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Welcome to our 2020 Edition of Along the River!

This annual publication helps keep our visitors up-to-date on recreational and educational opportunities in the Rock Island District of the Mississippi River Project. As we finish the 2019 recreation season, we would like to thank the public for their patience and consideration as we handled the last season’s seemingly endless and record flooding.

As you may know, this year’s flooding on the Mississippi River broke records for both the length of time the river stayed above normal and the heights it reached. The combination of factors crippled shipping, shut down recreation areas, and flooded towns. In our district, most areas remained at flood stage from 50-100 days in a row and saw repeated crests.

This flooding posed challenges for everyone in the area and presented some unique issues for the Army Corps of Engineers recreation areas. Several campgrounds and day use areas had to be evacuated quickly to keep visitors safe from rising floodwaters. In the Class A campgrounds, electricians were called to remove electric pedestals that would otherwise be destroyed or cause electrical hazards. In nearly every recreation area, rangers worked to safeguard buildings and equipment to reduce possible damage. Rangers patrolled flooded areas to enforce closures and keep “adventurous” visitors from being injured.

When the waters receded after not just one crest, but two and even three in some locations, Corps of Engineers employees had to begin the process of assessing the destruction and salvaging what we could.

Clearing sediment and debris from roadways was the first step towards even getting staff into these areas. Whole trees, foot-deep mud, and crumbling paths left treacherous conditions for everyone on these teams. Uprooted, flooded, and mangled trees threatened to drop limbs or topple over. Employees had to sanitize and disinfect buildings, property, and equipment flooded by the bacteria-ridden river. In some areas, roadways, boat ramps, and even camping pads had washed away and had to be rebuilt or reinforced.

We utilized power washers, brush attachments on tractors, and other tools to remove the inches and feet of slick mud that stuck to every surface. Water in surrounding environments and drinking water sources had to be sampled by rangers and checked for contamination by the respective state’s Department of Natural Resources. Rangers continued to work their normal duties in the areas unaffected by flooding, on top of these recovery efforts.

Throughout the remainder of the summer and into the fall, the river continued to rise and recede, impeding these efforts. Some recreation areas didn’t open for the summer at all, while others saw only a few days of activity before the Mississippi changed its mind again.

We know our loyal visitors were frustrated by some of these issues and we understand! However, the biggest challenge we face here in the Mississippi River Project is the very thing that we protect, advocate for, benefit from, and utilize in our daily lives: the river itself.

We appreciate your understanding, support, and presence as we move forward in our next season. We’re hoping for a better year, but if the Mighty Mississippi disagrees, we’ll be ready.

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HOW TO REACH US
RESERVING A CAMPSITE/PICNIC SHELTER

Your Favorite Campground is as Close as Your Telephone
The Recreation 1 Stop can be used to reserve your campsite at Corps of Engineers campgrounds nationwide.
Call toll-free 877-444-6777.

On Your Computer
To make your reservations online, go to: www.Recreation.gov.

What you will need to make a Reservation
Most Corps campsites are available through the www.Recreation.gov system. Reservations can be made up to 180 days in advance. You will need to give the following information to make a reservation:

• The campground name and the lake/river the campground is on.
• The campsite number (if you have one) or type of site desired.
• Arrival and departure dates for your camping stay.
• Your name, address, phone number and email address.
• Vehicles, trailers, tents and other equipment you will be bringing.
• License numbers of all of the vehicles you will be bringing.
• Senior (Golden Age), Access (Golden Access), or other America the Beautiful Interagency Pass number (if you have one).
• Credit card number to pay for your camping stay.
• Reservations may be made at fee booths during the recreation season.

Reserving A Picnic Shelter
Select picnic shelters are reservable at many Corps of Engineers recreation areas. They are perfect for birthday parties, family reunions or other special occasions. The cost to reserve these sites is $25 per day. Reservable shelters are located at Grant River, Blanding Landing, Thomson Causeway, Locks & Dam 14, Clark’s Ferry and Shady Creek.

Contact a ranger station or visit www.Recreation.gov to reserve your picnic shelter today. See page 28 for more information on the amenities available at each shelter.
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**RECREATION AREAS**

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER PROJECT CAMPGROUND RULES

1. ALL persons with campsite reservations must check in with park attendant. See page 7 for fee booth hours.
2. Camping at one or more campsites is limited to 14 days during any 30 consecutive day period.
3. Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
4. Pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet, picked up after, and controlled at all times. Pets are not allowed in shower building.
5. Parking on grass and roadsides is prohibited.
6. Hooking up to water, except to fill up your tank, is prohibited. No hose washing of campers is allowed. Utilizing a “T” or “Y” attachment is not allowed.
7. Campsites must be occupied daily. Equipment left unattended longer than 24 hours will be impounded and removed at owner’s expense.
8. One family per campsite or a maximum of six persons per site is allowed.
9. Camping equipment is limited to 1 wheeled unit plus 1 tent per site, or 2 tents per site.
10. Check out time is 4 p.m.
11. No trash allowed in fire rings, to include but not limited to treated lumber and construction material. No moving of fire rings.
12. No garbage/trash may be removed from campground dumpsters/trash receptacles.
13. No Solicitation. Removable “For Sale” signs on cars, campers, or any other equipment located in the recreation area is not allowed and needs to be removed upon entry.
14. All state bicycle laws apply. No riding bicycles after dark, unless equipped with headlights and tail lights and rules of the road are being followed.
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Camping along the Mississippi River offers fantastic river views, outstanding service and great facilities. We want to make your camping experience the best it has ever been! This article outlines how to register for a campsite and a few tips to help you along the way.

2020 CAMPING FEES

Overnight camping fees for Class A campgrounds are $14 for non-electric and $20 for electric sites. Class B campgrounds are $12 per night. Discount passes, such as the America the Beautiful Interagency passes, will continue to be accepted. All Class A campgrounds are 100 percent reservable.

CLASS A CAMPGROUNDS- SEASON DATES AND FEE BOOTH HOURS

These areas include Grant River, Blanding Landing, Thomson Causeway, Fisherman’s Corner North, Clark’s Ferry, and Shady Creek. The season dates are May 1 through the fourth Sunday of October. All fee booths are open during this season from 5-8 p.m. daily and 9-11 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The booths are also open 9-11 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. the Sundays of holiday weekends.

When you arrive at the campground: If you have a reservation, set up your equipment and check in at the fee booth when it opens. If you do not have a reservation, call 877-444-6777 or stop at the fee booth (if open) to find out what sites are available.

How can I tell if a site I want is reserved or occupied?

Campsites that are reserved will have an “R” on the post and a yellow tag with the dates of the impending reservation. Campsites that are already occupied will have a white tag on the post with their departure date and are considered occupied until 4 p.m. on that date. The fee booth or operators at 877-444-6777 will also have this information.

If you find a site that is not reserved or occupied for any part of your stay: Set up your equipment and begin camping. You must then return to the fee booth during normal business hours to pay and register your site.

How do I reserve a campsite for a future date? If you want a campsite for future occupancy, please make a reservation by calling 877-444-6777 or visit www.Recreation.gov. All reservations must be made at least two days prior to your arrival date. You can also make reservations or register a first come, first serve site in person at the campground fee booth.

CAMPING IN THE OFFSEASON

Some campgrounds are still open in a limited capacity in the offseason. Camping is primitive and no amenities, such as power and water, are available. Camping is free in the offseason, but all campground rules still apply. Check campgrounds within this booklet to see which ones are open year round.

*Note: Some Class B Campgrounds (Pleasant Creek, Bulger’s Hollow and Blanchard Island) have a self-registration process in which you fill out an envelope and seal your money in it. Place the tear off portion of the envelope on your site post, then deposit the envelope in the honor vault.

We strongly recommend making a reservation prior to camping at any of the Class A parks along the Mississippi River. This will ensure you a campsite for the dates of your choice and you can choose your favorite site. We look forward to seeing you camping along the Mississippi River with the Corps of Engineers!

Follow Us

Stay up-to-date on what’s happening in the Rock Island District by following us on social media. The District’s Facebook page can be found at www.facebook.com/RockIslandDistrictUSACE or follow us on Twitter @USACERockIsland.

Stay in touch with the three District reservoirs by following their Facebook pages at: www.facebook.com/coralvillelake www.facebook.com/SaylorvilleLake www.facebook.com/lakeredrock
Mississippi River Project:  
www.missriver.org  
Information on camping, forestry, bald eagle watches, news releases and much more.

Recreation 1 Stop:  
www.Recreation.gov  
Campground reservations and travel planning.

Rock Island District:  
www.mvr.usace.army.mil  
Information on activities within the District.

Every Kid Outdoors Program:  
www.everykidoutdoors.gov  
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Vessel (Towboat) Locations:  
www.corpslocks.usace.army.mil  
Find out where towboats are located on the river.

Online Navigation Charts:  

River Gages:  
www.rivergages.com  
Find river levels and forecasts.

Boat Safety Courses:  
www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx  

Volunteering Opportunities:  
www.volunteer.gov  
Find out how to volunteer with the Corps.

America the Beautiful Interagency Pass:  
http://store.usgs.gov/pass  
Discount passes for use in federal campgrounds and day use areas.
Volunteers play an important role in protecting natural resources by helping to operate and maintain recreation facilities at the US Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project. The Mississippi River Project offers a variety of opportunities to volunteers looking to donate their time. Volunteers can be found greeting people and presenting programs at the Mississippi River Visitor Center. Volunteers may perform some grounds and maintenance work at campgrounds, collect fees, or help with office administration work. Whatever the task may be, volunteers help accomplish work that might otherwise not be completed.

Volunteering can be long term, seasonal or a one-time event. Long term and seasonal volunteers are required to work a minimum of 21 hours a week, but can work more if interested. Oftentimes these volunteers will be provided a free camp site with basic amenities at one of our parks and at the end of the season may qualify for receiving an America the Beautiful Interagency Volunteer Pass.

To find out more about volunteering opportunities, talk to a Corps Park Ranger or visit the following website:

Federal Lands Volunteer Clearing House
www.volunteer.gov
The America the Beautiful Interagency Pass Program is a suite of annual and lifetime passes that provides U.S. citizens and visitors an affordable and convenient way to access Federal recreation lands and waters.

Federal agencies that participate in this program include: the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service and US Army Corps of Engineers. Please note that passes are non-transferable and the pass holder must be present to use one.

WHAT PASSES ARE INCLUDED AND WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- **Lifetime Senior Pass – Cost: $80**
  US Citizens or permanent residents age 62 and older can purchase. Valid for the life time of the pass holder.

- **Annual Senior Pass – Cost: $20**
  US Citizens or permanent residents age 62 and older can purchase. Valid for 1 year from the month of issue. These can be upgraded to a Lifetime Senior Pass. Present previously purchased Annual Senior Passes and pay the difference between the combined price of these passes and the $80 purchase price of the Lifetime Senior Pass.

- **Access Pass – Cost: Free**
  US Citizens or permanent residents with documentation of a permanent disability. Valid for the lifetime of the pass holder.

- **Annual Pass – Cost: $80**
  Any US Citizen or permanent resident 16 years and older can purchase. Valid for 1 year from the month of issue.

- **Volunteer Pass – Cost: Free**
  Must have completed 250+ hours of volunteer service on public lands. Valid for 1 year from the month of issue.

- **Annual Military Pass – Cost: Free**
  For all active military members and their dependents. Valid for 1 year from the month of issue.

- **Every Kid Outdoors Pass – Cost: Free**
  Any 4th grade student. Valid the duration of the 4th grade school year through the following summer (September - August). Visit www.everykidoutdoors.gov.

WHAT DO THE PASSES COVER?

These passes cover entrance, access or standard amenity fees to more than 2,000 Federal recreation sites. Senior and Access Passes also provide a discount on some expanded amenity fees such as camping and boat ramp fees.

ARE THE GOLDEN AGE AND GOLDEN ACCESS PASSES STILL VALID?

Yes, both are still accepted and can be exchanged for the updated Senior or Access Passes.

WHERE CAN I BUY THESE PASSES?

Each of the Mississippi River Project ranger offices and the Mississippi River Visitor Center issue these passes. Several other federal agencies and their sites also issue passes.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

You can find more information by visiting the website https://store.usgs.gov/pass, talking to a park ranger, or calling the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 309-794-5338.
The Grant River Recreation Area is known for its beautiful views of the Mississippi River and fantastic sunsets. It is located two miles south of Potosi, Wisconsin, off Highway 133. The campground features a tent camping area, 63 large RV sites, 50 amp electrical service, sewer dump station, a shower building and much more! This popular family getaway spot offers something for everyone including two playgrounds, horseshoe pits, a picnic shelter, boat ramp and great views of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

The Grant River Recreation Area provides summer interpretive programs and activities for visitors on select weekends throughout the camping season. All programs are held at the Grant River Campground amphitheater, unless otherwise noted. Information about weekend programs can be found on campground bulletin boards or by calling the Dubuque Ranger Station at 563-582-0881.

Visit the Grant River Recreation Area to enjoy scenic views, a friendly atmosphere and a great camping experience!

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

Grant River is located along Pool 11 of the Mississippi River. Around the park and the town of Potosi, the river is a broad expanse of open water. Potosi, Wisconsin, is known as “The Catfish Capitol of Wisconsin.” Channel catfish are very abundant along the shorelines of the Mississippi and especially so in this area. Another great fishing spot is Potosi Point just upriver from the park. There you can launch a boat in deeper waters or fish from shore.

For a more productive fishing experience, visit the kiosk located inside the recreation area by the boat ramp. There, you can learn about the many types of local fish and the types of bait to catch them. Those launching boats on the river are invited to take a free river pool map located at the fee booth.
Every year tens of thousands of people flock to the Mississippi River to catch a glimpse of our national symbol and take part in Bald Eagle Watches. Up to 2,500 bald eagles winter along the Mississippi near the lock and dams. Bald Eagle Watches occur throughout January and February, but eagles can be seen from mid December through early March.
The Blanding Landing Recreation Area is off the beaten path, offering a quiet camping getaway. Nestled along the backwaters of the Mississippi River, this area is a well-known birders’ paradise plus access to miles of great fishing. It is located 13 miles south of Galena, Illinois, off Blackjack Road in Jo Daviess County. This Class A campground features 30 campsites with 50 amp electrical service, seven non-electrical sites, shower building, sewer dump station and more! This secluded area also has a playground, picnic shelter, boat ramp and great views of the backwaters of the Mississippi River with the main channel on the far shoreline.

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The area is full of activities and adventures for outdoor enthusiasts including kayaking, canoeing, biking, hiking and more! Come and discover why Blanding Landing is Jo Daviess County’s best kept secret!

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

Blanding Landing is located along Pool 12 of the Mississippi River. Pool 12 has islands, side channels and backwaters throughout most of its length, and the major species of fish are bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, largemouth bass, sauger, walleye and white bass.

Shoreline fishing in the park is challenging, but just outside the park and upriver towards Chestnut Mountain are a few hidden spots along the shoreline that the locals enjoy. The nearest bait/tackle shop is at least 20 minutes away. Those launching boats on the river are invited to take a free river pool map located at the fee booth.
Shoreline fishing at Blanding Landing.
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The Pleasant Creek Recreation Area is rustic and relaxing with prime views of the Mississippi River. It is located 3 miles south of Bellevue, Iowa, along Highway 52. The recreation area has 55 first-come, first-served campsites, drinking water, and vault toilets spread between the main campground and the island campground. There is also a sewer dump station and a concrete boat ramp with direct access to the main river channel. There is no electrical service or flush toilets, making this a perfect spot for primitive campers.

The area is monitored by a volunteer campground host who assists campers with the self-registration process and is available to answer questions. Come set up your lounge chair on the edge of the river, watch boat traffic navigating the channel, and enjoy the quiet escape that Pleasant Creek Recreation Area offers.

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

Pleasant Creek offers anglers a variety of fishing opportunities. Perch, catfish, rock bass, walleye, and crappie are just a few varieties of fish you can expect to catch along the Mississippi River.

By boat, you can travel just a short way upriver to fish along a wing dam or downstream of Lock & Dam 12 in Bellevue. You can also head downriver from the park to one of the many backwater sloughs. Before you head out on the water, check with the campground host for a free river pool map. For campers that don’t have access to a vessel, fishing along the shoreline still offers plenty of success and relaxation.

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Pleasant Creek is a low-lying campground that is highly susceptible to flooding. In spite of recent efforts to make the island area more accessible, repeated flooding has posed an issue the last few years. In this image, you can see that the entire Pleasant Creek area was underwater during the 2019 sustained flood events. After the floodwaters receded, rangers sought to ensure the safety of roadways, clear the day use areas for visitation, and allow the campground to dry before campers could return. The island portion of the campground has washed out numerous times and remained closed due to needing major restoration to return to “normal.”
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**Port of Dubuque Marina**

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Thomson Causeway Recreation Area offers expansive views of Pool 13 of the Mississippi River and Potter's Marsh Hunt Management Area. The park is located at the intersection of Main Street and Lewis Avenue in Thomson, Illinois and contains 131 campsites (most with 30 and 50 amp service available) spread through four separate loops. The campground offers three shower buildings, a three-lane dump station and a walk-up dump station.

While relaxing in the park, you can enjoy an array of activities. There are three playgrounds in the campground, a boat ramp with access to both the main channel and backwaters, three picnic shelters and several horseshoe pits. Don’t forget to explore Hidden Slough Nature Trail, a ¾ mile hike through bottomland forest.

Nearby Potter’s Marsh is a backwater haven for shore birds and waterfowl that keeps birders flocking to the park throughout the year. In the spring, you will find Dr. Fred Janzen and Iowa State University students collecting data on turtles, amphibians, and other reptiles.

This recreation area is open year-round, with camping facilities available May 1 through the fourth Sunday in October. Whether you’re planning a family camping trip or just going for a weekend drive, you will find a memorable experience at Thomson Causeway.

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

There are ample fishing opportunities when visiting Thomson Causeway and Pool 13. You can spend an afternoon shoreline fishing in the campground or use one of the local boat ramps that access the backwaters of the Mississippi River. While fishing in the area you will have the opportunity to angle for a wide variety of species, including catfish, largemouth bass, crappie and blue gill sunfish. More experienced fisherman can try for the big prizes — northern pike and walleye.

This area, as well as nearby Spring Lake, is a mecca for local fishing tournaments all season long. Fishing in the area continues even through the winter; Potter’s Marsh and Spring Lake are both popular ice fishing destinations.
2020 Thomson Causeway Special Programs
The Thomson Causeway Recreation Area offers summer interpretive programs and activities for visitors on select weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day. All programs are held at the campground amphitheater unless noted otherwise noted. Contact the Thomson Park Rangers or visit www.missriver.org for more information on this summer’s interpretive programs and activities.

Following is a listing of Special Events for the 2020 recreation season:

Saturday, October 17, 2020, 3-5 p.m. — Halloween Trick or Treat Night:
Campers are invited to participate in a campground trick or treat.
Show your holiday spirit by dressing up as your favorite Halloween character.

*Program dates and times are subject to change.
Please contact the Thomson Ranger Station to verify program date/time.
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Thomson Park Rangers, P.O. Box 398, Thomson, IL 61285

THOMSON CAUSEWAY INFO:
Open Year-Round
Fee Dates:
May 1-October 25
Camping Fee:
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Reservations Accepted:
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Reservations: See page 5.
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If you are looking for a few nights of good old fashioned camping, then Bulger's Hollow Recreation Area is your stop. With 26 non-reservable campsites, 17 RV sites and nine tent camping sites, this park is small in size but offers one of the best views of the Mississippi. This campground offers primitive amenities, such as drinking water, vault toilets, and a dump station. As a reminder, campers have a 14-day camping limit, within a 30-day period. The camping area is open from May 15-October 15. The boat ramp and day use areas are open year-round. Camping is not the only attraction to the area. Bulger's Hollow also offers a boat ramp, playground equipment, horse shoe pits and picnic sites for a great way to spend an afternoon with the family.

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Bulger's Hollow offers a gravel boat launch for access to pool 13 of the Mississippi River. A popular launching site for local fishermen, you can easily find a honey hole for an afternoon of fishing. Directly in front of the campground is a field of lily pads that are ideal for fishing. You can also take a short trip up or down river to a find a calm backwater slough for hours of casting.
BULGER'S HOLLOW RECREATION AREA

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May 15-October 15

Camping Fee:
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Fisherman's Corner Recreation Area has become a popular camping and recreational destination along the Mississippi. It is located in Hampton, Illinois, just north of the Quad Cities off Illinois Highway 84 near I-80.

This campground at Fisherman’s Corner North serves campers looking for a wide range of recreational activities. The campground offers 56 campsites (most with 30 and 50 amp service available), a shower building, two-lane dump station, playground equipment and horseshoe pits. Take a moment and relax as you watch waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife in the nearby marsh. Grab a bike and hit the Great River Bike Trail that runs parallel to the campground.

Fishermen and families alike enjoy Fisherman’s Corner South, located ¼ mile downstream from the campground. Visitors can picnic at the day use area or fish from the levee while watching towboats and other vessels pass through Locks & Dam 14.

Whether you are looking to get away from the city for a day, seeking a relaxing weekend along the Mississippi River or simply hoping for a place to rest on your travels across the country, Fisherman's Corner Recreation Area can accommodate.

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

One of the biggest attractions to Fisherman's Corner Recreation Area is the day use opportunities at Fisherman’s Corner South. This area is connected to Locks & Dam 14 and creates a unique opportunity for fishing along the Mississippi River. During the summer months, you can find numerous fisherman along the levee and shoreline angling for a variety of species, including striped bass, perch and catfish. In early spring and late fall, boaters will flock below the dam to position themselves for prime walleye fishing. If you are looking to launch your boat, take a short trip north or south on Illinois Highway 84 to find river access to Pools 14 and 15 of the Mississippi River.

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The nearby Smith’s Island Nature Trail offers a leisurely stroll through an upland forest environment.
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Reservable picnic shelters are available at several Corps of Engineers recreation areas along the Mississippi River. They are perfect for birthday parties, family reunions, or other special occasions. Many of the shelters can be reserved up to one year in advance by visiting www.Recreation.gov or calling 877-444-6777. Shelters without online registration may still be reserved by contacting the phone number listed. The cost to reserve these sites is $25 per day.

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A glassed exterior wall and observation deck on the second floor of this ADA accessible Visitor Center provide exceptional views of towboats and other vessels passing through the locks. Park Rangers and volunteers are available to answer any questions. In addition, the facility offers educational displays including a river floor map, an aquarium with native Mississippi River fish, and information about Army Corps of Engineers mission and operations. A small movie theater has a variety of informational films for all ages.

The Visitor Center gift shop will accommodate all of your souvenir needs with a range of T-shirts, books, kids' gifts, and other items. For those travelling on local waterways or simply wanting to learn more about the rivers' flows, Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway Navigation Charts are also available for purchase.

Park Rangers and volunteers offer guided tours of Locks & Dam 15 on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Space is limited and reservations are highly recommended. Special tours may also be arranged at other times for schools, families or organizational groups. These groups must call ahead to schedule a tour at least 30 days in advance of their arrival date. Outdoor tours are dependent on weather conditions.

The Mississippi River Visitor Center has a wide range of interpretive programs available to visitors both on- and off-site. Some popular programs include: Water Safety, Mammals, Bald Eagles, and Life on a Towboat. Park Rangers present these programs at schools and other facilities by request. Contact Visitor Center staff to learn more about these opportunities.

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ACCESSING THE ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

Visitors to Locks & Dam 15 and other Rock Island Arsenal facilities will need to receive a Visitor Pass from the Visitor Control Center at the Moline Gate. Once you have completed this process, you can request a map and directions to our location. Your GPS will not direct you to the correct location if you type in “Mississippi River Visitor Center.” You must use this address to arrive at the Visitor Control Center: 5309 Prospect Drive, Moline, IL 61265.

U.S. Citizens age 18 and older will need to present a valid picture ID and pass a quick background check. Some visitors may be required to provide additional documentation.

Previously acquired, unexpired Visitor Passes may be used at any of the three entrance gates (Moline, Rock Island, and Davenport) during their operating hours.

More information on requirements, gate operating schedules, and Visitor Control Center hours can be found at: https://home.army.mil/ria/ or by calling 309-782-1337.

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Clark's Ferry Recreation Area is a popular 11-acre park just off Highway 22 along the Mississippi River in Montpelier, Iowa, halfway between the Quad Cities and Muscatine.

The Class A campground has 45 concrete sites all featuring 30 and 50 amp electrical service and many have great views of the river. Most of the campsites can accommodate large RVs and offer wide grassy spaces between sites. Showers, running water, and flush toilets are also available. Large, mature trees shade the campground and provide a relaxing atmosphere that many campers seek.

The day use area provides a reservable picnic shelter, playground, and horseshoe pit, which are all accessible year-round. The boat ramp is also open year round, but a fee is only charged for launching from May 1 through the 4th Sunday in October.

Occasional ranger programs and other special events take place in the recreation area during the camping season. Information on these can be found on campground bulletin boards or by calling the Muscatine Ranger Station at 563-263-7913.

Come see why Clark's Ferry is perfect for anyone who wants to enjoy a beautiful camping spot without having to travel too far.

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

Whether you want to fish from the banks of the Mississippi River or launch a boat into Pool 16, you can do both right at Clark's Ferry Recreation Area.

Bank fishing can offer hours of entertainment at a more leisurely pace and it's a great way to introduce the sport of fishing to children. It doesn't take much equipment and you can fish from nearly anywhere along the Clark's Ferry shoreline. An ADA accessible fishing platform is even available to campers and the general public to allow those with mobility issues the opportunity to safely fish the river.

Fishing by boat will provide a variety of fishing holes to the more dedicated angler. Remember to practice water safety no matter which method you choose!
Expect the Unexpected and Always Wear a Life Jacket, Especially When You’re Alone.
Shady Creek Recreation Area is a 31-acre park located just upriver from Fairport, Iowa and near Wildcat Den State Park. It offers a Class A campground, day use area and boat ramp just a short drive from both the Quad Cities and Muscatine.

The campground has 53 concrete sites that all have 30 and 50 amp electrical service. All of these campsites can accommodate large RVs. The first 11 campsites are open year-round for camping with limited services during the winter months. Occasional ranger programs and other special events take place in the recreation area during the summer to fall camping season. Information on these can be found on campground bulletin boards or by calling the Muscatine Ranger Station at 563-263-7913.

The day use area and boat ramp are open year-round, with is a fee to launch a boat from May 1st through the 4th Sunday in October. The day use area provides a picnic, individual picnic sites, a playground and horseshoe pit. The peace of the area and views of the river make Shady Creek an ideal place to relax for the day or camp for a weekend — take your pick.

**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

Whether you’re fishing from the banks of the Mississippi River or launching a boat, you can do both right at Shady Creek Recreation Area. Bank fishing is a great way to introduce fishing to children because it’s inexpensive and can be done nearly anywhere along the Mississippi River. If you prefer to fish from a boat, you can launch it from many Army Corps of Engineers recreation areas either for free or for a minimal fee. Please remember to stay safe and be aware while recreating near water — life jackets are always a good idea!
2020 Shady Creek and Clark's Ferry Special Programs

Shady Creek and Clark’s Ferry Recreation Areas offer summer interpretive programs and activities for visitors on select weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day. All programs will be held at campground amphitheaters unless noted otherwise. Contact Muscatine Park Rangers or visit www.missriver.org for more information.

Following is a listing of Special Events that are planned for the 2019 recreation season.

Saturday, October 24, 3-5 p.m. — Halloween Trick or Treat Night at Shady Creek:
Campers are invited to participate in a campground trick or treat.
Show your holiday spirit by dressing up as your favorite Halloween character.

*Program dates and times are subject to change, please call the Muscatine Ranger Station at 563-263-7913 to verify dates and times.
The Mississippi River Project offers lock and dam tours as well as several locations for viewing the locks and dams. Tour topics include river and area histories, engineering of locks and dams, towboats, and much more. Tours are typically an hour in length and visitors should be prepared to walk or stand this entire time.

Visitors are asked to wear low-heeled, close-toed shoes with a back. No cameras, recording devices, bags, or backpacks are allowed on tours. Group sizes may be limited, so it’s recommended to make reservations. Below are dates, times, and requirements for specific viewing locations and tours.

**Lock & Dam 11 in Dubuque, Iowa:** Walking tours are held on Sundays at 1 p.m. starting on Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Meet at the overlook building. Contact the Dubuque Ranger Station at 563-582-0881 for more information.

**Lock & Dam 13 in Fulton, Illinois:** Walking tours are held on Sundays at 1 p.m. starting on Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Reservations are required. Contact the Thomson Ranger Station at 815-259-3628 for more information and to make reservations.

**Locks & Dam 15 in Rock Island, Illinois on Arsenal Island:** Walking tours are held on Saturdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. starting on Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Tours during the offseason are Sundays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Meet at the Mississippi River Visitor Center. Arsenal Island Security requires visitors to enter through the Visitor Control Center at the Moline Gate. Those 18 years or older must present a valid photo ID and complete paperwork. Please allow extra time for this process. Contact the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 309-794-5338 for more information and to make reservations.

**Lock & Dam 16 in Muscatine, Iowa:** Walking tours are held on Sundays at 2 p.m. starting on Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Reservations are required. Contact the Muscatine Ranger Station at 563-263-7913 for more information and to make reservations.

**Lock & Dam 21 in Quincy, Illinois:** Tour times are available by request. Contact the Muscatine Ranger Station at 563-263-7913 for more information and to make reservations.

**Viewing Platforms and Mezzanines**

Several areas throughout the district have areas for watching towboats and wildlife near the locks and dams.

**Lock & Dam 11:** Covered mezzanine with waterborne restrooms

**Lock & Dam 13:** Viewing platform with vault restrooms

**Lock & Dam 14:** Viewing platform with waterborne and vault restrooms

**Lock & Dam 16:** Viewing platform with vault restrooms

**Locks & Dam 19:** Viewing platform with waterborne restrooms

**Lock & Dam 21:** Covered mezzanine with waterborne restrooms
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- Thomson Causeway
- Fisherman’s Corner North
- Clark’s Ferry
- Shady Creek

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This 6.5 acre park is a Class B campground located along the Mississippi River approximately six miles downstream of Lock & Dam 16 in Illinois. It has 15 primitive campsites and all of them have great views of the river. The park is shaded by large mature maple, cottonwood, and sycamore trees. These campsites are perfect for tents and small trailers and shorter motor homes. This is a great “off the beaten path” campground for those who appreciate the peace and quiet. It is located off the main channel of the river offering a nature lover’s experience and fishing hotspots.

This recreation area is open year-round as long as there are no adverse conditions requiring its closure. There is a self-registration $12 per night fee charged from May 15 through October 15. All the sites are on a “first come first serve” basis.

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES
Blanchard Island Recreation Area is home to many anglers’ favorite catfish holes! The boat ramp here allows free access to the river. Campers enjoy bank fishing here as well. Please remember to employ water safety practices whenever you’re on or near the water. Wear your life jacket and get them on your kids as well, to ensure a safe fishing experience for all.

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BLANCHARD ISLAND

INFO:
Open Year-Round
Fee Dates: May 15-October 15
Camping Fee: $12
Reservations Accepted: No
Self Registration Address: Blanchard Island Recreation Area 34000 176th Ave. W. New Boston, IL 61272

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BLANCHARD ISLAND RECREATION AREA

BLANCHARD ISLAND

INFO:
Open Year-Round
Fee Dates: May 15-October 15
Camping Fee: $12
Reservations Accepted: No
Self Registration Address: Blanchard Island Recreation Area 34000 176th Ave. W. New Boston, IL 61272

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For those looking for a river access or secluded campsite, we offer several opportunities. Our river access only areas have a boat ramp, parking for your vehicle and often a vault toilet but no camping is allowed at these sites. Our camping and river access areas offer a primitive camping option as well as access to the river. Most of these camping areas offer semi-developed campsites, vault toilets, drinking water, boat launches and picnic areas for your enjoyment.

RIVER ACCESS ONLY — NO CAMPING PERMITTED:

- **Big Slough** located four miles north of Thomson, Illinois, ½ mile west off Highway 84 at river mile 531.4 offers developed river access, courtesy dock and is a great fishing hotspot.

- **Cattail Slough** sits in the backwaters of the Mississippi at river mile 517.8. It is located ¼ mile southwest of Fulton, Illinois, off Highway 84 and offers excellent fishing with river access and courtesy dock.

- **Lock & Dam 13** offers river access and great bank fishing. It is located three miles north of Fulton, Illinois, off Highway 84 at river mile 522.5 and has a picnic shelter, and vault toilets. A river observation deck/restroom building also overlooks the lock and dam.

- **Locks & Dam 14/Smith's Island** located just down river of LeClaire, Iowa, off Highway 67 at river mile 493.3 offers a one mile hiking trail, bank fishing and wildlife/riverboat watching. The area also has a reservable picnic shelter and vault toilets available for public use.

- **Andalusia Slough** is a popular river access point. It is located two miles west of Andalusia, Illinois, off Highway 92 at river mile 470.

- **Kilpeck Landing** is a popular boat ramp and offers river access for prime fishing spots. It is located five miles northeast of Grandview, Iowa, at river mile 446.7.

- **Canton Chute** is a recreation area with the closest river access to Hogback Island, located off of N. Bottom Road, north of Quincy, Illinois, at river mile 331.6.

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John Hay located across the river from Hannibal, Missouri, on Highway 106 near East Hannibal, Illinois, at river mile 309.3 offers a day use facility with river access.

Park-N-Fish located southwest of Hull, Illinois, off Highway 106 at river mile 301.2 offers bank fishing along the spillway of Lock & Dam 22.

Lock & Dam 22 offers river access to Pool 24 of the Mississippi River and is located off Highway 79 near Saverton, Missouri, at river mile 301.2.

Ferry Landing sits at the mouth of the Iowa River, near the northern edge of Oakville, Iowa at river mile 433.6 and offers river access.

Camping & River Access:

Bear Creek located off Highway 96 near Marcelline, Illinois, at river mile 340.9 offers seasonal camping and river access. The dates for seasonal camping will be between September 1 and December 31. Hunting is permitted on the Long Island Division of the Great River National Wildlife Refuge surrounding the campground.

For further location information of these areas, please refer to the map at the beginning of this booklet.

*Big Slough and Cattail Slough charge boat launch fees for their river access.*
Some boat ramps along the Mississippi River require a user fee as part of the Corps of Engineers Recreation Day Use Fee Program. Day use fees help recover only a portion of costs associated with operating and maintaining Corps’ recreation facilities. Boat ramp fees are charged annually from May 1 through the 4th Sunday of October.

For daily use, there is a $5 fee that is charged using a self-registration vault.

**To register at the ramp follow these simple steps:**

- Fill out information required on envelope
- Insert payment into the envelope. Payment can be made using cash or check made out to **FAO, USAED, Rock Island**
- Tear off the hang-tag portion, date, and hang the tag on your rear-view mirror with the date visible from the outside of the vehicle.
- Seal the envelope and deposit it in the vault

*Note: Day use fees are valid for the entire date of purchase. Permits may be used to launch from other Corps of Engineers ramps on the same day as long as the hang tag is dated and displayed properly.

If you are a frequent visitor, you may wish to purchase an annual pass for $40. The annual pass allows unlimited, nationwide use of all Corps day use fee areas for one year from date of purchase. The pass is in the form of a placard that hangs on your rearview mirror.

If you have a Senior/Access Interagency Pass, you will no longer need to purchase a USACE Annual Pass for day use fee areas. All you will need to do is display your Senior/Access Interagency Pass in your vehicle either on the dash or by using a hang tag. Hang tags will be available at USACE offices. More information on the America the Beautiful Interagency Pass Program can be found on page 11. If you are staying at a Corps of Engineers campground you do not have to pay the daily fee for use of the boat ramp. Place your current camping receipt on your vehicle dash with the camping dates visible.

Boat ramps that charge a use fee on the Mississippi River are: Grant River, Blanding Landing, Pleasant Creek, Big Slough, Cattail Slough, Clark’s Ferry and Shady Creek Recreation Area.

### WHERE TO BUY YOUR ANNUAL PASS

- Purchase in person at one of the following locations:
  - Campground Fee Booths at Class A Campgrounds (May-October)
  - Ranger Stations
  - Mississippi River Visitor Center
- Order your Annual Pass by phone (Visa, MasterCard and American Express) by calling the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 309-794-5338.
As you may be aware, the Mississippi River is a globally significant natural resource. However, you may not know it was designated a Globally Important Bird Area in 2001 by the American Bird Conservancy and a Wetland of International Importance in 2010 during the International Ramsar Convention. The Mississippi River Project is working to support this resource in part through our Environmental Stewardship mission with our Forestry and Shoreline Management programs.

Our Forestry Program, the oldest within the Corps of Engineers and second largest in size, originated in 1941 in support of the WWII war efforts. Our managed lands cover 54,000 acres of land and over 2,000 miles of shoreline along the river. 2020 marks the 40th year that we met with our partner state and federal fish and wildlife agencies to cooperatively manage the forested resource. Over 80 percent is leased to other state and federal agencies such as the Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of Natural Resources for wildlife refuges and management areas through cooperative agreements though the Corps maintains timber rights on the trees. All forest management activities are aligned with the wildlife goals of our partner agencies and include timber harvests to promote diversity of tree size and tree regeneration, timber stand improvement to promote health of diverse tree species, and tree planting to help maintain the presence of diverse tree stands.

The Shoreline Management Program provides access opportunities for water-based recreation while helping to protect the shoreline and wildlife habitat. This program allows for placement of docks and associated structures on federal lands in designated areas and protects shoreline in other environmentally sensitive areas.

For more information on the Shoreline Management or Forestry Programs, please call 309-794-4528 or write to P.O. Box 534, Pleasant Valley, Iowa 52767.
Enjoy the Experience!

You can enjoy....

• **Lock & Dam 20**, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It provides unique habitat on the Mississippi River as well as close viewing of all types of watercraft entering/ exiting the lock.

• **White pelicans** and **bald eagles** who are seasonal visitors. Both take advantage of the unique habitat created by Lock and Dam 20.

• The **2020 Catfishing Tournament** on the river to be held on Saturday, September 5th.

• Our **year-round campground** that’s the only one known to be sitting right on a bank of the Mississippi River. Reservations are recommended. Call 573.288.4412.

• Our **levee walk** and **observation deck**. The deck canopy is sure to lead you to think of a bird in flight.

Visit our web site
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or our facebook page
“Canton MO Tourism”
573-288-4413
The Mississippi River provides many exciting opportunities for recreational activities such as boating, fishing and hunting. Whatever your hobby of choice happens to be, keeping water safety in mind and coming home at the end of the day should always be a priority. Wearing life jackets is one of the easiest and most effective ways to stay safe. If you are new to boating or want to brush up on your boating knowledge the Mississippi River Project offers free boating safety classes. Corps Park Rangers partner with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to offer these classes and successful completion of this class will gain you an Illinois Boating Safety Card. See below for dates and times.

**2020 Free Boating Safety Classes**

- **April 18** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **April 25** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **May 2** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **May 9** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

All classes will be held at the Mississippi River Project Office in Pleasant Valley, IA. Only one 8-hour class is required to complete your certification. Registration is required and can be done by contacting the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 309-794-5338.

If you are unable to attend one of these courses, you can also complete Boat Safety courses online. Iowa and Illinois DNR offer several options to accommodate this. Please visit the following websites to find out more:

- www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx

**Wear It, Wear It Right**

**Life Jackets Save Lives!**

1. **CHECK THE LABEL**
   - The label will tell you:
     - Whether the life jacket is Coast Guard approved
     - The size of the jacket
     - How the jacket can be used
   
2. **CHECK FOR DAMAGE**
   - Check that there are no broken parts and no mold or rips in the fabric.

3. **FASTEN UP**
   - Fasten up all buckles, zippers and straps. Adjust straps so that the jacket fits snugly.

4. **CHECK FOR PROPER FIT**
   - Lift the shoulders of the life jacket.
   - Make sure it does not slip above the chin or ears.
   - It should feel snug, yet comfortable. A properly fitted life jacket keeps your head and shoulders above water. You will be able to swim with it, too.

5. **WEAR IT!**
   - A life jacket only works if it’s worn. Take the time to be prepared. Make sure you have and wear the right life jacket before you go out in the water.
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project is interested in what you have to say. Your comments and suggestions are important to us, as we use them in the future planning and management of our recreation areas.

One way you can help make changes is to visit our website, www.missriver.org, and comment on our Master Plan update. A Master Plan is the document that conceptually establishes and guides the orderly development, administration, maintenance, preservation, enhancement and management of all natural, cultural and recreational resources of a Corps water resource project. Despite what the name might suggest, it is not a plan for navigation (locks, dams and associated infrastructure for commercial barge traffic), flood risk management (levees in the PL84-99 Program), or water level management which have all been addressed in other guidance documents.

Another way to make suggestions is to fill out the questionnaire below and return it to us.

PLEASE RATE THE FOLLOWING:

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— Please Turn Over —
HELP US IMPROVE YOUR PARKS!

G. What improvements or changes would you like to see?
____________________________________________________________________________
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Name of Recreation Area: (Please check one)

☐ Grant River
☐ Pleasant Creek
☐ Bulger’s Hollow
☐ Fisherman’s Corner
☐ Andalusia Slough
☐ Lock & Dam 16
☐ Ferry Landing
☐ Canton Chute
☐ Park-N-Fish

☐ Lock & Dam 11
☐ Big Slough
☐ Lock & Dam 13
☐ Locks & Dam 14
☐ Clark’s Ferry
☐ Blanchard Island
☐ Lock & Dam 21
☐ Lock & Dam 22

☐ Blanding Landing
☐ Thomson Causeway
☐ Cattail Slough
☐ Miss. River Visitor Center
☐ Shady Creek
☐ Kilpeck Landing
☐ Bear Creek
☐ John Hay

Dates of Your Camping Stay: _____________________ to ______________________
Site#: ______________________

Name: _____________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
City: _________________________________ State: _________ Zip: _____________

For additional information, please contact your local U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers Ranger Station or call 1-800-645-0248.

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SEND TO:
Natural Resource Management Section
Attn: Park Manager
P.O. Box 534, 25549 182nd Street
Pleasant Valley, IA 52767-0534
2020 MAIN EVENT SCHEDULE

Bald Eagle Days Jan. 10-12
Farm Show Jan. 19-21
Rod & Custom Jan. 24-26
QCHBA Home Show Feb. 6-8
Outdoor Show Feb. 13-16
RV Show Feb. 21-23
Antique Show March 6-8
Flower & Garden Show March 27-29

BALD EAGLE DAYS
Jan. 10-12, 2020
Friday 4-8 | Saturday 10-8 | Sunday 10-5

ADULTS: $6
KIDS 6-15: $1
KIDS 5 AND UNDER: FREE

OUTDOOR SHOW
Feb. 13-16, 2020
Thurs. 4-8 | Fri. 12-8 | Sat. 9-8 | Sun. 10-4

SR. CITIZEN DAY ON FRIDAY: $6
(12-5)
KIDS 6-15: $1
KIDS 5 AND UNDER: FREE

RV SHOW
Feb. 21-23, 2020
Friday 12-8 | Saturday | 10-8 | Sunday 10-4

ADULTS: $8
KIDS 6-15: $1
KIDS 5 AND UNDER: FREE

QCCA FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW
March 26-29, 2020
Thurs. 4-8 | Fri. 10-8 | Sat. 10-8 | Sun. 10-4

THURS. PREVIEW GALA TICKETS: $25
KIDS 6-15: $1
KIDS 5 AND UNDER: FREE

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