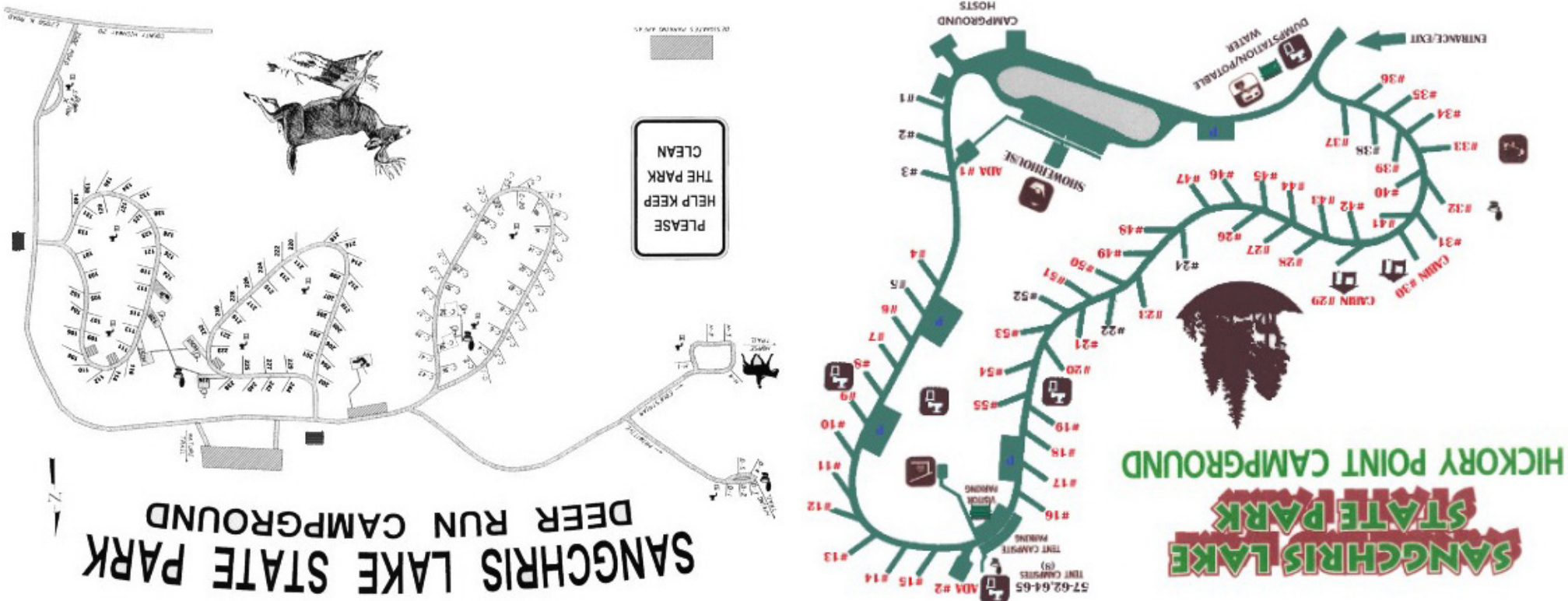




Camping

For longer stays, the Deer Run Campground on the north end of the lake contains 71 Class A (electricity, showers, and vehicle access), 40 Class B/S (vehicle access with showers), and 5 Class C (tent camping, walk-in or backpack; no vehicle; with showers) camp sites and 4 additional Class C equestrian campsites. A sanitary dump station is provided in each campground. Hickory Point Campground, near the east boat dock area, contains 54 Class A sites, 8 Class C sites, and 2 primitive cabins. Reservations can be made for the cabins and 46 Class A campsites. Playground equipment, showers and a restroom with flush toilets are nearby.

Reservations can be made online at camp.exploremoreil.com or by phone with a credit card for the period of April 1st - October 31st. Group camping is available in the wilderness area near the office and service buildings. Reservations are accepted for this area. Reservations are unavailable during the winter camping season from November 1- March 31. Walk-in camping with cash or check is still available on a first come first serve basis. During the winter camping season iron drop boxes will be accessible as silent host stations for payment purposes. The shower building in Hickory Point Campground and all water will be winterized and closed the Monday prior to Thanksgiving



In 1969, Comed dedeed 1,414 acres of land around the lake to the state, along with easement rights for boating and fishing. In August of 1997, the Department of Natural Resources purchased 1,180 acres along the west shoreline from Comed. Today, ongoing developments and improvements have transformed Sangchris Lake State Park into a popular outdoor retreat. For day visitors, there are eight picnic areas around the lake, as well as several picnic shelters. There are also several gravel parking lots nearby and areas contain tables, grills, water facilities and pit toilets. Handicapped facilities are located throughout 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.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.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding sources civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; 217/785-0067; TTY 217/782-9175.

Sangchris Lake State Park
Located minutes east of Springfield and its Lincoln attractions, Sangchris Lake State Park serves as a perfect home base for enjoying outdoor activities in central Illinois. Whether you are interested in fishing, boating, camping, hunting or family gatherings, Sangchris Lake provides an abundance of recreational opportunities amid native forests of oak, maple, butternut and persimmon. Totaling 3,022 acres and offering 120 miles of shoreline, Sangchris Lake is so named because it extends into both Sangamon and Christian counties. It was formed in 1964 when Commonwealth Edison built a 50-foot earthen dam across Clear Creek to create a cooling lake for a power plant. It was constructed near Sicily.



Boating and Fishing

A two-slip launching ramp and dock are located on both the east and west sides of the lake for rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and boats. Strawkas Point launching ramp and dock is located off Route 104 near the power plant. Motors of 25 horsepower or less have zero restrictions but any boat motor over 25HP is in an idle situation only with a wake zone in effect. Sailing, jet skis, wave runners, tubing, inflatable boats, and swimming is prohibited.

Designated as a State Fish Preserve in 1972, Sangchris Lake is an angler’s paradise. It is stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, crap-pie, channel and flat head catfish, bullhead and carp. You can obtain statewide and site regulations on size and creel limits at the park office. Commercial fishing devices such as trotlines and jug fishing are prohibited. All tournaments must be scheduled through <https://www.ifishillinois.org/tournament/index.php> and approved by the park office.



Trails

An abundance of wildflowers and songbirds can be viewed along 3 miles of scenic nature and hiking trails. Sangchris Lake has historically been home to several unique albino deer living in the area. For the equestrian users there are 20 miles of trails available. Sections of the trail are closed for hunting activity during the fall. Please inquire at the park office for closing dates. There is an 11-mile snowmobile trail available for our snowmobile users during winter when there is snowfall on the ground.



Hunting

Waterfowl, dove, deer, coyote, squirrel, trapping and upland game hunting programs are available. Please contact the park office for specific regulations, dates, and locations. A public archery range is in Maple Flats.

Dog Training

The Pheasant Run/Maple Flats Access Areas contain a dog training area for seasonal use. Water dog training is authorized and allowed near the West Boat ramp. A permit is required, please contact the site office for more details.



Directions to Sangchris Lake State Park

Traveling from the South, Northbound:
1-55 North to Exit 82 (Route 104). Route 104 east 6.1 miles (through Pawnee) and turn left (north) at Sangchris Lake State Park sign. Travel 4.5 miles to a 4-way stop (New City). Turn right, at Sangchris Lake State Park sign, and travel 3 more miles. You have now arrived at Sangchris Lake State Park.

Traveling from the North, Southbound:
1-55 South to Exit 96A (Route 29). Route 29 to Rochester, IL. Turn right at the 2nd stoplight (Walnut Street) at the Sangchris Lake State Park sign. Travel south 5.5 miles to a 4-way stop (New City). Turn left, at Sangchris Lake State Park sign, and travel 3 more miles. You have now arrived at Sangchris Lake State Park.

Traveling from the West, Eastbound:
1-72 East to Springfield, then 1-55 North to Exit 96A (Route 29). Route 29 to Rochester, IL Turn right at the 2nd stoplight (Walnut Street) at the Sangchris Lake State Park sign. Travel south 5.5 miles to a 4-way stop (New City). Turn left, at Sangchris Lake State Park sign, and travel 3 more miles. You have now arrived at Sangchris Lake State Park.

Traveling from the East, Westbound:
1-72 West to Springfield, then 1-55 South to Exit 96A (Route 29). Route 29 to Rochester, IL Turn right at the 2nd stoplight (Walnut Street) at the Sangchris Lake State Park sign. Travel south 5.5 miles to a 4-way stop (New City). Turn left, at Sangchris Lake State Park sign, and travel 3 more miles. You have now arrived at Sangchris Lake State Park.

