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: - 13,202 acres of land - 10,750 acres of lake

BEACHES
Beaches are located at Paynetown & Fairfax S.R.A.s. Beaches are open Memorial Day through Labor Day and include bathhouse accommodations.

BOAT RAMPS
Available at nine locations around the lake.

CAMPGROUNDS
Camping in designated areas only at Paynetown. Available Campsites: Class A (modern) and Class B.

PICNIC AREAS
Located throughout the property (see legend, reverse side), most areas contain the following: - picnic tables - fire rings - toilet facilities

FISHING
Plenty of fishing available: - bluegill - crappie - largemouth bass - walleye - catfish - hybrid stripers

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 waterfowl 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/REC. PROGRAMS
Paynetown/Moore's Creek/Cutright provide some of the following:

• concessions • seasonal mooring • fuel
• boat rental (houseboat, fishing, pleasure) • boating and fishing supplies

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
While we offer many recreational opportunities, check out these additional activities:

• basketball • cultural arts programs • hiking
• interpretive center • playground equipment • volleyball courts

OUTDOOR SAFETY EDUCATION
The DNR Law Enforcement Division wants your outdoor activities to be safe and enjoyable, and offers these programs:

• boater education • trapper education • snowmobiling education
• hunter education • snowmobile education

For more information:
Indianas Conservation Officers
Central Dispatch
4850 South S.R. 446
Bloomington, IN 47401
812-837-9536

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Write: Monroe Lake
Paynetown Visitors Center
4850 South State Road 446
Bloomington, IN 47401
Call: 812-837-9546

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
812-824-2626

Bloomington/Monroe County Convention & Visitors Bureau
2855 N. Walnut
Bloomington, IN 47404
1-800-800-0037

THIS IS YOUR LAKE
Visitors shall observe the lake property rules, which are designed to fulfill the purposes for which the state operates reservoir properties, namely, to manage these areas for the enhancement of wildlife and for the public’s use and enjoyment.

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

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

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

S cenic 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.