

LAKE OUACHITA

2025 Fall CLOSURE & 2026 Spring OPEN

RECREATION AREAS

Highlighted Campgrounds & Areas - REMAIN OPEN

AREA	STATUS
Stephens Park	OPEN
Brady Mountain	Close ALL AREAS (A-B) on OCT 31, 2025 @ 4PM. Open ALL AREAS (A-B) on MAR 1, 2026 @ 9AM.
Crystal Springs	OPEN
Joplin	Close ALL AREAS (A - D) on OCT 31, 2025 @ 4PM. Open ALL AREAS (A - D) on MAY 1, 2026 @ 9AM.
Tompkins Bend	Close ALL AREAS (A - D) on OCT 31, 2025 @ 4PM. Open ALL AREAS (A - D) on MAR 1, 2026 @ 9AM.
Denby Point	OPEN
Little Fir	Close AREA on OCT 31, 2025 @ 4PM. Open AREA on MAR 1, 2026 @ 9AM.
Twin Creek	OPEN. First-come First-serve campsites using the Automated Fee Machine at the campground entrance. CREDIT/DEBIT card only. No refunds available once transaction is complete.
Day Use Areas	Spillway, Crystal, Twin Creek- Open Hours CHANGE is SEP 7, 2025 (8AM-4:30PM). Spillway, Crystal, Twin Creek- Close SEP 30, 2025. Spillway, Crystal, Twin Creek- Open MAR 1, 2026 (8AM-4:30PM). Hours CHANGE is APR 5, 2026. (8AM-8PM). Blakely Dam- Open Hours CHANGE is SEP 7, 2025 (8AM-4:30PM). Hours CHANGE is APR 5, 2026. (8AM-8PM). Stephens, Avery, Tompkins Bend- OPEN
North REC Areas (Avant, Big Fir, Buckville, Cedar Fourche, Irons Fork, Rabbit Tail, Washita)	OPEN. No Janitorial (<i>Restroom or Porta Johns</i>) after SEP 30, 2025. FREE CAMPING-Pack in/Pack Out.
REC.GOV (R1S) 100% Reservable Year-Round	Off-Season reservations for OCT 1, 2025 – APR 30, 2026 are OPEN for booking campsites in open campgrounds (see above). The extension policy of 56 ON:14 OFF goes into effect during this time-frame. Campers MUST move campsites after 56 days on one campsite. Reservations can be made 6 months in advance of arrival date by calling 1-877-444-6777 or on-line at www.recreation.gov . On MAY 1, 2026, Peak-Season length of stay policy will go into effect. Campers can only reserve 14 nights in a 30 consecutive day period per campground. During the Peak-Season time-frame, to reserve all campsites, pavilions and group camp areas, reservations can be made 6 months in advance of arrival date by calling 1-877-444-6777 or on-line at www.recreation.gov for: Stephens Park, Brady Mountain, Crystal Springs, Joplin, Tompkins Bend, Denby Point & Little Fir.

***NOTE:** The Fish Cleaning Stations and Drinking Fountains will be turned OFF in ALL AREAS during the month of November as freezing weather begins & turned ON in ALL AREAS between Mid to Late March as freezing weather gives way to warmer temperatures.