

Missouri

1. Big Bay Campground

Distance: 1.5 hours from Springfield

Season: Open May 1 through September 30

Description: Campground is heavily wooded and is located alongside Table Rock Lake. Some sites overlook lake. Grills are available at some sites and 10 water spigots in the campground. Groceries and gas on State Rt. YY. \$10 per day for single site. Flush toilets.

2. Deer Leap Campground

Distance: 2.75 hours from Springfield

Season: Open all year

Description: Some sites have covered picnic tables. Campground is located near Current River. Grills and tables at all sites, 4 water spigots at the campground. Fishing, wading and canoeing possible. \$8 per day for single site. Vault toilets.

3. Float Camp Campground

Distance: 2.75 hours from Springfield

Season: Open all year, Services: May 15 - Sept 15

Description: Some parking aprons are asphalt, some gravel. The water spigot is a hand pump. Tables and grills at all sites. Hiking, fishing, wading, canoeing possible. \$8 per day for single site. Vault toilets.

4. Greer Crossing Campground

Distance: 2.75 hours from Springfield

Season: Open all year, Services: May 15 - Sept 15

Description: The sites are large and level. Some sites are suitable for multiple tents and have covered picnic tables. Campground is located on the Eleven Point National Scenic River. The river is primarily for canoeing. Just 1.5 miles south of the campground, on State Rt. 19, is Greer Spring Trail. The trail, 0.9 miles long one way, leads to the 2nd largest spring in MO. Two water spigots in the campground. \$8 per day. Vault toilets.

Leave No Trace

- Plan And Prepare
 - Know regulations and prepare for extreme weather.
- Travel/Camp on Durable Surfaces
 - Durable Surface: established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Dispose of Waste Properly
 - Pack In, Pack Out (includes TP, hygiene products).
- Leave What You Find
 - Avoid transplanting or introducing non-native species. Leave fossils and artifacts.
- Minimize Campfire Impact
 - Lightweight cooking stove and candle lantern cause little impact.
- Respect Wildlife
 - Never feed animals and control pets at all times.
- Be considerate of Others
 - Take breaks\camp off trail and yield to others on the trail.

**ALL WATER MUST BE PURIFIED
(BOILED, CHEMICALLY TREATED, OR
FILTERED) UNLESS NOTED
OTHERWISE**

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5. Lane Spring Campground

Distance: 2.5 hours from Springfield

Season: Open May 1-Oct 31

Description: Campground renovated for 1996 season and is located alongside Little Piney Creek with some sites adjacent to the creek. Situated in mature hardwood woods. Grills and tables at each site with 2 water spigots on the grounds. Hiking and trout fishing available. \$8 per day. Vault Toilets.

6. Loggers Lake Campground

Distance: 3.75 hours from Springfield

Season: Open April 19-Nov 4

Description: Most sites are adjacent to Loggers Lake. Open sites are grassy and level and suited for multiple tents. Grills and tables at each site with 2 water spigots on the grounds. Loggers Lake is 21 acres. There is small, sandy beach. Electric motors only. Hiking, fishing and swimming available. Nice lake for canoeing. \$8 per day. Vault Toilets.

7. Marble Creek Campground

Distance: 4 hours from Springfield

Season: Open May 1-Oct 31

Description: Some sites are adjacent to Marble Creek. The campground is comprised of hardwoods and pines, many of which are Cedar. At one spigot there was sign advising that water should be boiled before drinking, grills and tables are available at sites. Hiking, fishing, mountain biking and horseback riding trails available. On Crane Lake section of Ozark Trail. \$8 per day. Vault Toilets.

8. Markham Springs Campground

Distance: 4.5 hours from Springfield

Season: Open May 15-Sept 15

Description: Campground is located on the Black River. Some sites are adjacent to the river. There is a delightful pond with old stone mill and home adjacent to the pond set back from the picnic area. Hiking, canoeing and fishing possible. \$8 per day for a single site. Flush Toilets and hot showers.

9. Noblett Lake Campground

Distance: 2.75 hours from Springfield

Season: Open all year

Description: Only a hand pump located on Sycamore loop. Sugar Hill is located on top of a hill and has mainly single sites. Sycamore is below, near Noblett Dam and has double and single sites. Hiking (Ridge Runner Trail) and fishing are available. No charge for camping. Vault toilets.

10. North Fork Campground

Distance: 2.5 hours from Springfield

Season: Open April 15 - Nov 30

Description: Some sites overlook North Fork - White River. There are covered shelves for propane stove and cooking. Campground is located close to Devil's Backbone Wilderness and is well situated for canoeing into the wilderness. Grills, tables and water spigots are available. Hiking (Ridge Runner Trail) and fishing are available. \$5 per day. Vault toilets.

11. Paddy Creek Campground

Distance: 2 hours from Springfield

Season: Open all year, service Apr 1-Nov 30

Description: Campground is located alongside Paddy Creek. It is located on eastern edge of the Paddy Creek Wilderness Area. Grills, tables but no water spigots are available. Hiking (Big Piney Trail) and wadding are available. \$5 per day. Vault toilets.

12. Pinewood Lake Campground

Distance: 4 hours from Springfield

Season: Open May 15- Sept 15

Description: Some sites overlook Pinewoods Lake, which is man-made. Campground is comprised of hardwoods and pine. Grills, tables and water spigots are available. Hiking and fishing are available. \$8 per day for single site. Vault toilets.

13. Red Bluff Campground

Distance: 2.75 hours from Springfield

Season: Open all year, services May 1-Oct 15

Description: First 8 sites have rocky ground cover. Camp is located on Huzzah Creek, which sometimes floods making it difficult to maintain. Grills, tables and water spigots are available. Hiking (Red Bluff Trail), wadding and fishing are available. \$8 per day for single site. Vault toilets.

14. Silver Mines Campground

Distance: 3.5 hours from Springfield

Season: Open March 15 - Oct 15

Description: Located on the St Francis River, which is the only white water river in Missouri reaching its peak for kayaking during the spring, this camp is located in an old mining area. One can hike to the dam on one side of the river and the remains of two mine openings on the other. Grills, tables and water spigots are available. Hiking and fishing are available. \$8 per day for single site. Vault toilets.

15. Watercress Spring Campground

Distance: 2.75 hours from Springfield

Season: Open all year; services May 1- Oct 1

Description: Campground is located close to Current River. There are Civil War gun emplacements still visible up near the Ranger Station. Grills, tables and water spigots are available. Hiking, floating, tubing and fishing are available. \$8 per day for single site. Vault and flush toilets.

16. Stockton Lake Campground

Distance: 1.5 hours from Springfield

Season: Open all year

Description: This 2,176-acre park overlooks Stockton Lake and offers camping, motel, dining, and picnicking, plus a marina, swimming and fishing. RV and tent sites, electricity, toilets, showers, playground, store, and ADA accessible. \$8 per day for basic site April-Oct., \$7 Nov. – March.