

**Camping:** The trailer camping area has electricity at each pad and a sanitary dump station. A shower building with flush toilets is located in the

**Facilities** are also commonly seen. Found seasonally in the park. Pileated woodpeckers, wees and cuckoos. Waterfowl and shorebirds are cardinals, titmice, nuthatches, chickadees, peewees, the natural setting are bluebirds, orioles, finches, Some of the many types of songbirds that enrich periodically seen within the park boundaries. rather a white-color phase of the grey squirrel, are insects. White squirrels, which are not albinos, but ers. The park is also a home for snakes, frogs and squirrels, wild turkeys, hawks, owls and woodpecker quiet walker may discover deer, fox, raccoons, grey



center of the trailer camping area. Water is available in the area, but there are not water hookups at each site. Tent camping is in a separate area with nearby rest rooms and water. Reservations cannot be made for tent camping.

In order to stay in the rent-a-cabin, a reservation is required. The park facilities are open year round; however, please call ahead in the winter months.

A designated area for youth-group camping, such as Boy or Girl Scouts, features restrooms, water, fire pads and picnic tables. Group camp areas can be reserved through [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com). All camping is situated in wooded areas where large oak and hickory trees provide shade throughout the day.

Camp sites #11-50, group camp areas, cabin and shelters may be reserved through [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com).

**Picnicking:** There is one large section of the park available for picnicking. Picnic tables and bar-



The combination of upland and bottomland woods, farmland, open fields, a lake and a marsh combine to provide habitat for many kinds of animals. A

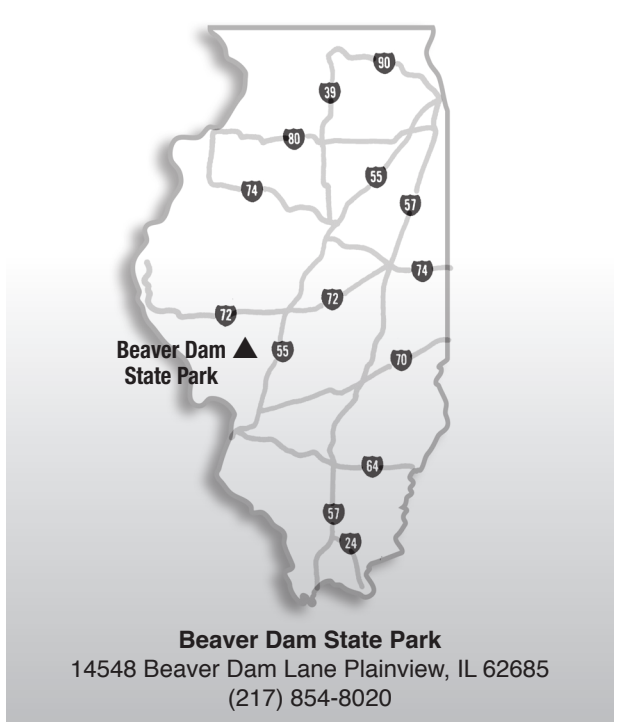
**Wildlife** The initial land acquisition for Beaver Dam State Park was 425 acres in 1947. Additional land purchases have increased the park to a total of 751 acres. With the advent of the automobile, however, this transit business disappeared and the hotel was closed. One mile northeast of the hotel existed a cluster of houses and a railroad stop known as Macoupin Station. Trains stopping here were met by a large horse-drawn coach which took guests to the hotel. Sarah Rhodes, who for some time operated a small hotel which stood just inside the park entrance. area then became the property of the family of Mrs.

For a number of years, the club held summer and fall picnics at the lake. Their families enjoyed fishing and boating throughout the season. The

The lake became a well-known fishing spot when in the early 1890s, 18 men from the Carlinville area formed the Beaver Dam Lake Club. They spent \$2,500 to build a dam at each end of the lake to double the water depth.

**Park History** named for a beaver dam that created its lake. beaver is virtually gone from this area, the park is among the most popular activities. Although the recreational opportunities on its 750 acres. Fishing, picnicking, hiking and tent and trailer camping are Beaver Dam State Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities in an oak/hickory woodland, Carlinville and situated in an oak/hickory woodland, Located in Macoupin County 7 miles southwest of

**The Park**



- 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. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, call (217) 782-6302 or visit our website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov).
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Office of Tourism at (217) 782-7500.
- Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources' TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the Ameritech Relay Number, 1-800-526-0844.

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# Beaver Dam

STATE PARK





Beaver Dam



beque grills are provided, or picnickers may bring their own grills. Four pavilions are located in the picnic area and can be reserved.

**Concession:** The concession stand on the lake is open year round, but call 217-854-9400 for specific hours of operation. Food, picnic supplies, live bait, tackle, boat rentals and fishing licenses are available.

**Fishing:** The park contains a 59-acre lake, which has a maximum depth of 10 feet and 1.7 miles of shoreline. Over the years, the lake has been stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, trout, sunfish and channel catfish. A free boat launch and docks are available for public use. No gasoline engines are allowed; only electric trolling motors. Check the information display for daily catch and size limits.

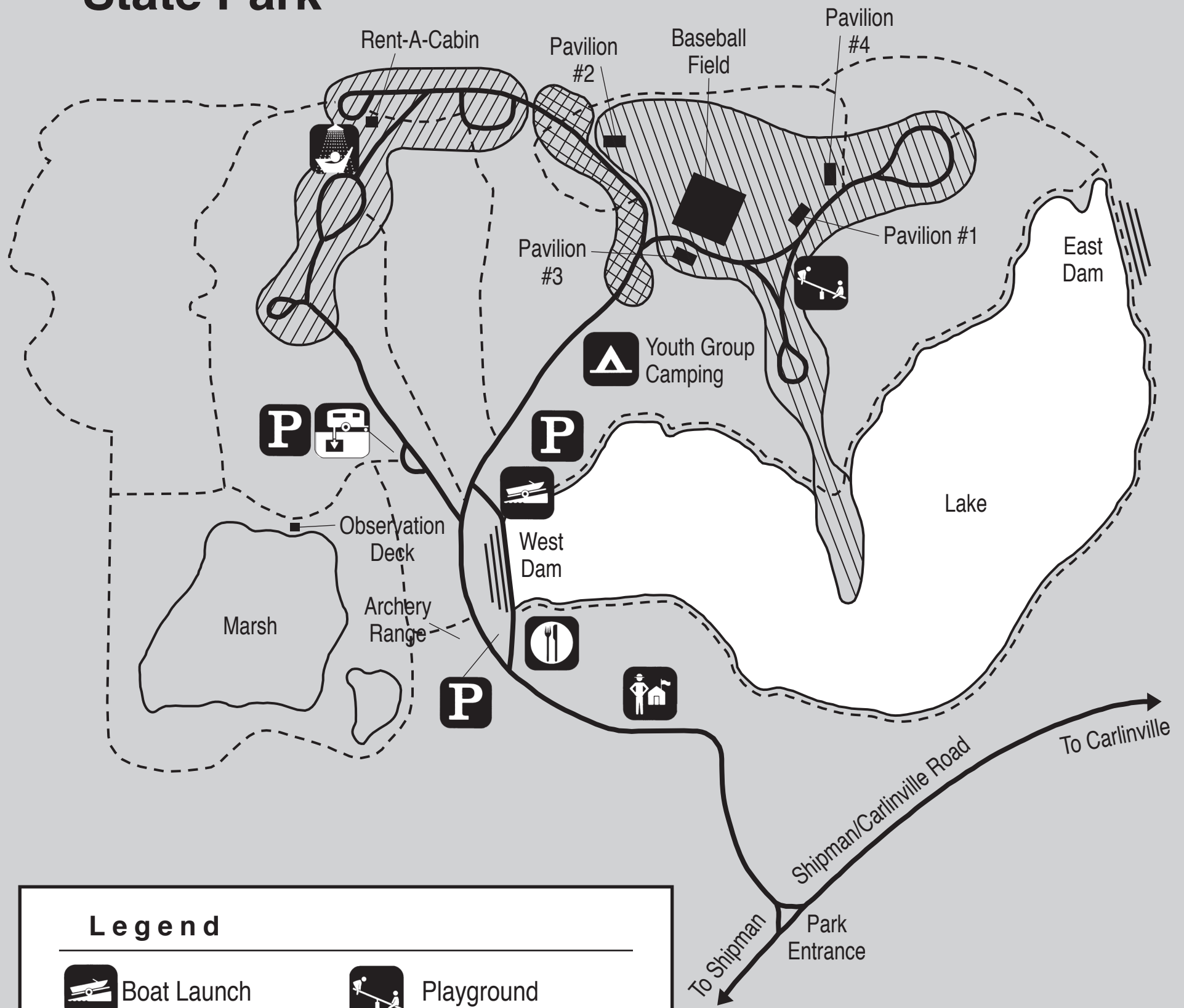
**Hiking Trails:** Approximately eight miles of hiking trails are found in the park. These trails encircle the lake, lead past the marsh, and extend through various wooded areas in the park. See the map below.

**Playground Equipment:** Playground equipment is located in the picnic area.

**Archery Range:** An archery range is located across from the concession and may be used free of charge. Archers must bring their own bows and arrows. Broadhead points and crossbows are not allowed. All archers under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

**Winter Activities:** When conditions are suitable, ice fishing and ice skating are permitted. Adequate snow cover permits cross-country skiing and sledding.

# Beaver Dam State Park



## Legend

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| Boat Launch  | Playground               |
| Campground   | Sanitary Dumping Station |
| Concession   | Showers                  |
| Hiking Trail | Electric Campground      |
| Parking      | Tent Campground          |
| Park Office  | Picnic Area              |

