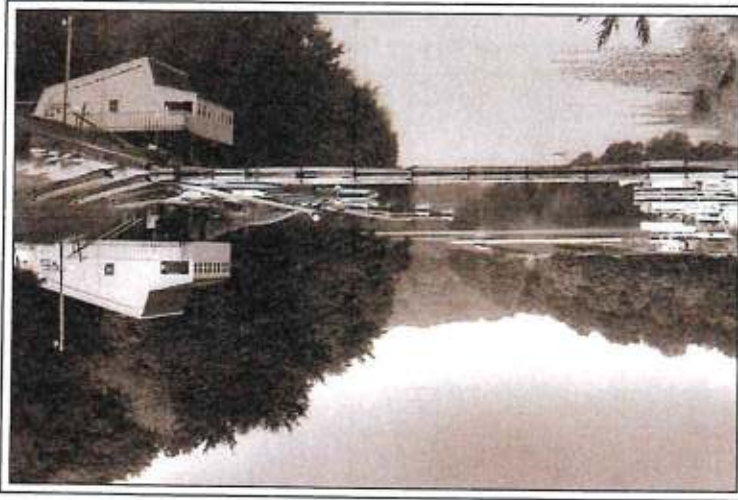
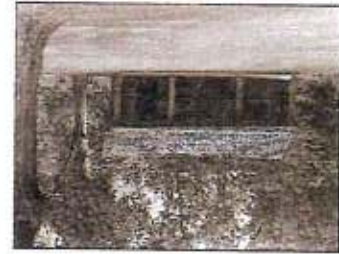


Park to the citizens of Illinois. Today, whether your preference is viewing wildflowers and fresh loaves in the spring, picnicking, fishing and boating in the summer, appreciating the brilliant fall colors or ice skating, sledding and snowmobiling in the winter, Argyle Lake State Park is a great place to visit.



History
Rich in local history, Argyle Hollow (now occupied by the lake) was once part of the old stage route between Galena and Beardstown. Several times a week the teams of horses lumbered coaches with their double high-wheeled, cumbersome cobs. In 1948, the state purchased the land from local farmers and homesteaders. The region itself long was a source of coal, clay and limestone. In fact, in times past it was common for individuals to open and dig their own "dirt mines" to supplement their personal incomes. The park contains a replica of one such operation. Several limestone quarries in the general area still are in operation today.



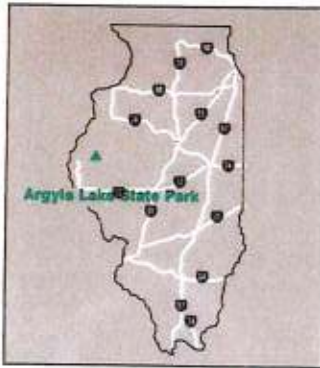
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Special Events

Argyle Lake is the site of the Argyle Antique Gas Engine Show, a festive celebration of times past. It's a great way to spend Labor Day weekend. You'll see demonstrations of wheat threshing, hay baling, sawmilling, sorghum making and blacksmithing. You can also watch craftspersons make quilts, whittle and make rugs. In addition, hundreds of antique tractors, cars and gas engines are on display. For bargain hunters, there also is a giant flea market.



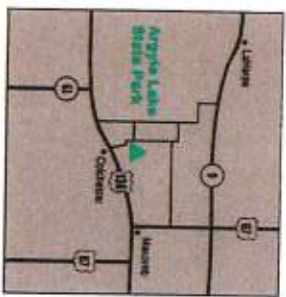
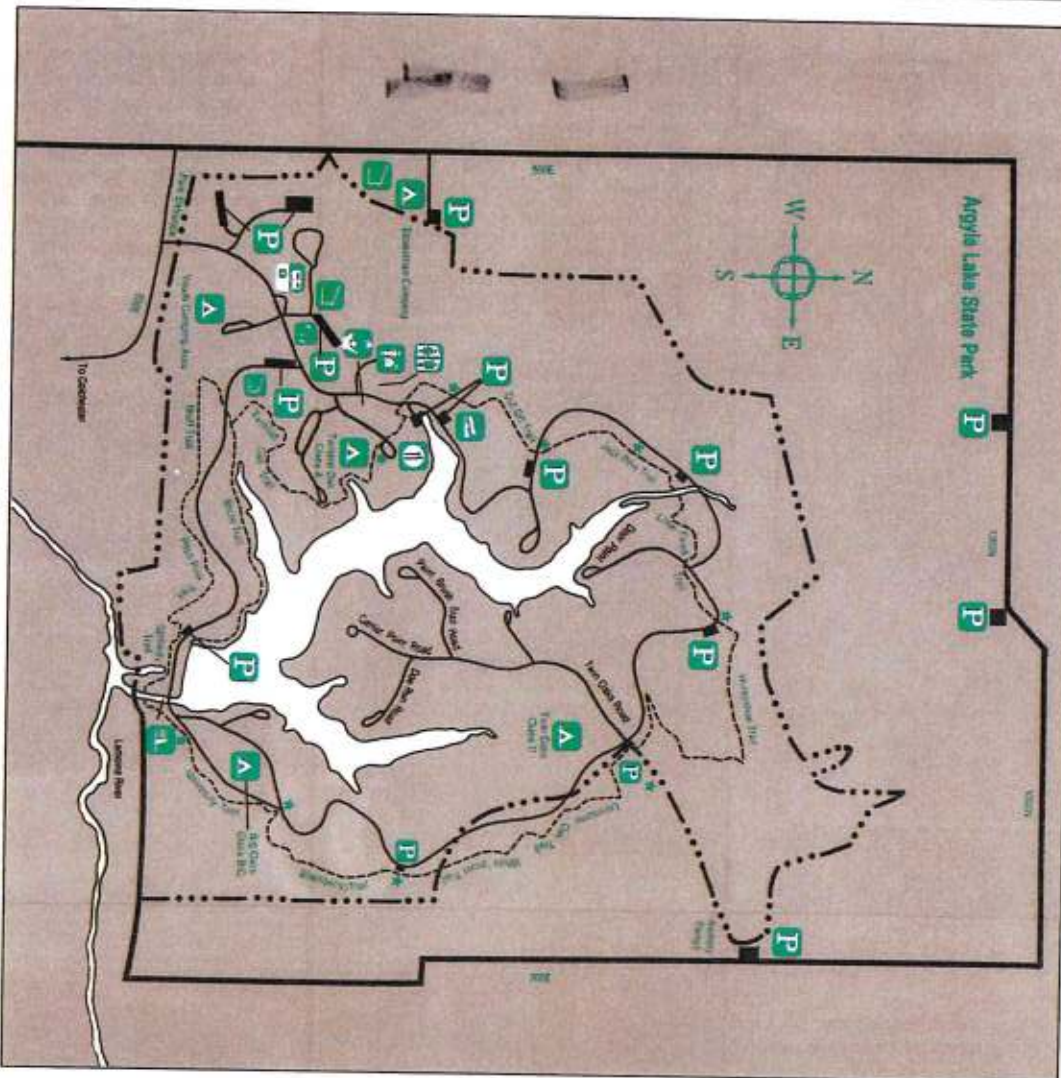
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- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. Please call ahead to the park office before you make your trip.
- We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks write to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Public Services, 524 S. Second St., Springfield, IL, 62701-1737, or call (217) 782-7454.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs' Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.

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- Marks Separation of Trails
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 - Playground
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 - Shelter
 - Shower
 - Hiking Trails
 - Boat Launch
 - Campground
 - Concession
 - Dam
 - Equestrian/Mountain Bike Trail

Picnicking

How long has it been since you've packed a picnic lunch and headed for a park? At Argyle Lake State Park there are several shaded picnic areas placed conveniently throughout the area, with tables, grills and water. There's also a playground to keep the children busy.

Camping

For longer visits, the park contains 86 Class A campsites, 25 Class B sites, 18 Class C sites, featuring vehicle access and restrooms, and 31 Class D (primitive) sites. Ethical hookups, a disposal station and restrooms with showers are also available.

Concession and Restaurant

For a quick bite to eat, visit the concession stand located near the boat dock. There are boat and canoe rentals and bait is for sale. For more information call (336) 776-4715.

Trails

Five miles of foot trails provide unparalleled scenic enjoyment. There are 12 trails and most are classified as difficult to very difficult, but Bloodberry and Pitch Pine trails are rated as moderate. For horseback riding and mountain biking enthusiasts, there is a rugged 7-mile trail. An equestrian campground

also is available. Be sure to look for the beaver dams along Shore Trail. There are more than 200 bird species that call Argyle Lake home.

Boating and Fishing

The lake is stocked with bluegill, redear, channel catfish, largemouth bass, sauger, crappie, tiger muskie and rainbow trout. There is a 1-horsepower motor limit, and a public boat launch and docks are available for boats and pontoons. Canoe and boat rentals also are available.

Hunting

Upland game hunting is allowed on a limited basis. Please check with the park office for specific dates, species and regulations.

Winter Sports

Open year-round, Argyle Lake State Park is ideally suited for ice skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, sledging and cross country skiing.

Visitor Center

The park's Visitor Center features wildlife displays and educational materials along with park information. In addition, the center is host to seasonal interpretive programs. Groups interested in scheduling a program conducted by park staff should contact the park office at least two weeks prior to the event.