Welcome
We want you to enjoy your visit to Monroe Lake. To learn more about Fairfax and what we have to offer, please take a few minutes to read this brochure. We think you’ll agree . . . Monroe Lake is a great place to be.

Location - Located in south central Indiana, Monroe Lake is approximately 50 miles south of Indianapolis and 10 miles southeast of Bloomington. It is accessible from State Roads 37, 46 and 50.

Did you know?
• Monroe Lake was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and opened in 1966.
• The property is operated and maintained by the Indiana DNR, under a lease arrangement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
• The main functions of Monroe Lake are:
  - flood control
  - resource management
  - water supply
  - recreation
• Total area is composed of:
  - land-13,202 acres
  - lake-10,750 acres

Have Fun
Beaches - Located at:
• Paynetown S.R.A.
• Fairfax S.R.A.
• Open Memorial Day through Labor Day
• Bathhouse accommodations

Boat Ramps - Available at nine locations around the lake.

Campgrounds - Camping in designated areas only at Paynetown. Campsites are available: Class A (modern) and Class B.

Fishing - Plenty of good fishing available:
• bluegill
• crappie
• largemouth bass
• walleye
• catfish
• hybrid stripers
• smallmouth bass

Hunting - All hunters at Fairfax are required by law to sign in and return a hunting permit card to the hunter check-in station. Hunting in waterfront resting areas is allowed only by special permit. Hunting is available for:
• deer
• grouse
• raccoon
• turkey
• dove
• quail
• squirrel
• waterfowl
• fox
• rabbit
• snipe
• woodcock

Interpretive/Recreational Programs - Paynetown /Moore’s Creek /Cutright provide some of the following:
• concessions
• seasonal mooring
• fuel
• boat rental (houseboat, fishing, pleasure)
• boating and fishing supplies

Picnic Areas - Located throughout the property (see legend, reverse side), most areas contain the following:
• picnic table
• fire rings
• toilet facilities

Enjoy
Along with the other activities available, check out these special attractions.
• basketball
• cultural arts programs
• hiking
• interpretive center
• playground equipment
• volleyball courts

Local Flavor - Scenic bluffs, rolling topography and lushly wooded areas encompass Monroe Lake in south central Indiana. A number of other state and federal recreation areas surround the property, including Morgan-Monroe, Yellow-wood and Jackson-Washington state forests. In addition, the Hoosier National Forest, including Deam Wilderness Area, surrounds a large part of the area. Just minutes away are Brown County, Spring Mill and McCormick’s Creek state parks, which attract thousands of visitors each year. Take a step back in time and visit the unique craftsmen, or drive into Bloomington and experience the Indiana University campus firsthand.

Information
Lodging - If you decide not to camp, other lodging accommodations are available. For more information contact:
Fourwinds Resort
P.O. Box 160
Smithville, IN 47402
(812) 824-9904

Bloomington/Monroe County Convention & Visitors Bureau
2855 N. Walnut
Bloomington, IN 47404
1-800-678-9828

Outdoor Safety Education Programs - The DNR Law Enforcement Division wants your outdoor activities to be safe and enjoyable, and offers these programs:
• boater education
• snowmobiling education
• hunter education
• trapper education

For more information:
Indiana Conservation Officers
South Region Headquarters
4850 South S.R. 446
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 837-9546
dnr.IN.gov

Please contact the property office if you have any questions. Information is also available on accessibility and opportunities for people with physical challenges.

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