



Discovers Day Camp. Field trips and discussion of special topics will be held in addition to other outdoor activities, crafts and recreation. This four-day day camp starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. daily and is open to ten-, eleven-, and twelve-year-olds. Reservations are required; space is limited and there is a fee. Contact the park interpreter for information.

July 19–September 30
Summer Lake Tours

Discover the unique history of the lake, watch for wildlife, and enjoy a sunset on the largest oxbow lake in North America. If water levels permit, we will explore the cypress swamp. These cruises are offered most Thursdays through Saturdays and all holiday weekends. Reservations are required and can be made at the visitor center. Tours start at variable times in the evening; there is a fee.

August
Summer Lake Tours continue

August 9–October 5
Levee Tours

The Mississippi River Levee is longer than the Great Wall of China and you can take a personal guided tour of the levee system around Lake Chicot and learn the impact it has on this area. Tours are offered most Fridays through Sundays. Reservations are required and can be made at the visitor center. Tours start at variable times in the evening; there is a fee.

August 30–September 1
Labor Day Weekend

While this is the traditional end to summer, it is not the end of the fun at Lake Chicot State Park. Join the park interpreter for an exciting weekend packed with fun activities for all ages. Interpretive programs, tours, and activities will be held daily throughout the park. This will be the last weekend the pool will be open.

September
Levee Tours continue

September 27
Gospel Fest

Enjoy an afternoon filled with the uplifting sound of Gospel music. Activities and events held throughout the day include a Bible relay, basketball tournaments, a walk-a-thon, and BBQ ribs cook-off. If you are looking for something for your child who is 12 and under, try our kids' area where there are lots of games, moon walks, and other activities, including live animal shows. Admission to Gospel Fest is free to everyone; there is a small fee for some of the activities.

October 2–31
Fall Lake Tours

Discover the unique history of the lake, watch for wildlife, and enjoy the fall colors on the largest oxbow lake in North America. If water levels permit, we will explore the cypress swamp. These cruises are offered most Thursdays through Saturdays and all holiday weekends. Reservations are required and can be made at the visitor center. Tours start at variable times in the evening; there is a fee.

October 5–November 23
Fall Kayak Tours

Experience fall on Lake Chicot from a kayak. Venture into the cypress-tupelo swamp to discover the secrets within. These tours are offered most Sundays. Reservations are required and can be made at the visitor center. Tours start at variable times in the morning; there is a fee.

November 1
Fall at the Lake

Enjoy an afternoon of family fun with activities such as hayrides, scavenger hunts, bobbing for apples, fall nature crafts, and many other fall activities.

November 2–December 31
Birding Lake Tours

Take a guided bird watching tour into the cypress swamp and surrounding area to spot some of Arkansas's

winter migrates. Don't miss your opportunity to see some of Arkansas's best waterfowl. Tours are offered most Thursdays through Saturdays. Reservations are required and can be made at the visitor center. Tours start at variable times; there is a fee

November 7–8
Birding Workshop

Calling all amateur birders: join the park interpreter for a weekend of birding. Discover some tips and tricks to make your birding experience more fun! This workshop will teach participants the basics of birding, from how to identify an unknown bird to using your binoculars. Please call for more information; there is a fee.

December
Birding Lake Tours continue

December 6
Race for the Cache

Join fellow geocache hunters in this race for the prize geocache. Participants will receive clues to various geocaches, all leading up to the grand prize cache. Do you have what it takes to find all the geocaches? While this race is free, you may need to rent a kayak or a bicycle to find some of the caches.



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Calendar of Events 2008



Lake Chicot State Park



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Lake Chicot State Park

Come and celebrate the 75th anniversary of Arkansas State Parks with Lake Chicot State Park. Experience the natural beauty of the largest oxbow lake in North America through an exciting array of recreational and interpretive opportunities. Journey deep into the cypress swamp on a barge or kayak tour, bask in the beauty of a sunset on the lake, enjoy an afternoon of birding in the Mississippi Flyway, hunt for geocaches, and delve into the delta's rich heritage.

January 18–March 23

Birding Lake Tours

Take a guided bird watching tour into the cypress swamp and surrounding area to spot some of Arkansas's winter migrants. Don't miss your opportunity to see one of Arkansas's hot spots for waterfowl. Tours are offered most Thursdays through Saturdays. Reservations are required and can be made at the visitor center. Tours start at variable times and there is a fee. Please call to check availability.

February 2–3

Winter Wings Weekend

Birdwatchers and nature lovers alike are invited to participate in a weekend dedicated to all things avian. Through field trips, hikes, lake tours, and other interpretive programs, experience first hand the variety of bird life which inhabits the area during the winter months.

March

Birding Lake Tours continue

March 8-9

Birding Workshop

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March 15–16

All Things Green Weekend

Come out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day by helping the park interpreter sow a native plant garden in our bird sanctuary. This is your chance to help out your local wildlife and discover native plants that are great at attracting wildlife.

March 23

Easter Egg Hunt

On your mark, get set, GO! Join the park interpreter for an Easter egg hunt, Lake Chicot style. Activities include dyeing eggs, listening to stories including "How the Easter Bunny Came to be," in addition to hiding and hunting Easter eggs.

April 5

Youth Fishing Derby

The whole family will have a great time as young anglers (15 and under) participate in this annual event. Prizes and giveaways will occur throughout the derby. Fishing starts at 9 a.m. and goes until noon.

April 10–Labor Day

Sunset Lake Tours

Discover the unique history of the lake, watch for wildlife, and enjoy a sunset on the largest oxbow lake in North America. If water levels permit, we will explore the cypress swamp. These cruises are offered most Thursdays through Saturdays and all holiday weekends. Reservations are required and can be made at the visitor center. Tours start at variable times in the evening; there is a fee.

April 13–June 8

Spring Kayak Tours

You can experience spring on Lake Chicot from a kayak with a guided tour. Venture into the cypress-tupelo swamp to discover the secrets within. These tours are offered most Sundays. Reservations are required and can

be made at the visitor center. Tours start at variable times in the morning; there is a fee.

May

Sunset Lake Tours and Spring Kayak Tours continue

May 1–2

Delta School Days

Schools from around the area are invited to the park for this event. Students will move from station to station, where programs ranging from nature to history will be presented. Reservations are required; please contact the visitor center and the park interpreter for information.

May 24–26

Memorial Day Weekend

Join park interpreters for an exciting weekend packed with fun activities for all ages. Programs and tours will be held daily throughout the park. Step into the past, take a closer look at nature, hunt for a geocache, or enjoy a guided barge tour during this traditional summer starter weekend. This is also the weekend our swimming pool opens.

May 30

Happy Birthday, Lake Chicot!

Join park staff as we celebrate Lake Chicot State Park's 51st birthday. Enjoy birthday cake while peeking into the past through a slide show to discover what the past 51 years have been like. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to listen to and share some of the memories you made at Lake Chicot State Park.

June

Sunset Lake Tours and Kayak Tours continue

June 11–13

Delta Discoverers Day Camp

If your children like to experience the great outdoors through guided hikes, barge tours, recreational activities

and nature crafts then Delta Discoverers Day Camp is for them! This three-day day camp starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. daily. This camp is open to seven-, eight-, and nine-year-olds. Reservations are required; space is limited and there is a fee. Contact the park interpreter for information.

June 18–20

Delta Explorers Day Camp

Delta Explorers explore the great outdoors on birding expeditions, fishing trips, swimming, and fun nature crafts. This three-day day camp starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. daily. This camp is open to ten-, eleven-, and twelve-year-olds. Reservations are required; space is limited and there is a fee. Contact the park interpreter for information.

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Lake Chicot's Delta Heritage Musical Festival

The sweet sounds of blues, country, and jazz echo across the Delta as Lake Chicot State Park hosts musicians from all over the Delta for this music festival. Food and fun will be available for all as musicians take the stage at noon and play until sunset. Advance tickets are available at the visitor center.

July 8–11

Delta Discoverers Day Camp

Your child will have a wonderful time in this four-day day camp. Activities include birding, fishing, hiking, field trips, swimming, nature crafts and much, much more! This four-day day camp starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. daily and is open to seven-, eight-, and nine-year-olds. Reservations are required; space is limited and there is a fee. Contact the park interpreter for information.

July 15–18

Delta Explorers Day Camp

Have fun exploring the Delta in this extension of our