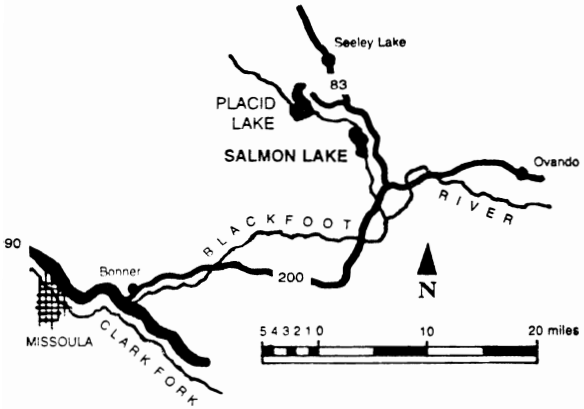
HOW TO GET THERE

From Missoula go east on Interstate 90 about 5 miles and take Exit #109 at Bonner to Montana Route 200; go 33 miles east, to the junction of Montana Routes 200 & 83, go north on Hwy 83 about 7 miles to the park, which is on the west side of the road.



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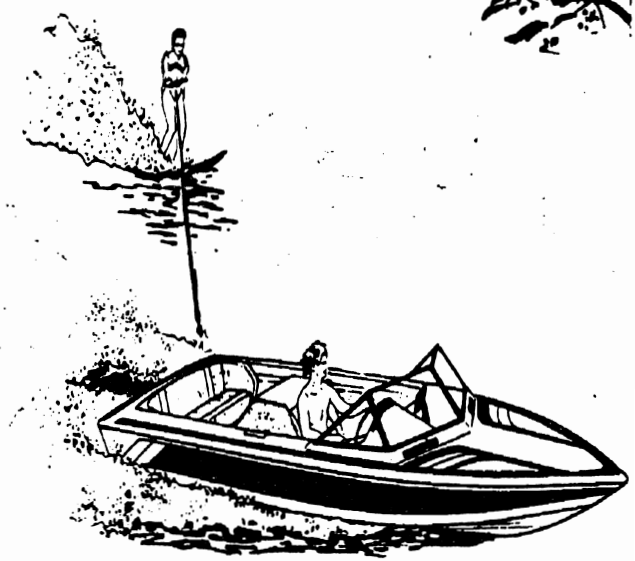
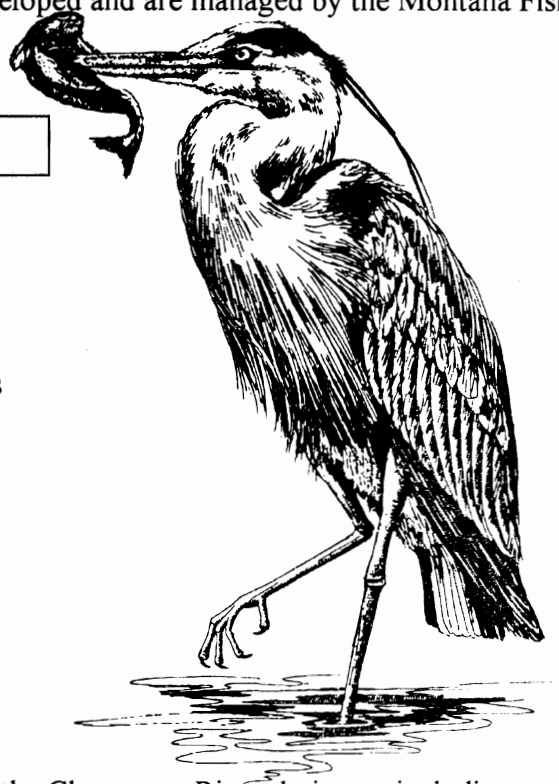


WELCOME TO SALMON LAKE STATE PARK

Salmon Lake is a natural lake formed by the impoundment of the Clearwater River, approximately 720 surface acres in size and maximum depth of 61 feet. Salmon Lake State Park provides a beautiful and tranquil setting to enjoy several types of lake-related recreational activities.

This 42-acre park was donated in 1977 by Champion Timberlands Corporation to commemorate three foresters who were lost in a plane crash near Kalispell, Montana, on July 14, 1976. The park facilities were developed and are managed by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).



BOATING & WILDLIFE VIEWING

The waters of Salmon Lake can be enjoyed by outdoor recreationists with a variety of boats and personal watercraft. Recreationists can explore the lake from the silence of a canoe or by taking in the thrill of water-skiing. Besides the enforcement of the Montana boating regulations, boating etiquette is strongly encouraged on Salmon Lake.

Salmon Lake also provides easy accessible viewing of many species of birds such as red-necked grebes, great blue herons, waterfowl, osprey and common loons.

FISHING

A variety of fish inhabit Salmon Lake and the Clearwater River drainage, including rainbow, cutthroat, brown and bull trout, whitefish, kokanee salmon, perch and northern pike. Before baiting your hook, don't forget your fishing license, available at any Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks regional office or licensing agent.

DAY-USE AREAS

This state park maintains two day-use areas: both require an entrance/day-use fee. Located on the south end of the park, and accessed off of Montana Hwy 83, is the large day-use area. This area provides several picnic sites along with tables and fire grills. One site is fully accessible to people with physical disabilities, and there is a contemporary restroom facility which is also accessible. A large, concrete boat ramp is located in this day-use area, along with a 60-foot courtesy dock. This day-use area provides a long shoreline which is great for swimming and anchoring boats. For your safety, please swim in the designated swimming area, marked by buoys.

A smaller day-use area is located adjacent to the campground. This area includes a 40-foot dock, outdoor restroom, picnic tables and a small shelter.

CAMPING

Salmon Lake State Park has 20 campsites; each site includes a picnic table, fire grate and a place to park a recreational vehicle or pitch a tent. The campground also provides one site that is fully accessible to people with disabilities. Centrally located among the individual sites is a comfort station which provides restrooms. Drinking water spigots are located throughout the campground. All sites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

AMPHITHEATER

During the summer of 1993, the Montana Youth Conservation Corp, along with FWP constructed an amphitheater, scenically located on a slight hill adjacent to the campground. The amphitheater is used for interpretive programs for park visitors. Please check interpretive program schedules located on the park's bulletin boards.

FEES

A day-use fee is required for entrance to the park, and a camping fee is required for overnight camping. A self-registration system is in effect if the attendant is not at the entrance station.

Entrance/day-use fees are charged on a per vehicle basis, but are free to those with an annual state park passport decal (passport can be purchased at all FWP offices, most state parks, and selected license agents). Camping fees are charged per camping unit per campsite. A camper unit is defined as a motorized vehicle, motorhome, pull-type camper, bus, tent or any device designed for sleeping. Special fees apply to groups larger than 30 people. Information on all fees is available from the Region 2 FWP office, (406)542-5500.

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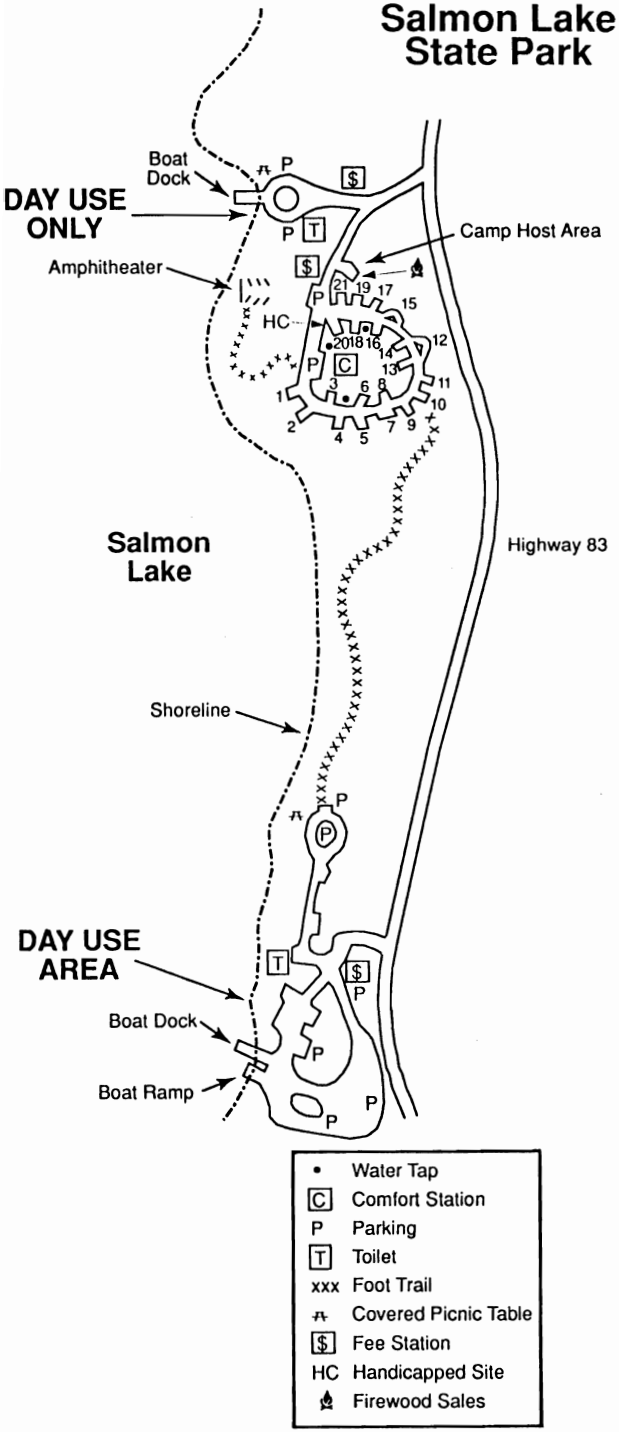

REGULATIONS

To enhance your recreational experience and to aid us in protecting your state park, please observe the following rules:

- Pets are allowed throughout the park; however, they must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Campfires are permitted only in established fire grates. Please don't leave fires unattended.
- Gates are closed and locked nightly at 10:00 p.m. and opened at 7:00 a.m. each morning. Quiet hours are recognized between those hours.
- Please display your day-use receipt on dashboard, and your camping permit on the campsite number post.
- Motorized vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas; don't drive on vegetation. Please observe 5 m.p.h. speed limit, kids are at play.
- For your safety, discharging of firearms or fireworks is not permitted.
- Camping is limited to a maximum of 14 days. Vehicles cannot be left unattended for more than 48 hours.
- All group activities of 30 or more people must obtain a special group-use permit.