ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BEACH—Swimming is available during open hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day at the beaches in Paynetown and Fairfax recreation areas. Modern bathhouses at both locations provide showers, dressing facilities and restrooms. Swimming is allowed during unguarded times from sunrise to sunset at your own risk. No swimming from sunset to sunrise.

BOAT RAMPS—Available at nine locations. Boat launch ramps are not marked on the map but are listed under the facilities for the State Recreation Areas on the map side.

CAMPING—A total of 312 campsites are available consisting of 222 electric sites with electricity, modern restrooms and showers. Picnic table and grill. 90 non-electric sites. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. Reservations available through the Indiana State Park Reservations System. Call 1-866-campIN (1-866-622-6746) or online: camp.IN.gov.

FISHING—Bass, bluegill, crappie, walleye and hybrid stripers provide the most popular and best fishing. State license required and available through the Central Reservation System. Recreation Area.

HUNTING—All hunters are required to register and possess the proper license required by Indiana law and in the field for a specified date. In accordance with the terms of a one-day hunting station and possessed by the person in the field for the hunting season and possession of a rifle or shotgun is mandatory in the lake area. For more information, please pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide.

MARINA—Seasonal mooring on docks or buoys is available at Paynetown Marina. Spring Mill and McCormick’s Creek State Parks.

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PITCING AREAS—Picnicking is available in a number of areas, most containing tables, grills, toilet facilities, a playground and shelter. Reservations for shelters are available through the Central Reservation System.

RESERVATION SYSTEM—Reservations for all types of camping, cabins, shelter, and fishing are available through the Indiana State Park Reservations System. Call 1-866-campIN (1-866-622-6746) or online: camp.IN.gov.

SPECIAL NOTE—Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation costs of the lake. List of fees available in the main office.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM—Reservations for all types of camping, cabins, or other floating device, except for approved periods and at sites designated by the department for those purposes.

Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

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The Lake

The largest body of water in Indiana, Monroe Lake offers a wide range of multiple-use recreational and seasonal opportunities.

The lake is nestled in the rolling hills and woodlands of south central Indiana, about 10 miles south of the city of Bloomington. The dam is on Salt Creek, a tributary of the East Fork of White River. Most of the lake area lies in Monroe County, with a smaller area in Brown and Jackson counties.

The lake is accessible from state roads 37, 46, and 446 and by many local roads.

A number of other state and federal recreational areas surround the property, including Honey Creek, Lodi, Yellow Oak and Jackson-Washington state forests.

Hisoriser National Forest, including Deam Wilderness Area, surrounds a large part of the area. Minutes away lie Brown County, Spring Mill and McCormick’s Creek state parks, which attract thousands of visitors each year during the fall foliage season.