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Introduction

“This land is your land. This land is my land...
This land was made for you and me.”
—Woody Guthrie

Camping on public lands is a long-standing American tradition. Huge portions of public lands, managed by a variety of government agencies, are available to the general public for recreational use. These are located on federal, state and county properties. The many camping choices nationwide – from primitive to semi-primitive camping areas to developed campgrounds – are too numerous to list in a single volume.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides over 30 percent of the recreational opportunities on federal lands. This book is designed to guide you to more than 600 Corps-managed campgrounds around the country.

How This Guide Is Organized

This book lists U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects alphabetically by state – Alabama through Wisconsin. 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...this book is geared primarily to RVers.

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. The Corps of Engineers itself is not organized by state, but rather geographically into eight regions of the U.S., with a number of districts in each region. Consequently, most states have more than one Corps district managing projects within the state. All district offices are listed in Appendix E; managing districts are listed with each project.

Project Listing

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 before going on to the campground in order to obtain maps, fishing reports and information about locations of boat ramps, marinas, fishing piers, swimming beaches and other recreational facilities at the project. At some projects, check-in and collection of camping fees (for non-reservable camping) is done at the project office, while others may handle this process at the campground.

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

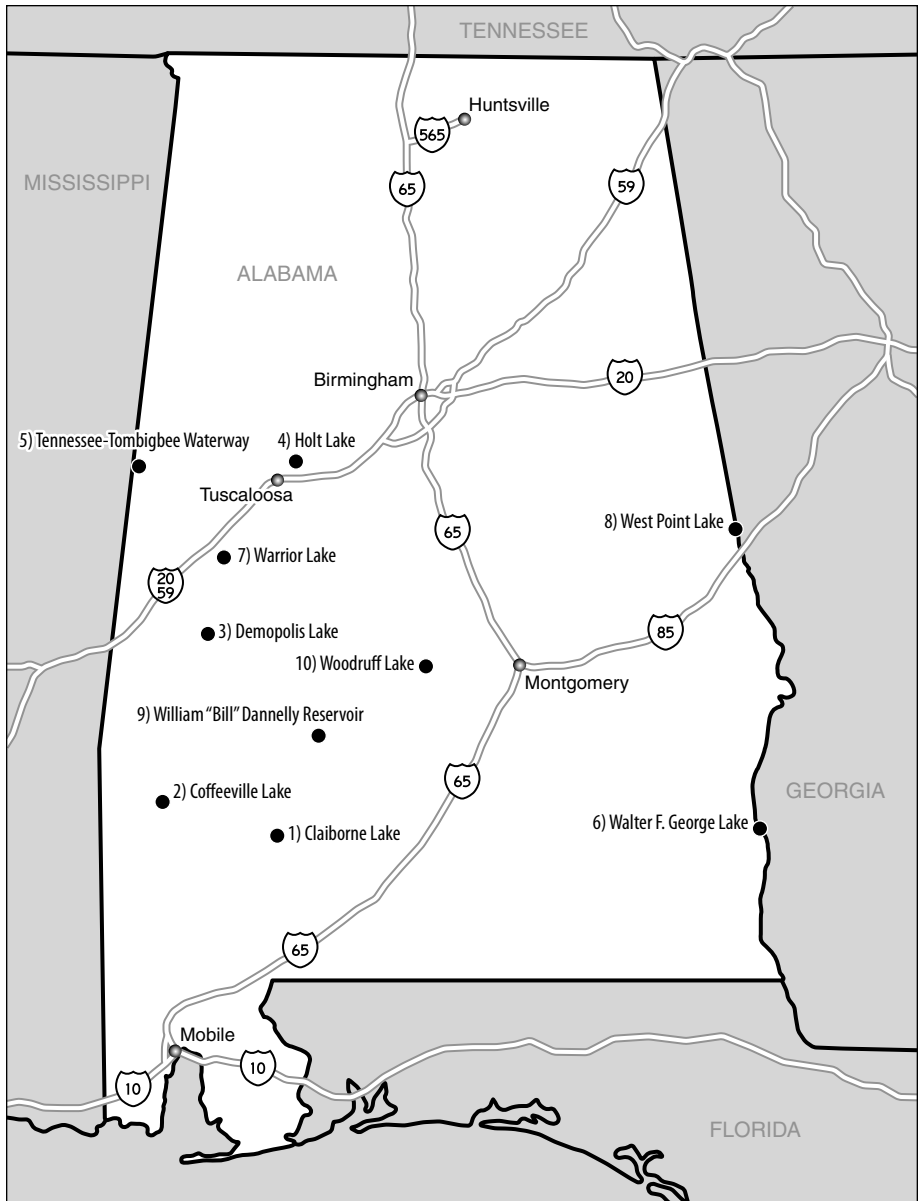
Campgrounds at the project are listed in alphabetical order. Each listing includes the following features where available:

- 1) *Season*: The campground's season of operation.
- 2) *Total number and types of sites*: Types of sites include primitive, basic, and developed. Primitive sites are usually for tent camping only. 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 have non-reservable sites available off-season. Call the project office for information about availability of non-reservables.

- 6) *Daily Fee*: Range of daily fee(s) for an individual, single RV-occupancy site. If using a Senior Pass or Access Pass, the amount listed will be reduced by 50%. Fees are as of 2008.
- 7) *Basic Amenities*: drinking water, dump station, restrooms, showers, laundry – listed where available. Other amenities and features may also be noted here.
- 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. Call early for reservations and request one of the longer sites.
- 9) *Directions*: Directions from a nearby town; generally the directions supplied by recreation.gov.
- 10) *Phone*: Direct line to the campground where available, or the direct line to the project office.
- 11) *Address*: Physical or street address of campground (where available).

Alabama



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| 1) Claiborne Lake | 6) Walter F. George Lake |
| 2) Coffeeville Lake | 7) Warrior Lake |
| 3) Demopolis Lake | 8) West Point Lake |
| 4) Holt Lake | 9) William "Bill" Dannelly Reservoir |
| 5) Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway | 10) Woodruff Lake |

Map #	Auto Touring	Biking	Boating	Climbing	Cultural / Historic Sites	Educational Programs	Camping	Groceries / Supplies	Fishing	Horseback Riding	Hiking	Off Highway Vehicles	Lodging	Hunting	Visitor Center	Page #
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1) CLAIBORNE LAKE

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

Claiborne Lake is located north of Mobile in southwestern Alabama. From junction 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.

Isaac Creek campground has a playground, boat ramp, fishing pier, fish cleaning station and a convenience store nearby.

Isaac Creek: All year, 60 sites with electric (50amp) and water hookups, \$14–\$16, dump, restrooms, showers, laundry. From Monroeville, Alabama, travel 8 miles north on SR-41 to CR-17 west and follow signs. 251-282-4254, (5030 Lock and Dam Rd, Unit 4, Franklin, AL 36444).

2) COFFEEVILLE LAKE

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

Coffeeville 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 Coffeeville Lake is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service primarily for migratory waterfowl.

The Corps operates a modern campground at the lake where boating, fishing and picnicking are the major activities. Campground gates close at 10pm. Off road vehicles are prohibited. The campground has a boat ramp and playground.

Service Park: All year, 32 sites with electric & water hookups, some pull thrus, \$16–\$18, dump, restrooms, showers, laundry. From Coffeeville, Alabama, 4 miles west on US-84 to the campground. 251-754-9338, (451 Service Park Rd, Silas, AL 36919).

3) DEMOPOLIS LAKE

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
384 Resource Mgmt Drive
Demopolis, AL 36732*