



Welcome to Marksdale State Park

Where fun, fitness, and education come together



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Don't miss our new sizzling summer classes available May 23–Aug 5!!

- **Swimming lessons:** Ages 4–adult. Cost: \$5 per class or \$15 for one month.
- **Hiking:** Have a state park ranger hike through our trails with you and teach you about the park's wildlife and plants. We have a number of endangered plants and animals that our park helps protect. Click [here](#) to learn more today!
- **Soccer:** Our youth soccer program is unusual in that it is non-competitive. Different teams are formed every day. The focus is on individuals learning new skills and learning to work as a team, not on one team winning it all.
- **Boating:** These classes are for adults only. See director for fees and schedule. Fishing allowed with permit only.
- **Bicycling:** Our trails are built to accommodate bicyclists. Signs are posted for self-guided tours of our park. Group cycling is also available with a park guide. Trails range from easy to challenging.

A Message from the Director:

Hiking trails! Sport fields! Playgrounds! Campgrounds! Water activities! Located on Lake McQueeney, Marksdale State Park offers something for everyone. Marksdale is a perfect spot for a hot summer day. Sign up for one of our new summer community classes, or take a camping trip with your friends or family. Our facilities are set up with modern systems, so you don't have to rough it to enjoy nature—unless you want to!

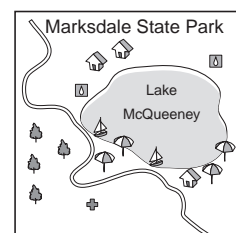
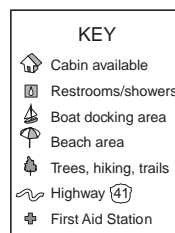
Glen Harwood, Park Director

Award for the Spring Photography Contest: Congratulations to Melissa Rhoades, a sophomore at Marksdale High School! Her winning shot was of a young girl catching her first baseball on our field. Chosen for the look of supreme joy on the girl's face, the picture offers a first-rate look at what it means to visit our park. Learning new skills and having fun are two things we are all about. Come play!

Special note about trash in our park: In an effort to keep our park clean, for your sake and that of our wildlife, we have placed trash cans and recycling bins with secure lids throughout the park. Please ensure that the lids are on tightly when you are finished. It keeps our raccoon friends from getting into things they shouldn't! Their curiosity and fine motor skills are impressive! Your cooperation is appreciated.



Are you 13–17 years old? Ever wonder what it would be like to be a park ranger? It's a competitive field, but you can get ahead by volunteering with our Teen Ranger Program. Depending on your age and responsibilities, you can even earn college credit for certain universities!



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