

RV Camping in Corps of Engineers Parks

Guide to over 600 Corps-managed campgrounds
on nearly 200 lakes around the country

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Introduction

Huge portions of public lands, managed by a variety of government agencies, are available to the general public for recreational use. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides over 30 percent of the recreational opportunities found on these public lands. This book will guide you to more than 600 Corps-managed campgrounds around the country.

Guide For RVers

Included are only those projects and locations that have campgrounds with developed sites that are suitable for RVs. Walk-in or boat-in primitive camping areas that are not vehicle accessible are not included. Similarly excluded are areas that offer primitive sites for tent, pop-up camper or tiny trailer camping.

Project Listings

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects are listed alphabetically by state – Alabama through Wisconsin. Each Corps of Engineers project area typically covers thousands of land and water acres and, in many cases, projects cross over state lines. Project listings may appear in both state sections or will be cross-referenced.

Each project's section begins with the name, address, phone number and managing district, followed by a general description of the size and/or scope of the project. Directions are provided to the project office and visitor center, if applicable. Visitors will find it helpful to stop at the office or visitor center to obtain maps and information on the recreational facilities at the project.

The *Activities* chart summarizes the major recreational opportunities at each project, but it is not all-inclusive. Types of recreation offered in and around Corps lakes are many and tend to vary from project to project, depending on locale, equipment, facilities and local needs. Also included in the text before campground listings will be general information about points of interest in the area and other unique features of the project.

Campground Listings

Corps-operated campgrounds at each project are listed

in alphabetical order. Each listing includes the following features where available:

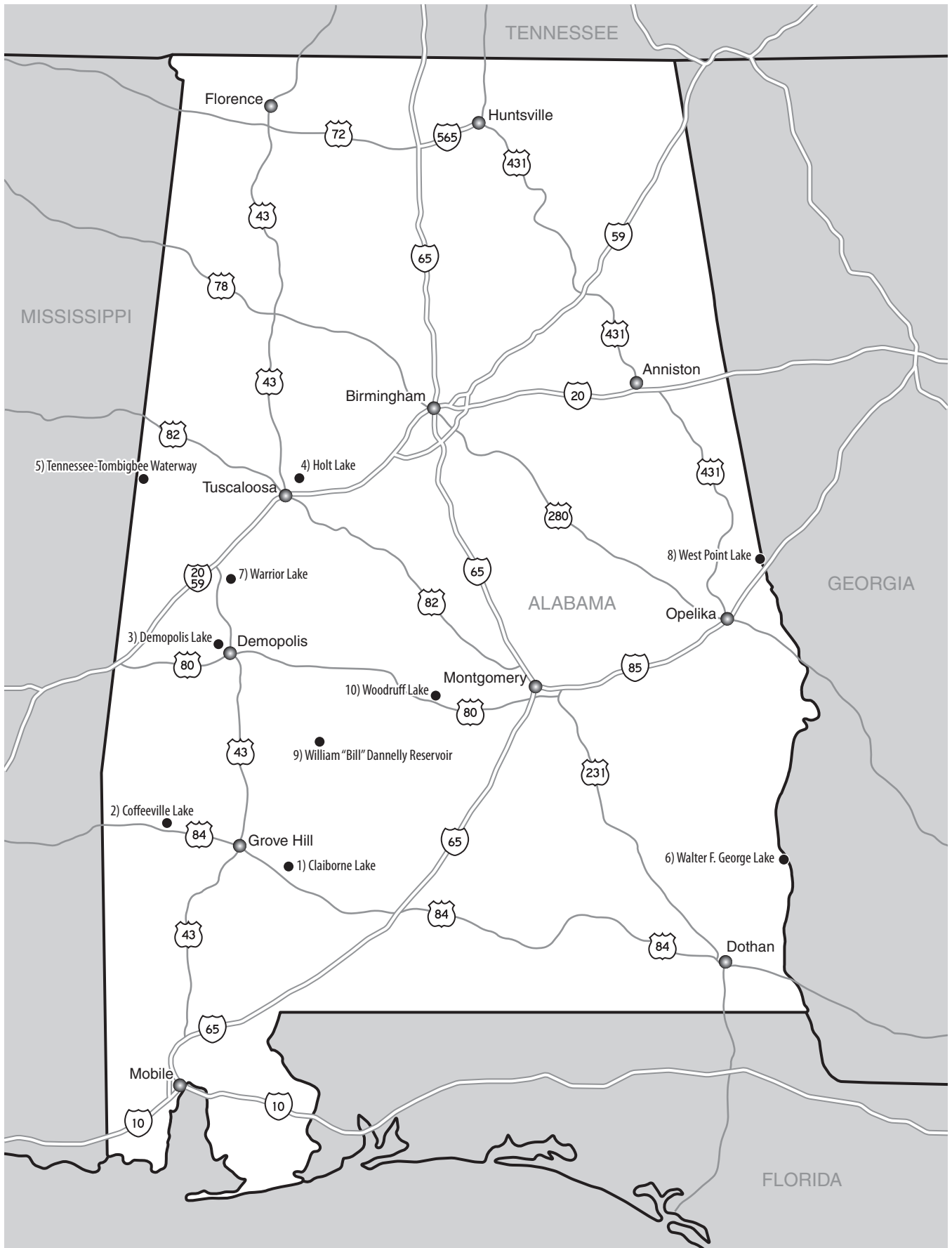
- 1) *Season*: The campground's season of operation.
- 2) *Total number and types of sites*: Types of sites include basic and developed. Basic sites provide a pad (gravel or paved) but no hookups. Developed sites include a pad, picnic table, lantern post, and usually electric and/or water hookups.
- 3) *Pull thrus*: Where available.
- 4) *Hookups*: Includes electric, water, and/or sewer.
- 5) *Non-reservable*: Where applicable, this indicates that some or all sites at the campground are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and cannot be reserved through recreation.gov. Note that many campgrounds also have non-reservable sites available off-season.
- 6) *Daily Fee*: Range of daily fee for an individual, single RV-occupancy site.
- 7) *Basic Amenities*: drinking water, dump station, restrooms, showers, laundry – listed where available. Other amenities and features will also be noted.
- 8) *RV length limit*: Rare. Most Corps of Engineers campgrounds can accommodate big rigs, although at some locations the number of big rig sites is limited.
- 9) *Directions*: Directions from a nearby town; generally the directions supplied by recreation.gov.
- 10) *Address*: Physical or street address of campground where available.
- 11) *Phone*: Direct line to the campground where available, or the direct line to the project office.

Camping Reservations

You can check availability and make reservations online anytime at www.recreation.gov or call toll free 1-877-444-6777 to check availability and to make reservations over the phone: Mar 31 to Oct 31, 10am to midnight EST and Nov 1 to Feb 28, 10am to 10pm EST. The Call Center is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

More information about camping reservations can be found in Appendix B.

Alabama



Activities

	Auto Touring	Biking	Boating	Cultural / Historic Sites Climbing	Educational Programs	Groceries / Supplies Fishing	Horseback Riding Hiking	Off Highway Vehicles Hunting	Visitor Center Lodging
1) Claiborne Lake		◆	◆			◆ ◆	◆	◆	
2) Coffeerville Lake				◆		◆		◆	
3) Demopolis Lake		◆	◆			◆ ◆	◆	◆	◆
4) Holt Lake	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆ ◆	◆	◆	
5) Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway	◆	◆	◆		◆ ◆	◆ ◆	◆	◆	◆
6) Walter F. George Lake	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆ ◆	◆
7) Warrior Lake			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	
8) West Point Lake			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
9) William "Bill" Dannelly Reservoir		◆	◆		◆	◆ ◆	◆	◆	◆
10) Woodruff Lake		◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆

Alabama Projects

1) Claiborne Lake

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 1226 Powerhouse Rd
 Camden, AL 36726-9109
 Phone: 334-682-4244
 District: Mobile

Claiborne Lake is located north of Mobile in southwestern Alabama. From the junction of US-43 & US-84 in Grove Hill, go east on US-84 to SR-41, north to CR-17, west to the dam. Nestled in the state's southwest hill country, the lake encompasses over 60 miles of the Alabama River. The project includes 2,743 land acres, 5,850 water acres and 204 shoreline miles. Much of the lake's surrounding park land is being allowed to revert to its natural state, providing habitation for abundant wildlife. Claiborne is noted for being the most pristine of the Alabama River lakes. It has great appeal to sportsmen, bird-watchers and naturalists.

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Isaac creek: All year, 47 sites with electric (50amp) and water hookups, \$18-\$20. **Amenities:** Dump station, restrooms, showers, laundry, playground, boat ramp, fishing pier, fish cleaning station and a convenience store nearby. **Directions:**

From Monroeville, Alabama, travel 8 miles north on SR-41 to CR-17 west and follow signs. 5030 Lock and Dam Rd, Unit 4, Franklin, AL 36444 / 251-282-4254. **GPS:** 31.62222, -87.55028

2) Coffeerville Lake

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 384 Resource Mgmt Dr
 Demopolis, AL 36732
 Phone: 334-289-3540
 District: Mobile

Coffeerville Lake is located 60 miles south of Demopolis on US-84. It is the third largest lake in the Black Warrior-Tombigbee chain of lakes in western Alabama. It has a surface area of 8,800 acres and a length of 97 miles. The 4,000-acre Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge at Coffeerville Lake is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service primarily for migratory waterfowl.

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Service Park: All year, 32 sites with electric (50amp) & water hookups, some pull thrus, two tent-only sites \$14, others \$18-\$20. All spacious campsites are near the water. Campground gates close at 10pm. **Amenities:** Dump station, restrooms, showers, laundry, boat ramp, fishing, playground. **Directions:** From Coffeerville, Alabama, 4 miles west on US-84 to the campground. 451 Service Park Rd, Silas, AL 36919 / 251-754-9338. **GPS:** 31.745, -88.14306

3) Demopolis Lake

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
384 Resource Mgmt Dr
Demopolis, AL 36732
Phone: 334-289-3540
District: Mobile

Demopolis is the largest of the Black Warrior-Tombigbee chain of six lakes. Located at the confluence of the two rivers, Demopolis Lake covers 10,000 acres and extends 48 miles upriver on the Black Warrior and 53 miles up the Tombigbee. The lake is situated 50 miles south of Tuscaloosa. From the town of Demopolis, take US-80 west for 2 miles to Lock & Dam Road to the Black Warrior & Tombigbee Resource Center where maps and directions to various lake areas are available.

Fishing is the most popular activity on the lake. Whether by boat or along the banks, anglers will find bass, crappie, bream and catfish. Biking, hiking and wildlife viewing are popular activities at the two Corps-managed campgrounds. A highlight of the year at Demopolis Lake is the week-long “Christmas on the River” celebration featuring a night time parade on the river viewed by huge crowds from the white bluff above the Tombigbee River.

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Forkland: All year, 42 sites with electric & water hookups, \$18-\$20. Campground gates close at 10pm. **Amenities:** Dump station, restrooms, showers, boat ramp, courtesy dock, laundry, playground, group shelter. **Directions:** From Demopolis, go 9 miles north on US-43, follow signs, turn left on the county road (unpaved) for one mile. 1365 Forkland Park Rd, Forkland, AL 36740 / 334-289-5530. **GPS:** 32.62222, -87.88056

Foscue Creek: All year, 48 full hookup sites, 5 sites with electric & water hookups, (50amp throughout), \$22. Campground gates close at 10pm. **Amenities:** Dump station, restrooms, showers, laundry, boat ramp, courtesy dock. **Directions:** From Demopolis, go west for 3 miles on US-80; turn right, follow signs. Lock Dam Rd, Demopolis AL 36732 / 334-289-5535. **GPS:** 32.51556, -87.86944

4) Holt Lake

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Box 295
Peterson, AL 35478
Phone: 205-553-9373
District: Mobile

Holt Lake is 6 miles northeast of Tuscaloosa and just northwest of the town of Peterson. From Tuscaloosa, go 10 miles east on AL-216 to the Resource Office. The lake is a narrow, winding body of water that stretches for 18 miles and encompasses 3,200 surface acres. It is part of the Black Warrior-Tombigbee chain of lakes. Water skiing is a popular activity on the lake. There are two privately managed marinas.

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Burchfield Branch: All year, 37 sites with electric (50amp) and water hookups, \$18-\$20. The campground is situated among the forested shores of the lake. Scenic foliage and wildlife viewing are excellent. **Amenities:** Dump station, restrooms, showers, laundry, boat ramp, fishing pier, swimming beach, group shelter. **Directions:** From Tuscaloosa take I-59 Exit 86 to CR-59 toward Brookwood. Right at the traffic light in Brookwood to Hwy-216, then left (NE) on to CR-59. Left at the stop sign on to Lock 17 Road. Turn left at Lock 17 Grocery and follow Lock 17 Road (approximately 23 miles from Brookwood). 15036 Bankhead Rd, Adger, AL 35006 / 205-497-9828 or 205-553-9373. **GPS:** 33.44778, -87.36583

Deerlick Creek: Mar-Nov, 40 sites with electric (50amp) & water hookups, some pull thru, 6 tent sites, \$14-\$20. **Amenities:** Dump station, restrooms, showers, boat ramp, fishing pier, laundry, swimming beach, hiking and bicycle trails. **Directions:** From I-59 Exit 73, take Hwy-82 (McFarland Blvd) west for 4.2 miles then right on CR-30 (Rice Mine Rd) for 3.4 miles. Right at the stop sign to CR-42 (Lake Nicol Rd) for 3.4 miles to CR-89 (Deerlick Rd) Right for 3.2 miles. 12421 Deerlick Rd, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406 / 205-759-1591. **GPS:** 33.25944, -87.43028

5) Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway

Tom Bevill Visitor Center
1382 Lock & Dam Rd
Pickensville, AL 35447
Phone: 205-373-8705
District: Mobile