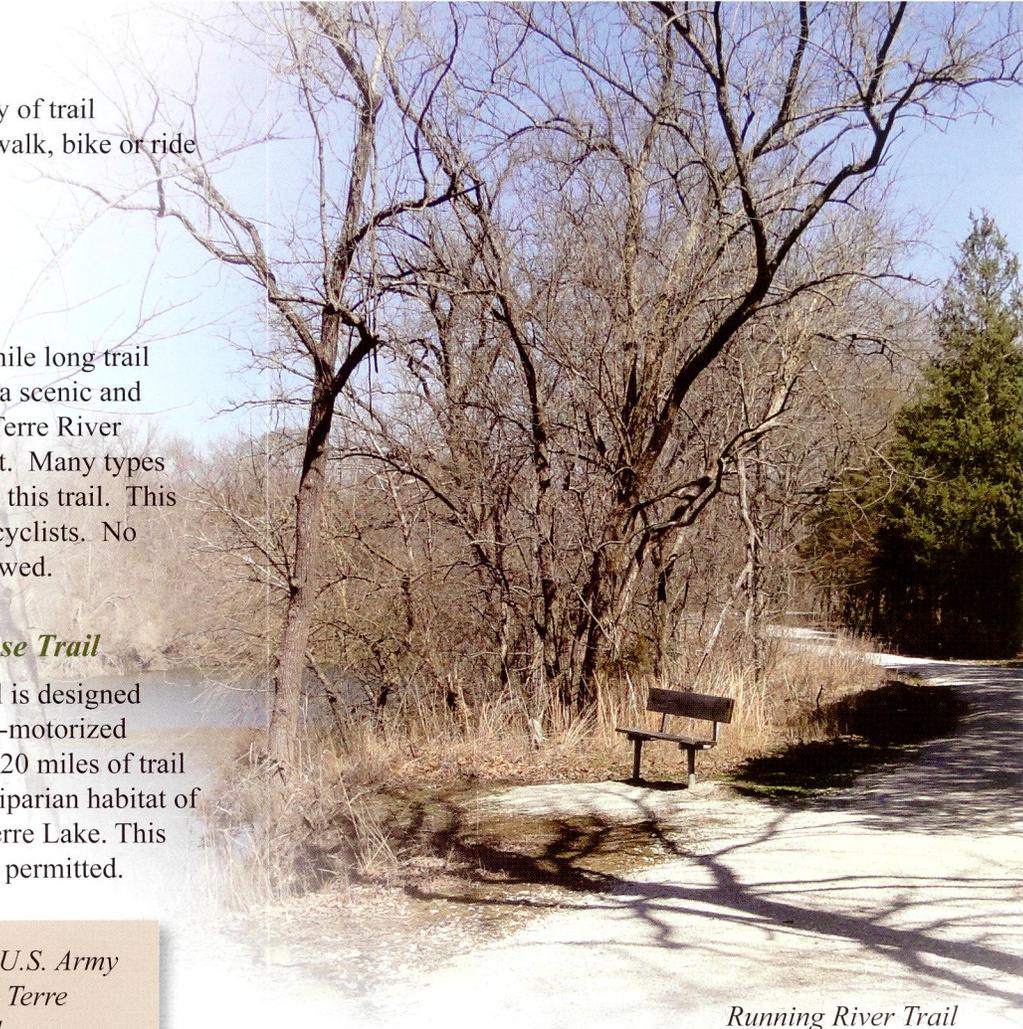
Located in Bolivar Landing, this trail is designed for equestrian use; however, any non-motorized adventurer is welcome to explore its 20 miles of trail which winds through the forest and riparian habitat of the southern portion of Pomme de Terre Lake. This trail is the only one which horses are permitted.

*For more information contact U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers Pomme de Terre
Project Office at 417-745-6411.*

State Park Trails

The Cedar Bluff Trail is 3.5 miles long and located within the Hermitage side of the Pomme de Terre State Park. The Indian Point Trail is 3.5 miles long and located in the Pittsburg side of the Pomme de Terre State Park. Both of these trails are restricted to foot traffic only. No motorized vehicles, horses, or bikes are allowed.

*For more information on the trails at the
Pomme de Terre State Park contact the
State Park at 417-852-4291.*



Running River Trail

Canoeing

The Pomme de Terre River offers excellent recreational opportunities for fishing and canoeing enthusiasts. One may simply drift along and enjoy the beautiful Ozark scenery or take advantage of the fine fishing opportunities.

Public accesses are located just below the dam in Outlet Park, approximately 7 miles downstream at the Highway 254 Bridge near Hermitage and approximately 14 miles downstream at the Cross Timbers access on the upper end of Harry S Truman Reservoir.

Natural Resource Management

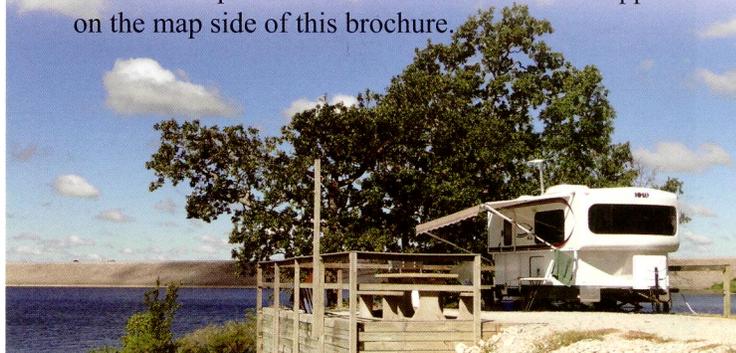
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages approximately 18,000 acres of land and water at Pomme de Terre Lake. The Natural Resource Management Program is important to conserve and protect the unique ecosystem that exists around the lake. The land surrounding the lake provides a riparian buffer that helps to maintain water quality, as well as provide habitat for many native species that inhabit the area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri Department of Conservation along with other agencies, farmers and residents work cooperatively to manage and enhance the habitat and natural resources. In some areas, farmers are permitted to farm fields for both economic and wildlife benefit by leaving a portion of the crop in the fields for winter wildlife food.



Most of the resource areas around the lake are open to hunting under the provisions of the Missouri Wildlife Code enforced by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Sportsmen should always be respectful of crops planted and others who might be using the area. Motorized vehicles are prohibited from operating off of any established roadway and beyond any locked gates.

Recreation Management

The clear water of Pomme de Terre Lake and the rolling Ozark hills provide an excellent setting for camping, picnicking, swimming, and many other recreational activities. Over 600 campsites, ranging from rustic to those with modern conveniences like electrical and water hookups, are located in parks situated to provide access to most areas of the lake. A more complete list of recreational facilities appears on the map side of this brochure.



Reservations

Campsite reservations can be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS)

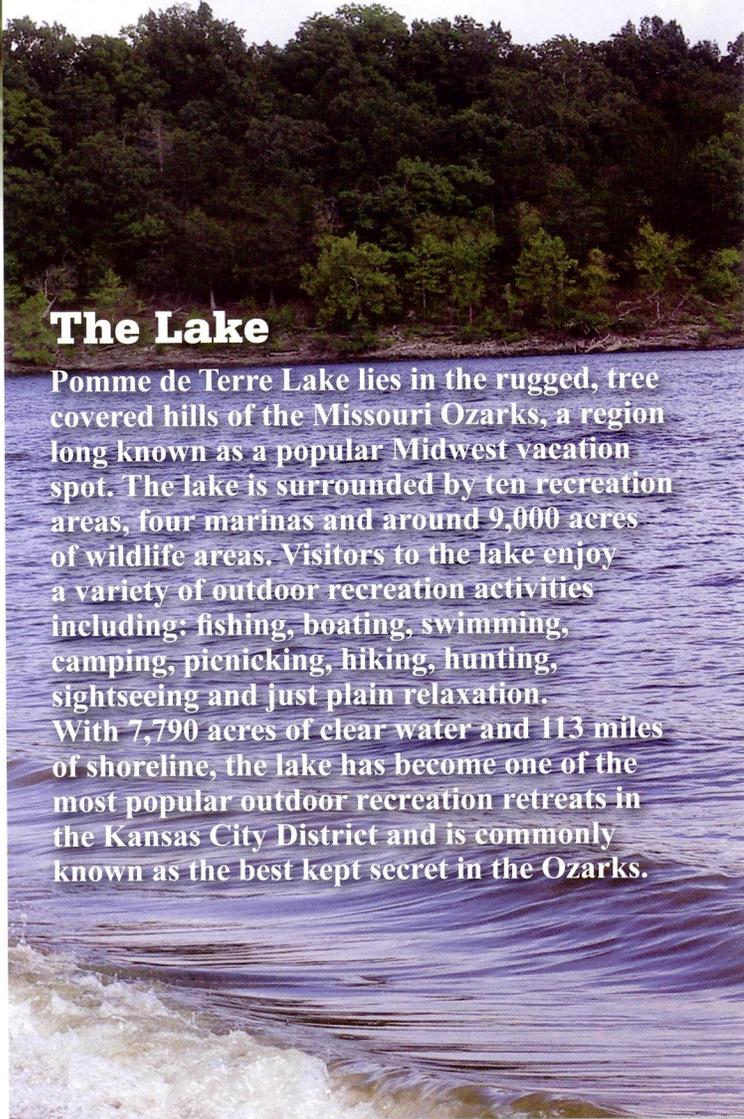
- 877-444-6777
- www.recreation.gov
- can reserve up to 180 days in advance

Picnic shelter reservations can be made at the Project Office or by calling 417-745-6411

User Fees

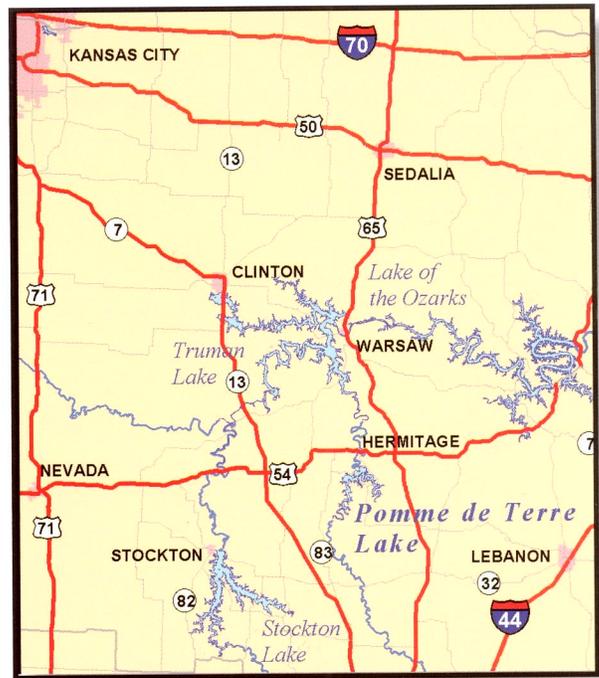
The fees charged by the Corps of Engineers are for overnight camping, day use areas and shelter reservations.

Golden Age and Golden Access Passes are no longer sold but still are accepted for a 50% discount on camping and day use fees. They were replaced with the America the Beautiful – Senior and Access Pass. These passes can be obtained from the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation or you can receive them by mail. Application for mail orders can be acquired at the Project Office.



The Lake

Pomme de Terre Lake lies in the rugged, tree covered hills of the Missouri Ozarks, a region long known as a popular Midwest vacation spot. The lake is surrounded by ten recreation areas, four marinas and around 9,000 acres of wildlife areas. Visitors to the lake enjoy a variety of outdoor recreation activities including: fishing, boating, swimming, camping, picnicking, hiking, hunting, sightseeing and just plain relaxation. With 7,790 acres of clear water and 113 miles of shoreline, the lake has become one of the most popular outdoor recreation retreats in the Kansas City District and is commonly known as the best kept secret in the Ozarks.



While You Are Here

In order to manage the parks and natural resources and ensure that visitors have a safe and enjoyable recreation experience, guidelines have been established to assist visitors. Please observe all posted regulations and familiarize yourself with the rules governing park use. Copies of these rules (Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations) may be obtained at the project office, park attendants, or any park ranger.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Sheriff, Fire, Ambulance: 417-745-6415

Park Ranger Assistance: 417-745-6411



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