

MORO BAY STATE PARK

One of the most popular fishing and water sport areas in south central Arkansas is formed where Moro Bay and Raymond Lake join the Ouachita River. Moro Bay State Park, located at the confluence of these water sources, offers a quiet, peaceful holiday retreat with all the modern conveniences typical of Arkansas fine state parks.

Moro Bay State Park's location in the fertile land of the Gulf Coastal Plain makes it an ideal base for exploring the vast public recreation areas of southern Arkansas. Just 30 miles southwest of the park, visitors will find El Dorado, the Oil Capital of Arkansas. Nearby, in Smackover, is the Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources. In the opposite direction from the park, just 30 miles north, is the town of Warren where visitors can take in the sights of the widely acclaimed Pink Tomato Festival held every June.

Whether fishing from bank or boat, the abundant bass, bream, crappie and catfish found in the many lakes and streams of the area provide fishing enthusiasts with hours of excitement. Sportsmen use Moro Bay as a camping base while hunting on permitted areas (no hunting allowed in state parks, and firearms must be cased) for the area's bountiful white-tailed deer, wild turkey, squirrel, rabbit and waterfowl.

So make Moro Bay State Park the start of an exciting vacation exploring the vast forests, fertile flatlands, abundant wildlife, and wide range of activities which truly make this section of southern Arkansas "The Land of Surprises."

Various private ferries operated intermittently in this vicinity from 1834 to 1947. Bradley County and Union County were isolated by the barrier effect of the Ouachita River, in the absence of all crossing transportation from 1947 to 1965. The ferry operation was resumed on April 28, 1965, as a free ferry, owned and operated by the *Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department*. The ferry ceased operation again in 1992 when two bridges were completed over the Ouachita River and Raymond Lake. The ferry is now on display near the launching ramp in the park.

FACILITIES

The park offers camping, picnicking, hiking, fishing and other water recreation on the Ouachita River, Raymond Lake, and Moro Bay.

Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge is approximately 18 miles southeast of Moro Bay on the Ouachita River.

Group Pavilion ♦ A large, covered pavilion located in the picnic area on the Moro Bay side of the park may be rented for group outings or family reunions. Also, available for rent is a large air-conditioned meeting room and kitchen adjacent to the visitor center. These may be reserved for a modest fee by calling or writing the park. Reservations **must** be made at the **Visitor Center**.

Picnicking ♦ Two, large picnic areas in the park provide plenty of space for fun with friends and family. The picnic sites are equipped with tables and grills. Water hydrants, rest rooms, and a playground are located nearby.



Camping ♦ In a tent or trailer, the park's 20 campsites, located along Raymond Lake, provide excellent camping. Water and electricity are provided at all 20 campsites. A trailer dump station, (\$2 fee charged to those not camped in the park), is near the bathhouse. Though park rest rooms are closed December through February, self-contained campers can enjoy the quiet, off-season beauty of nature in south Arkansas.

Trails ♦ The **1/4-mile Deer Run Hiking Trail**, near the campground, offers a beautiful view of the environment at Moro Bay. The **Low-Water Trail**, 1/4 mile long, offers an excellent hiking opportunity in a riverside environment.

Other Facilities ♦ The Visitor Center features a gift shop and store with items ranging from grocery staples to bait and tackle. Hunting and fishing licenses, camping supplies, souvenirs, and boat and motor rentals are available at the park store. Ours is the only marina on the Ouachita River in Arkansas with gas sales and boat slips for rent. Complete shopping, restaurant, medical facilities, and other services are just 30 minutes away in El Dorado or Warren.

NOTE: Campers must register at the Visitor Center before occupying a campsite. All sites are reservable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Please call to check availability.

LOCATION

From El Dorado off U.S. Hwy. 82, take Hwy. 63 north 22 miles to the park; OR, from Warren, travel 30 miles south on Hwy. 63 to the park.

For further information on park fees or facilities, contact:

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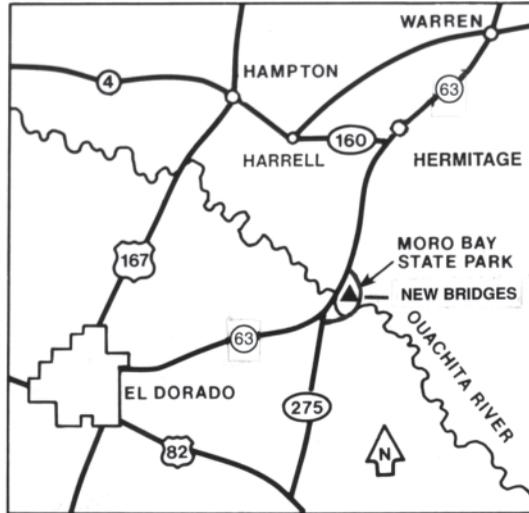
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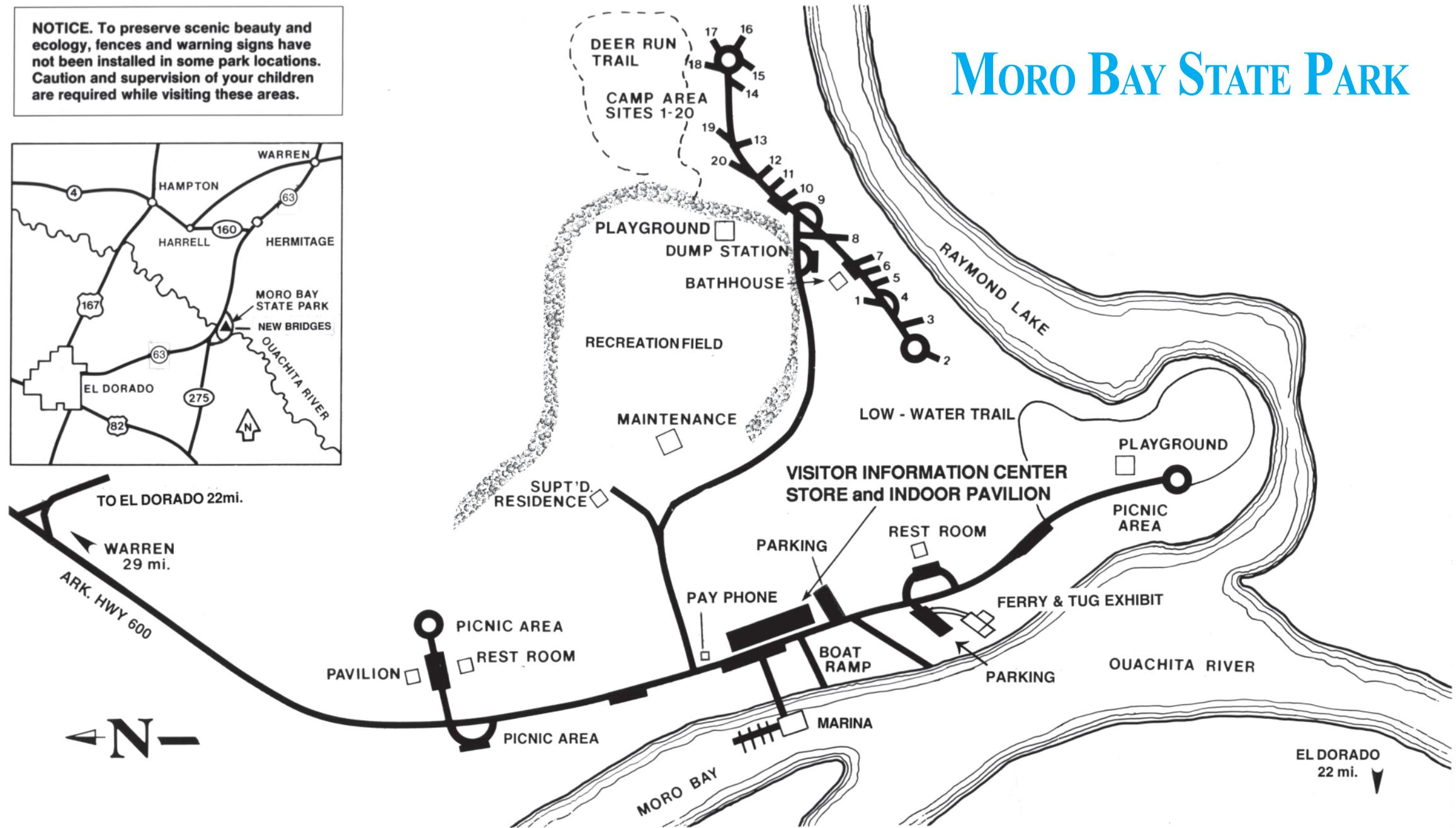


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