Fairfield Lake State Park

Discover a natural crossroads on the shore of Fairfield Lake.

With grassland prairie to the west and pine forests to the east, Fairfield Lake has the best of both worlds for you to explore. Take your time on the hiking, biking, and equestrian trails that wind through towering trees and past scenic overlooks. Or, find a new favorite fishing spot on the 24,000-acre lake.

STAYING SAFE

KNOW YOUR LIMITS. Prepare for sun and heat. Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body quickly loses fluids when you’re on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

TELL OTHERS WHERE YOU’LL BE. If possible, avoid exploring alone. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

WEAR A HELMET. When biking, check with park HQ to match the trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET. The law requires that all children under age 13 wear one with adult supervision while boating.

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE HERE. You’ll see them more easily if you stay on trails.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick. Please do not feed them.

Take only memories and pictures. Help preserve nature. Leave all plants and animals in the park.

Keep pets on leashes for their safety, and to protect wildlife.

Campfires are permitted only in fire rings provided at each site. No ground fires are permitted due to potential for ground scarring and wildfires.

Share the trail. Hikers yield to equestrians; bikers yield to hikers and equestrians.

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Largemouth Bass

TRAIL

DISTANCE  DIFFICULTY  DESCRIPTION

BIRDWATCHING TRAIL  0.7 mi.  Moderate  Watch for blue herons, osprey, or red-winged blackbirds from this trail. If you’re visiting in winter, you may get to see bald eagles!

DOCKERY TRAIL  5.3 mi.  Moderate  This hiking, biking, and equestrian trail winds through the forest, and has a few steep elevation changes. Parts of this trail are on the park road; use caution, and watch for vehicles.

BIG BROWN CREEK TRAIL  3.0 mi.  Easy  Follow this hiking and biking trail to the primitive camping area. Equestrian use is permitted for part of the trail; signs indicate where equestrian use ends.

NATURE TRAIL  2.0 mi.  Easy  This hiking and biking trail meanders along the shoreline, between the forest and the lake.

SCENIC LOOP  0.4 mi.  Easy  This family-friendly loop is great for hiking and biking. Take a rest on the park benches and see what wildlife you can spot.

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