



of fish are present in the lake, but most anglers seek bass, white crappie and channel catfish. The lake is deeper than most Illinois lakes, averaging nearly 19 feet with a maximum depth of 59 feet. Coffeen Lake has nearly 50 miles of shoreline. Power plant operation noticeably influences fish activity and fishing success. Fish growth appears to be faster than in many other lakes, however.

**Facilities**

■ **Boating**—A two-lane ramp and two single-lane ramps provide access for launching. The Main Access (lower pool) provides a two lane ramp and a newly constructed parking lot with an accessible loading platform and reserved parking stalls. The North Access (upper pool) provides a single lane ramp, an accessible courtesy dock and a parking lot. Motors of 25 horsepower or less are allowed to operate on the lake. (Boats with larger motors are allowed, but are restricted to trolling motor operation only.) Motors larger than 25 horsepower can be used for loading and unloading a trailered watercraft, provided the watercraft is operated at a no-wake speed within 150 feet of the loading ramp.

Motors of 25 horsepower or less are allowed. Sail boating, swimming and water skiing are prohibited. Boat and water safety is urged.

■ **Fishing**—Bank fishing is available at all boat access areas. Considerable acreage is open for bank fishing where parking is present. Posted site specific regulations for bass and crappie are enforced. All fishing tournaments must be scheduled through the site office.

■ **Picnicking, camping concessions**—Toilets, drinking water and picnic facilities are available at the main access area. A private campground is located just to the north of the main access area. Bait, supplies and food can be obtained there.

■ **Hunting**—Deer hunting is allowed in season. Check site specific regulations at site office.

■ **Trapping**—A controlled aquatic furbearer trapping program allows the harvest of a valued renewable resource.

Please: Do your part in maintaining a clean area. Place all litter in the nearest trash container. If you need help or have a question, contact site personnel.



**The Lake**

Coffeen Lake boasts an excellent largemouth bass and channel catfish population. Twenty-two species

wildlife heritage is available. Opportunity to observe and enjoy the area's rich and black rat snake are common to the area. The Red-tailed hawk, blue jay or a dragonfly might be seen in the air. Bobwhite, coyote, white-tailed deer herons and mussels are seen in or near the water. a diverse wildlife community. Muskrats, turtles, slopes of the stream valley. Visitors may also find of trees, woodland and prairie plants cover the 60% forest to 40% prairie and wetlands. A variety of found. Pre-settlement vegetation was a mixture of rather light and a characteristic "claypan" can be and southern Illinois. Soils are of loess and till; the Southern Till Plain Natural Division of central are representative of the native cover found within The oak-hickory forests surrounding Coffeen Lake

**Natural Scene**

is 4.1 miles. affects 73% of the surface water. The cooling loop



**Coffeen Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**  
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Coffeen, IL 62017-0517, 217/537-3351

- 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, Office of Land Management, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271 or visit our website at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://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**

Central Illinois Public Service Company (owner prior to Ameren Energy) built a 75-foot high earthen dam on a branch of the East Fork of Shoal Creek in 1963. The lake was completely filled by 1966 and now serves as cooling water for the coal-fired Coffeen power station. The power station has a generating capacity of 945 megawatts of electricity, with the first unit in 1972. The heated discharge


**The Area**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources well-comes you to Coffeen Lake, a 1,100-acre cooling lake in Montgomery County near Coffeen, Illinois. Coffeen Lake is an attractive site with a history of providing anglers and hunters great success. The site was opened in 1986 and operates under a long-term lease and management agreement between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Ameren Energy Generating Company. This agreement grants authority to the State to open the lake and certain lands to the public for recreational activities, such as fishing, boating, picnicking and hunting.







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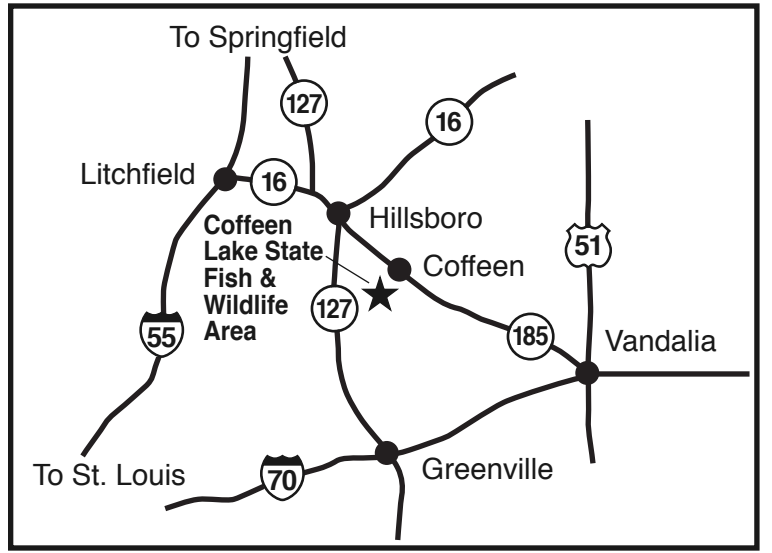
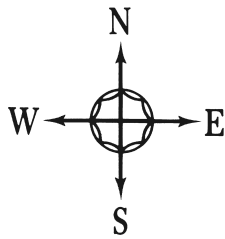
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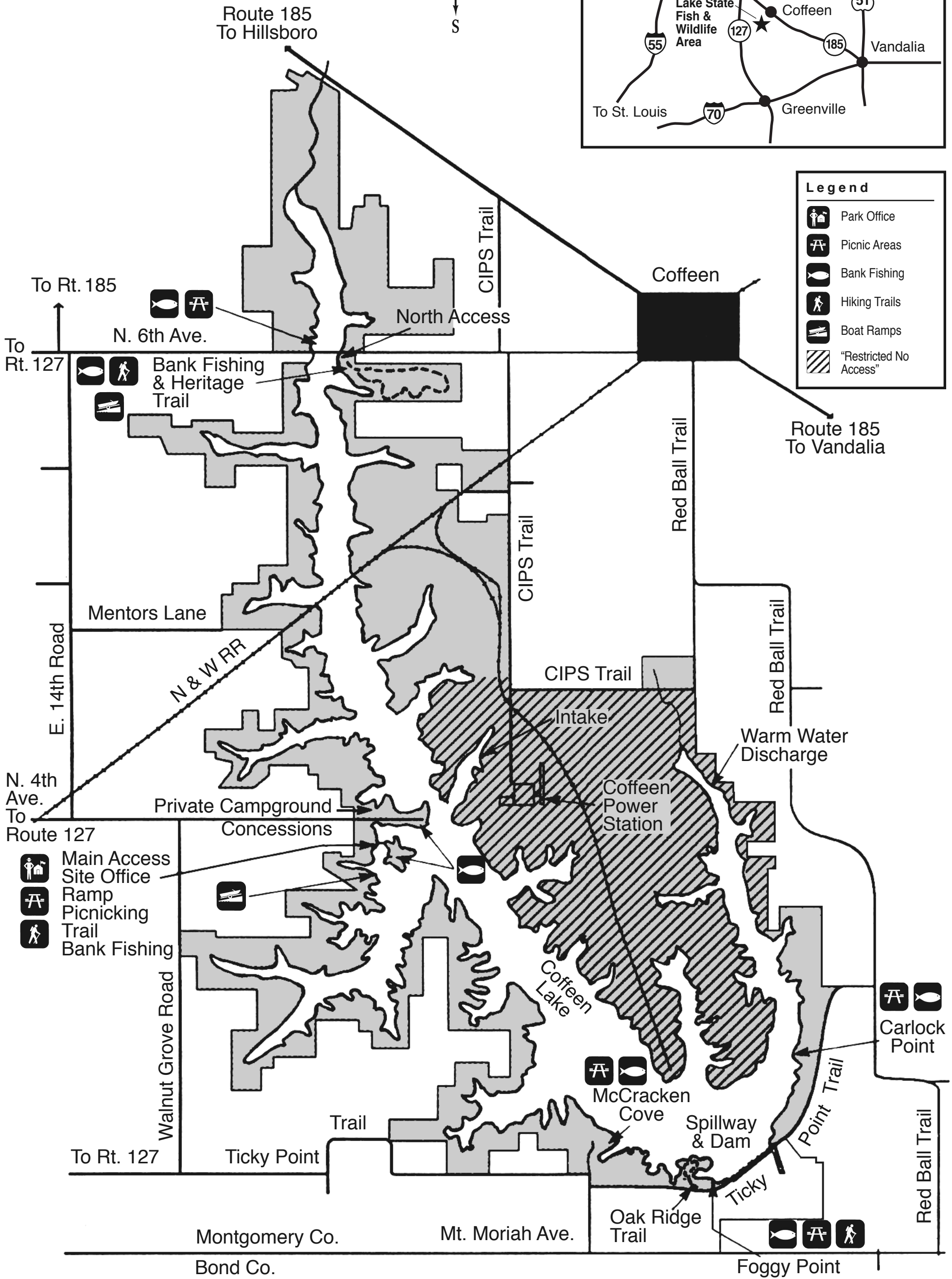


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Legend	
	Park Office
	Picnic Areas
	Bank Fishing
	Hiking Trails
	Boat Ramps
	"Restricted No Access"



- Main Access Site Office
- Ramp Picnicking
- Trail
- Bank Fishing