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Lake Catherine State Park

Lake Catherine State Park is located in the Ouachita Mountains just outside of Malvern Arkansas in Hot Springs County. This beautiful state park was built in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 on land that was donated by Harvey Couch, a wealthy business man and entrepreneur. Remmel Dam was constructed in 1924 and it created the lake we see today. Lake Catherine was officially made a state park on August 25, 1935. It was used later as an Army-Navy satellite facility in 1942 through 1945. Today Lake Catherine has many outdoor opportunities. Some of these include: hiking one of their scenic trails, fishing off a small wooden dock, or peacefully reclining under the trees as you camp. The park has guided tours and the Nature Cabin. This log cabin-looking building was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, it features exhibits that depict the history of the park. Park interpreters are often there ready to answer questions.

I went to Lake Catherine and it was a quaint little park. The drive to the park was just as pretty as the lake. All the trees had changed colors and the foliage was just beautiful. I went in an off season so there was not that many people there. The lake was very quiet and tranquil. There was a marina that housed some boats. There was a visitor center and small gift shop. The rangers were very kind and informative. I was able to gather a few brochures and maps. I walked around a little bit of the lake. It was a greenish blue color and the water was low. The place I was at made the lake look very small, but after looking at the map I saw that it is a very nice size with plenty of shore line. I loved my experience at Lake Catherine and I look forward to going back and hiking or fishing.

PowerPoint:

Location

* Hot Springs County
* Ouachita Mountains
* Near Malvern

Facts

* 1,940 square miles (Remmel Dam)
* 2,180 total
* One of the five popular Diamond Lakes in west central Arkansas
* Slugger Creek

History

* Harvey Couch gives 2,180 acres of land to Arkansas
* Remmel Dam- 1924
* August 25, 1935- officially became a state park
* Civilian Conservation Corpse- 1937
* Army-Navy satellite facility- 1942-1945

Things to do

* Hiking
* Camping
* Marina/Boating
* Monthly Events
* Guided Trail Tours

The Nature Cabin

* The Nature Cabin – 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps
* Exhibits featuring the parks history
* Park interpreters

Sources

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