

## BULL SHOALS-WHITE RIVER STATE PARK

In the Ozark Mountains of northern Arkansas, visitors discover one of the finest fishing and boating destinations in the nation—Bull Shoals Lake. A dam constructed across the White River in 1951 formed this 45,440-acre lake that stretches along 720 miles of scenic, rugged shoreline with waters in both northern Arkansas and southern Missouri.

At the southern edge of the lake at the Bull Shoals Dam site is 732-acre Bull Shoals-White River State Park. Bull Shoals Lake and the White River together form an angler's paradise. In addition to lunker bass, crappie and bream in the lake, the clear cold water of the river tempts both bank and float fishing enthusiasts with its nationally-known fighting rainbow and brown trout.

But this area of the state offers even more than boating and fishing. Travel winding roads through the scenic, rugged Ozark terrain where wild rushing streams and rivers, gushing springs and scenic trails abound. From the flowering dogwoods in springtime to the flaming fall foliage in autumn, from the sun-soaked days of summer to the magic of wintertime in the mountains, the seasonal natural beauty of this area captivates artists, photographers and vacationers who enjoy scenic beauty and outdoor recreation.

### AREA ATTRACTIONS

Located little more than a leisurely hour's drive south of Bull Shoals-White River State Park is a unique attraction, the Ozark Folk Center State Park, the only park in America dedicated to perpetuation and interpretation of the heritage of the Ozark region. Just a few miles from the Ozark Folk Center is Blanchard Springs Caverns operated by the USDA Forest Service. Tours of this magnificent living cave, where an underground river flows, are offered daily. A short drive away, canoeists can float the nation's first national river, the renowned, scenic bluff-lined Buffalo National River.

### FACILITIES

**James A. Gaston Visitor Center** ♦ Situated on a high-point across the dam from the rest of the park facilities, the park visitor center features sweeping views of the White River, Bull Shoals Lake and Bull Shoals Dam; an observation tower; exhibits; audiovisual theater; gift shop; two classrooms and park offices.

**Camping** ♦ The park offers a variety of year-round camping experiences for visitors. For campers who want a primitive experience, there are 20 tent sites near the river. For those who don't own camping equipment, the park offers two Rent-A-Camp rentals. This package includes a tent, two cots, camp stove, cooler and light. The park also offers two Rent-An-RV rentals. These 31' trailers will accommodate a maximum of eight people. For specific information, call the park. Campers needing water and electrical hookups will find 83 campsites spread along the river bank. Modern bathhouses and a sanitary trailer dump station are conveniently located for all park visitors. The clear, cold waters of the river provide natural air-conditioned comfort even on August's warmer nights.

**NOTE: Campers must register at the camper registration center or visitor center before occupying a campsite. All sites are reservable and can be reserved up to one year in advance. Call to check availability.**

**Picnicking** ♦ A picnic area is located in the park above the dam on the lake. Playgrounds and pavilions are located in the picnic area and in the campground.

**Trout Dock/Store** ♦ The trout dock provides up-to-the-minute fishing information, bait, tackle, snacks, ice, souvenirs and general merchandise. You can rent a canoe, kayak or boat and motor and enjoy the sparkling clear waters of the White River. Rainbow and brown trout are abundant and until you've experienced hooking a lunker you haven't fished. Come join us for an exciting, unique adventure on the White River.

**Other Facilities** ♦ The park offers scenic hiking trails that meander near the lake and traverse the heavily wooded hills below the dam. A new, three-mile mountain bike/hiking trail opened in summer 2006.

Group pavilions can be reserved by calling the park and must be reserved before being used (fee required).

**Local Services** ♦ Shopping, service stations, restaurants, swimming areas and a hospital are a short drive away.

### INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

**Programs** ♦ From April-October park interpreters offer programs including guided trail walks, demonstrations and evening activities. Other activities include trout fishing workshops, lake cruises, canoe and johnboat floats, and special events scheduled throughout the seasons. Groups can request special

programs to meet specific interests anytime during the year. Call the park to schedule programs and activities for your group.

### LOCATION

From U.S. 62 at Flippin, take State Highway 178 just 10 miles north to the park; OR, travel six miles north of Mountain Home on Hwy. 5 and then go eight miles west on State Hwy. 178 to the park.

**For further information including park hours and fees, contact:**

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### Volunteer Opportunities

Bull Shoals-White River State Park is a place for spending quality time that creates special memories. The park welcomes volunteers. Do you have a special skill to share? Do you have time to volunteer? If so, please call or visit the park visitor center and let us know.

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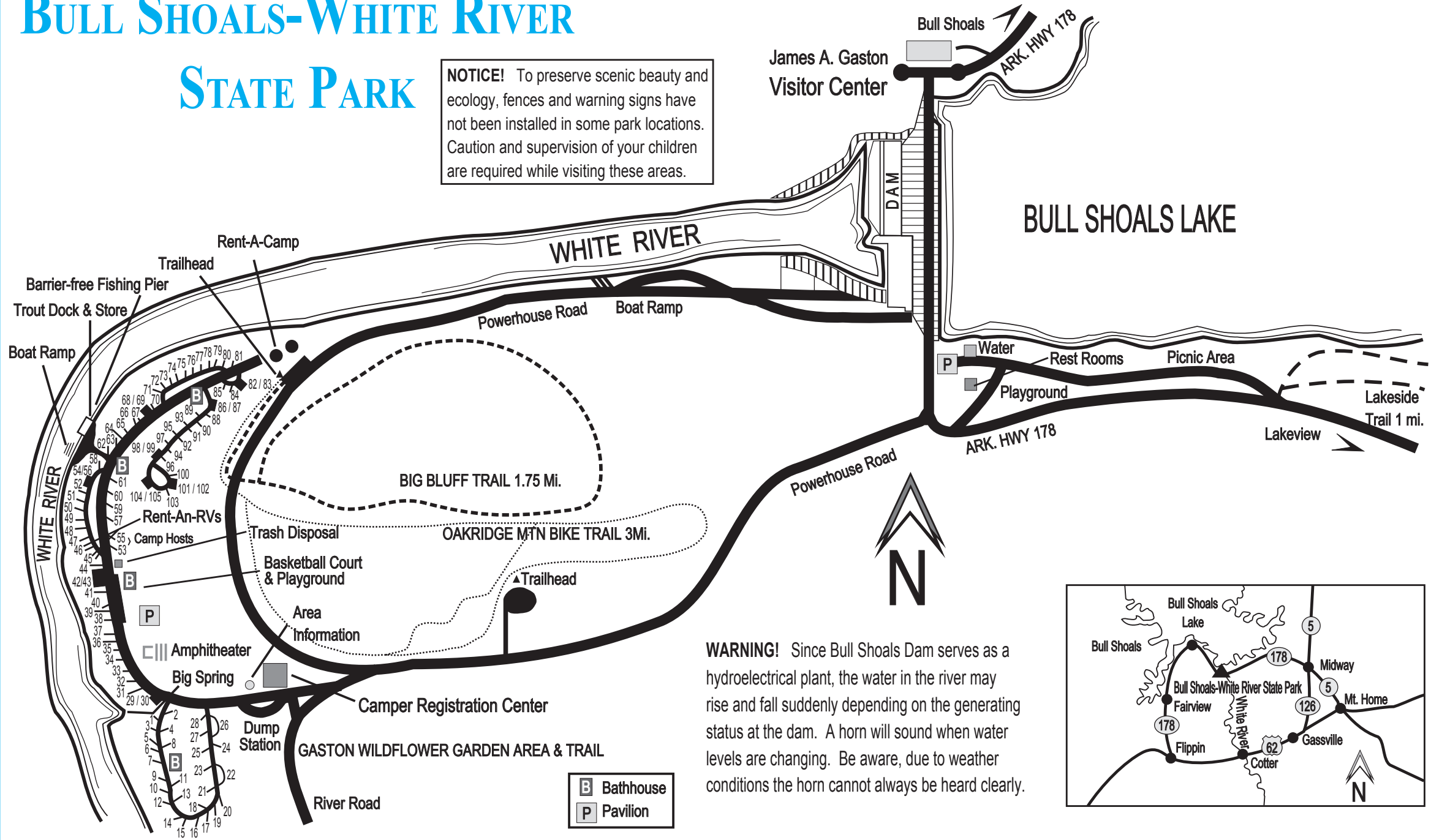
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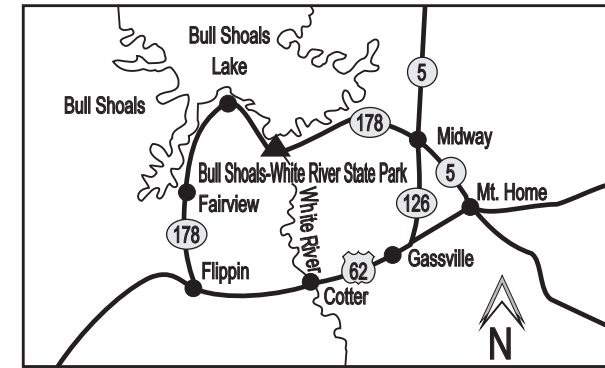
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## STATE PARK

**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.



**WARNING!** Since Bull Shoals Dam serves as a hydroelectrical plant, the water in the river may rise and fall suddenly depending on the generating status at the dam. A horn will sound when water levels are changing. Be aware, due to weather conditions the horn cannot always be heard clearly.



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