





Welcome to Smith Mountain Lake State Park.

Our boat ramp and swimming beach offer access to one of the commonwealth's most beautiful bodies of water. Our boat ramp, fishing pier, hiking trails and restroom facilities are open year-round for your use and comfort. We hope this map helps you explore the park's many outdoor recreation opportunities. To make your visit safer and more pleasant, we ask that you observe the following regulations.

 Swimming is permitted in the designated beach area only during operating hours. Shallow water hazards, steep drop-offs and boating traffic make other areas of our park unsafe for swimming or wading.

 Public use or display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

 Pets are permitted in all state parks but must be kept in an enclosed area or on a leash no longer than six feet.

 Open fires are prohibited. Please restrict all fires to grills or fire rings.

The park is open from 8 a.m. to dusk daily. Interior gates to the hiking trails and picnic area close at dusk.

Smith Mountain Lake State Park is located in the area of Virginia where the Piedmont and Mountain regions join together. This makes for beautiful mountain views and hiking trails that meander through rolling ridge lines.

Hiking through beautiful sections of hardwoods, old home site areas, regenerating woodland, and spectacular lake vistas have always been important to park visitors. The *Your Comments Count* survey of our guests confirms that hiking is consistently one of the most frequently reported park activities.

In the summer of 2005, Smith Mountain Lake State Park finished work on nine new trails that added close to 10 miles of hiking and biking trails to the park's already established five miles. Funding for construction of these new trails was provided through a grant.

The park is part of the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail (Site MSW07) and, as the park has a variety of changing habitats, there are many opportunities to view a variety of wildlife species. Wildlife blinds are located on Turtle Island and Striper Cove trails.

While at Smith Mountain Lake...

The lake communities and surrounding areas provide a number of scenic, historical and recreational opportunities. Stop by the park office for brochures and other information on these offerings.

Bedford, 20 miles north of the park, and Roanoke, 35 miles west of the park, offer lodging, restaurants, entertainment, service stations, groceries, fishing and hunting gear, and licenses, laundry facilities, medical assistance and churches.

Frequent visitors save money

Annual passes for parking and swimming offer the frequent visitor greater savings. Stop by the park office for details.

Virginia State Parks Reservation Center

To receive more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 1-800-933-PARK.

Join us in the parks – DCR's Volunteer Program

DCR offers diverse opportunities for volunteers in most state parks and natural areas throughout the state. Inquire at the park office for details.

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STATE PARKS

Smith Mountain Lake State Park Trail Guide

Huddleston, Virginia

Virginia State Parks provide
A Natural Legacy
of outdoor activities and
programs. They are an important
part of DCR's efforts to promote
a strong conservation ethic.
These efforts ensure that the
best of Virginia's natural
resources will be protected and
available for future generations.

-  Boat Ramp & Boat Dock
-  Campground
-  First Aid Station
-  Hiking Trail
-  Parking
-  Park Boundary
-  Restrooms
-  Self Guided Interpretive Trail
-  Swimming & Boat Dock
-  Telephone
-  Visitor Center & Boat Dock

Mileage for the Trails		
Miles	Trail	Difficulty
0.5	Beaver Den	Easy
0.78	Beechwood*	Easy
1.9	Buck Run	Moderate
1.7	Chestnut Ridge	Moderate
0.5	Lakeview	Easy
0.5	Opossum Trot	Easy
0.5	Osprey Point	Moderate
3.15	Striper Cove	Moderate
0.7	Tobacco Run	Easy
0.47	Turkey Foot	Easy
1.3	Turtle Island	Moderate
1.71	Walton Creek	Moderate
0.1	Whitetail Path	Easy

* campers only

