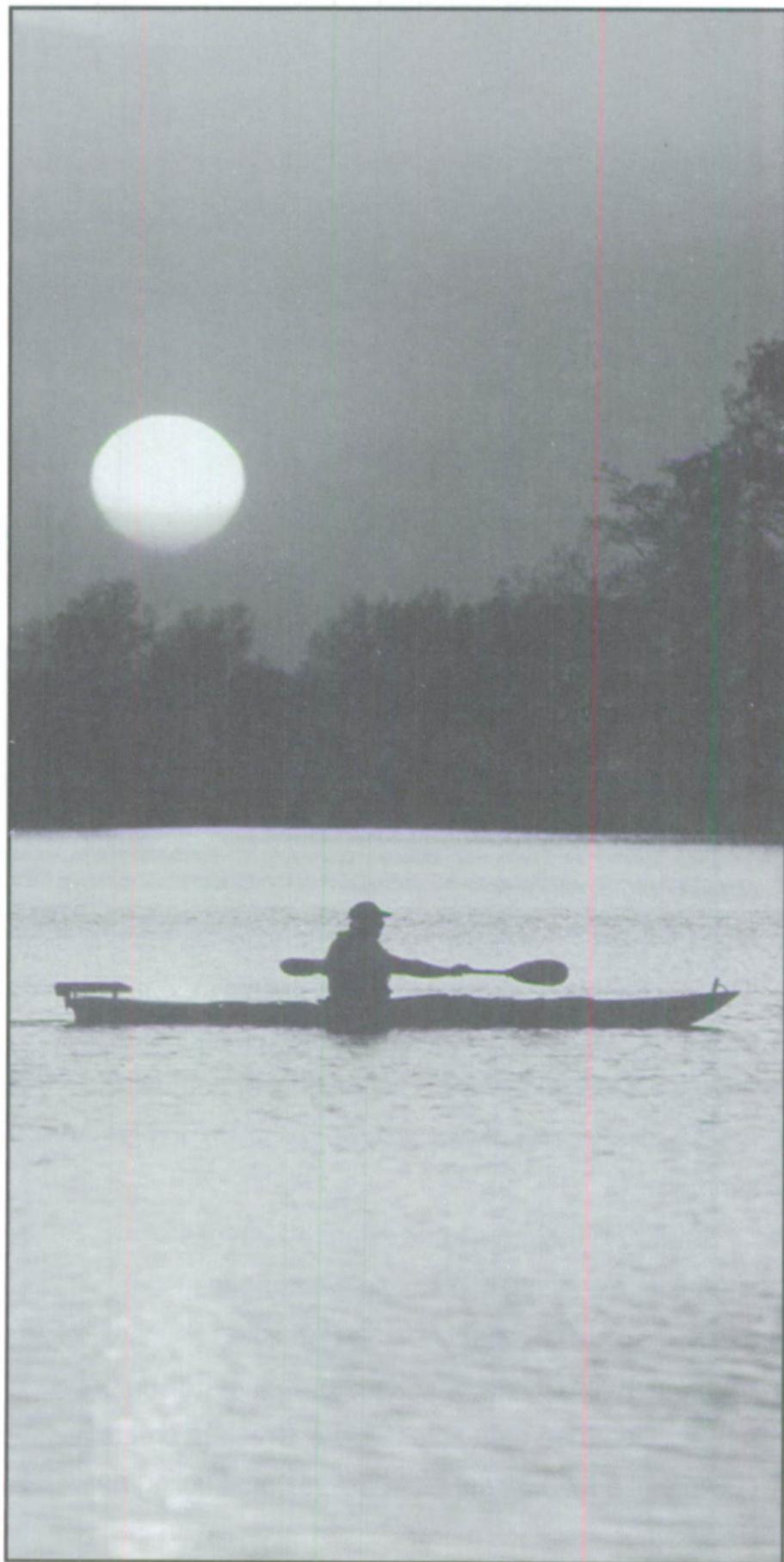


Sangchris Lake

STATE PARK



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Sangchris Lake State Park into a popular outdoor retreat. For day visitors, there are eight picnic areas around the lake, as well as several picnic shelters. There are also several gravel parking lots nearby and areas contain tables, grills, water facilities and pit toilets.

Camping

For longer stays, the Deer Run Campground on the north end of the lake contains 80 Class A (electricity, showers and vehicle access), 40 Class B/S (vehicle access with showers), and 5 Class C (tent camping, walk-in or backpack; no vehicle; with showers) campsites and 5 additional Class C equestrian campsites. A sanitary dump station is provided in each campground. Hickory Point Campground, near the east boat dock area, contains 55 Class A, 10 Class C sites, and 2 primitive cabins. Reservations can be made for the cabins and 19 Class A campsites. Playground equipment, showers and a restroom with flush toilets are nearby. Handicapped sites are located in both campgrounds. All reservations can be made by phone with a credit card. Group camping is available in the wilderness area near the office and service buildings. Reservations are accepted for this area.

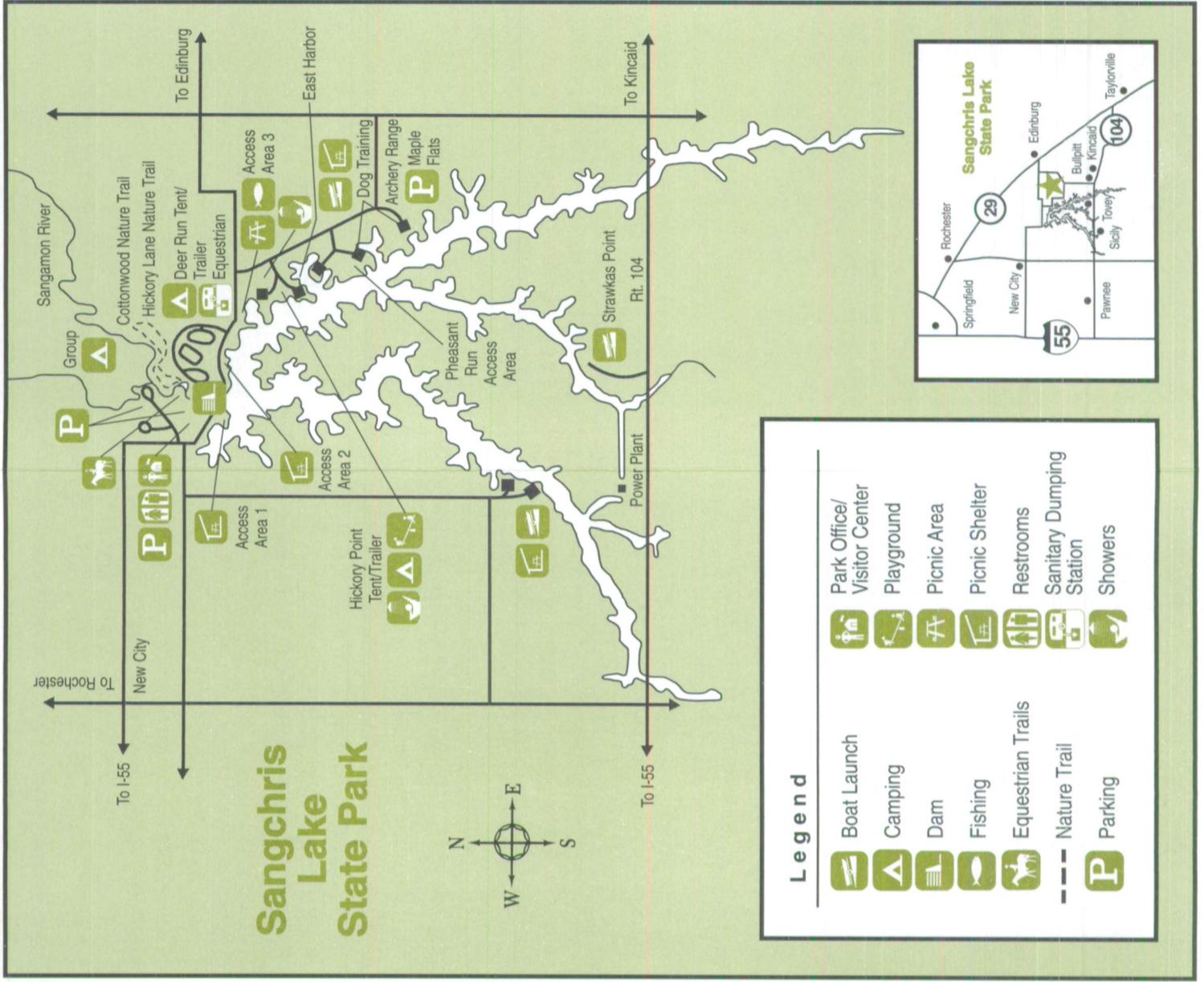
Campgrounds are closed from mid-January through March 31. The shower building in Hickory Point Campground will close the Monday prior to Thanksgiving.

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Located minutes east of Springfield and its Lincoln attractions, Sangchris Lake State Park serves as a perfect home base for enjoying outdoor activities in central Illinois. Whether you are interested in fishing, boating, camping, hunting or family gatherings, Sangchris Lake provides an abundance of recreational opportunities amid native forests of oak, maple, butternut and persimmon.

Totalling 3,022 acres and offering 120 miles of shoreline, Sangchris Lake is so named because it extends into both Sangamon and Christian counties. It was formed in 1964 when Commonwealth Edison built a 50-foot earthen dam across Clear Creek to create a cooling lake for a power plant it was constructing near Sicily.

In 1969, ComEd deeded 1,414 acres of land around the lake to the state, along with easement rights for boating and fishing. In August of 1997, the Department of Natural Resources purchased 1,180 acres along the west shoreline from ComEd. Today, ongoing developments and improvements have transformed the





Boating and Fishing

A two-slip launching ramp and dock are located on both the east and west sides of the lake for rowboats, canoes and boats with motors of 25 horsepower or less. Strawkas Point launching ramp and dock is located off of Route 104. Sailing is prohibited.

Designated as a State Fish Preserve in 1972, Sangchris Lake is an angler's paradise, stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel and flat-head catfish, bullhead and carp. You can obtain statewide and site regulations on size and creel limits at the park office. Commercial fishing devices such as trotlines and jug fishing are prohibited, and all tournaments must be scheduled through the park office.

Handicapped facilities are located throughout the park.

Trails

Wildflowers and songbirds abound along 3 miles of scenic nature trails, and there are several unique albino deer living in the area. For the equestrian, there are 20 miles of trails available. Sections of the trail are closed for hunting activity during the fall. Please inquire at the park office for closing dates. For those preferring greater horsepower, there is an 11-mile snowmobile trail for winter use.

Hunting

Waterfowl, dove, deer, squirrel, trapping and upland game hunting programs are available. Please contact

the park office for specific regulations, dates and locations. A public archery range is located in Maple Flats.

Dog Training

The Pheasant Run/Maple Flats Access Areas contain a dog training area for seasonal use. A permit is required.

Directions to Sangchris Lake State Park

Traveling From the South, Northbound: I-55 North to Exit 82 (Route 104). Route 104 east 6.1 miles (through Pawnee) and turn left (north) at Sangchris Lake State Park sign. Travel 4.5 miles to a 4-way stop (New City). Turn right, at Sangchris Lake State Park sign, and travel 3 more miles. You have now arrived at Sangchris Lake State Park.

Traveling From the North, Southbound: I-55 South to Exit 96A (Route 29). Route 29 to Rochester, IL. Turn right at the 2nd stoplight (Walnut Street) at the Sangchris Lake State Park sign. Travel south 5.5 miles to a 4-way stop (New City). Turn left, at Sangchris Lake State Park sign, and travel 3 more miles. You have now arrived at Sangchris Lake State Park.

Traveling From the West, Eastbound: I-72 East to Springfield, then I-55 North to Exit 96A (Route 29). Route 29 to Rochester, IL Turn right at the 2nd stoplight (Walnut Street) at the Sangchris Lake State Park sign. Travel south 5.5 miles to a 4-way stop (New City). Turn left, at Sangchris Lake State Park sign, and travel 3 more miles. You have now arrived at Sangchris Lake State Park.

Traveling From the East, Westbound: I-72 West to Springfield, then I-55 South to Exit 96A (Route 29). Route 29 to Rochester, IL Turn right at the 2nd stoplight (Walnut Street) at the Sangchris Lake State Park sign. Travel south 5.5 miles to a 4-way stop (New City). Turn left, at Sangchris Lake State Park sign, and travel 3 more miles. You have now arrived at Sangchris Lake State Park.



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- 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, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, call (217) 782-6302 or visit our website at 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.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other nonmerit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; (217) 785-0067; TTY (217) 782-9175.

This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at (217) 782-7498 for assistance.

