

Ozark – St. Francis National Forests

Boston Mountain Ranger District - Arkansas

Campground
Hiking
Fishing



Lake Wedington Recreation Area

Southern National Forests

September 1999

Attractions:

The Boston Mountain Ranger District is located within the heart of the rugged Boston Mountain range of the Ozarks.

Lake Wedington is a 102-acre lake located just 13 miles west of Fayetteville, AR. During the 1930's local men, employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), began building the lake, recreation area and planting trees under the guidance of the Soil Conservation Service. With native oak from the lakebed, native stone and native skills, the buildings took shape and the lake filled with clear spring water. By 1954, the trees were tall and the administration of the land was passed to the U. S. Forest Service.

In 1988, after 50 years of use, the area needed major repairs and the WPA cabins were abandoned. A group of volunteers formed Friends of Lake Wedington to restore the cabins. With the Forest Service, they continue to refurbish the buildings, update the facilities, and make the area accessible. Lake Wedington Recreation Area is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Overnight guests can stay in any of the six recently refurbished historic cabins. Playgrounds, swimming, paddleboats and canoe rental, volleyball courts, horseshoes and a snack bar are available during the summer.

Surrounding Areas:

Groceries and gasoline available on Highway 16. Laundry and other supplies available in Fayetteville.

Facilities:

- Cabins, lodge, pavilion, canoe and paddleboat rental. Snack bar available through concessionaire at (501) 442- 3527
- 18 family unit campsites.
- 19 family unit picnicking sites.
- Restrooms with hot showers.
- 7-mile hiking trail.
- Swimming.
- Drinking water.
- Boat launching ramp and boathouse on site (maximum 10 hp motors allowed).
- Camping trailers allowed. No special facilities available.

Fees:

Current user fees and regulations are posted at the self-service pay station.

Location:

From Fayetteville, AR take Arkansas 16 west for 13 miles. Negotiable by camping trailers.

For more information, contact:

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