

Boating

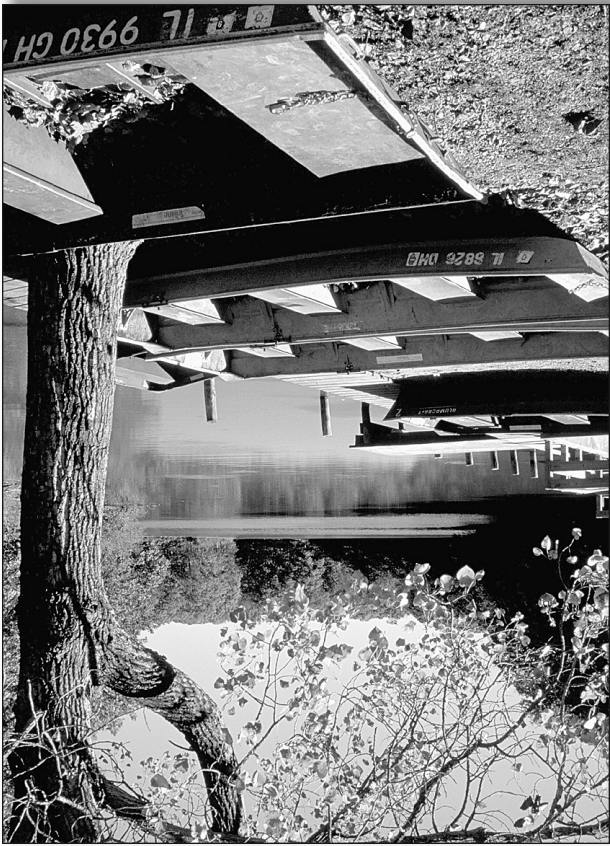
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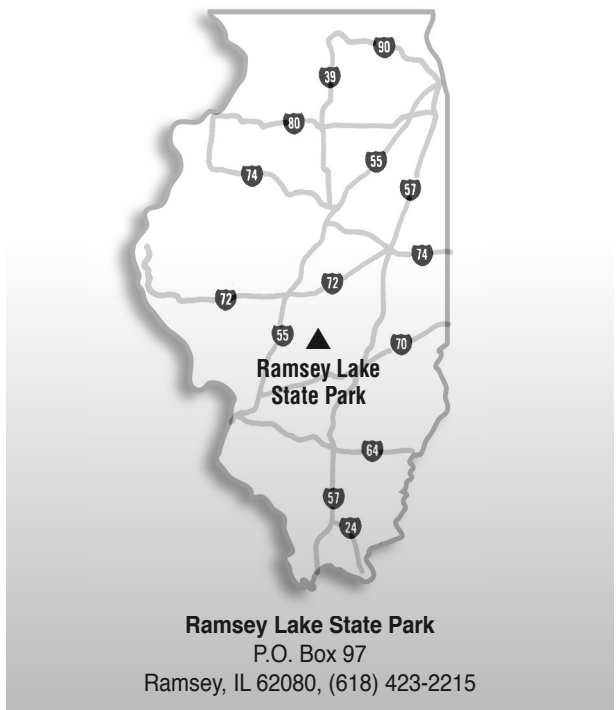
Trails are available for organized youth groups. A special site is available for organized youth groups. Reservations are available for portions of the campgrounds. A Rent-a-cabin with bunk beds and electricity, that can sleep up to six is available. Contact ReserveAmerica.com for rental information.

Camping

Advanced reservations, contact the park office. Picnic areas are popular choices. These sites have tables and stoves and are located in shady areas on knolls overlooking the lake. For information regarding advanced reservations, contact the park office.

Picnicking

Through the years, county and township officials, concerned citizens and civic groups have actively helped to secure land and upgrade and maintain the area.



- 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 Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, or visit our website at www.dnr.state.il.us.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
- 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.

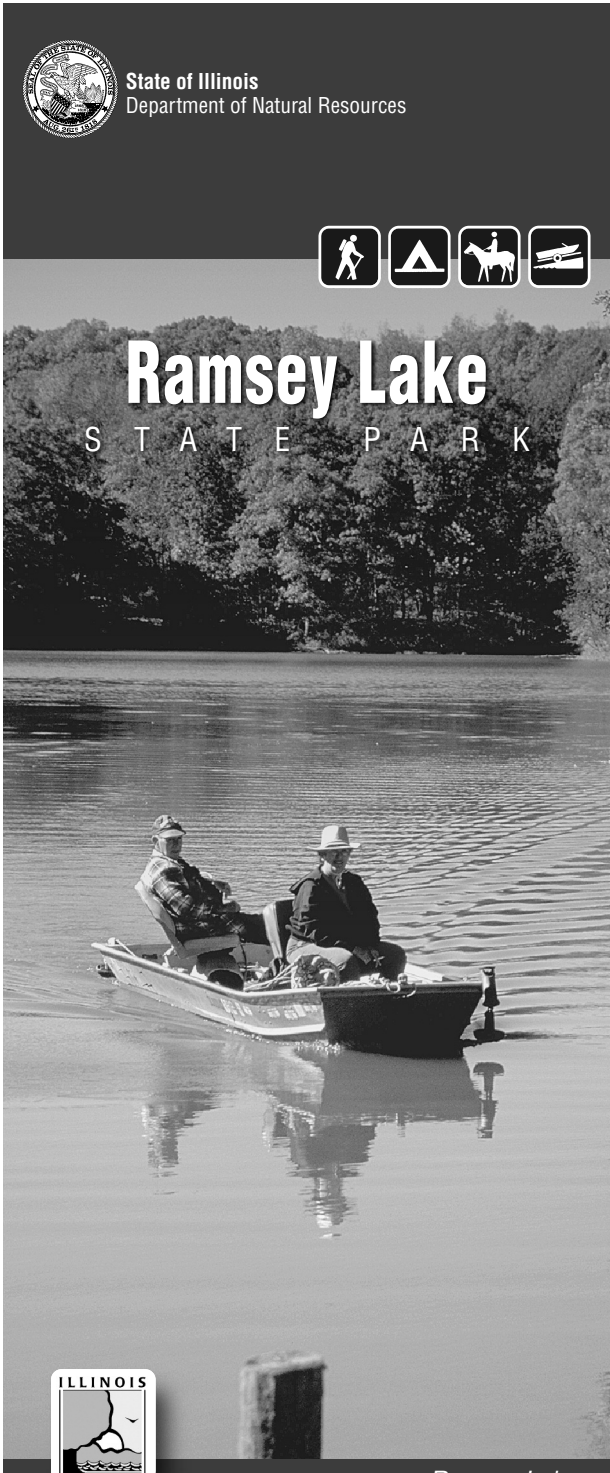
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This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at (217)782-7498 for assistance.



History

Ramsey Lake has a colorful background. For years, the park was known as "Old Fox Chase Grounds" because of its use by fox and coon hunters. It also was the site of one of the largest dog trial events, which was held near the big springs at the northwest corner of the present lake. Other events, such as dances, carnivals and a large machinery display attracted many people. Although privately owned by S. E. Stokes, the site often was used by various groups for public recreation. In 1947, 815 acres were purchased for a lake site and additional purchases



Other

Winter activities are also popular at Ramsey Lake. Ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, sledding and ice skating are among the recreational activities for the cold weather sports enthusiast. The 13-mile designated snowmobile trail provides a winter wonderland view of the park when snow cover and weather permit.

For more information, contact the Site Superintendent, Ramsey Lake State Park, P.O. Box 97, Ramsey, IL 62080, phone (618)423-2215.

