



# The Prairie Grass Newsletter

## ... for all things Mozingo

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Our friends at the Maryville Hy-Vee will once again host the Seven Miles on Mozingo Trail Run at the MLRP Youth Camp on October 17th. This challenging run will take participants through wooded areas and native grass pasture, along with a few natural obstacles. Not racing? No worries! The post race will feature a large pit for spectators and visitors to chill at, as well as live music, a beer tasting and food. The fun begins at 7:00am and will conclude at 3:00pm. Come enjoy the race and festivities that follow!

Registration is \$45 for the 7 Mile Run and \$35 for the 5K Run. Groups of 5 receive \$5 per entry. Awards will be given for the top 3 males and top 3 females of the 7 Mile and 5K. Click [here](#) to register, or the banner to visit the event's Facebook Page.



Shortly after the 7 Mile/5K run, we will be hosting the 2015 Mozingo Haunted Campground! This event will feature several activities for children and adults to participate in beginning at 3:00pm and will conclude with trick-or-treating from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Activities include pumpkin carving, a pumpkin canon, an RV decorating contest and more. Girl Scout Troop #5014 will be hosting a canned food drive for the Nodaway County Ministry Center; and several other groups will be volunteering their time and services to assure this event is another huge success!

Last year's event brought over 2,500 trick-or-treaters and filled both the Main and Reserved RV Campgrounds. Click [here](#) to check out photos from last year's event, or the banner above for a full list of activities.

### Non-Peak Season is Near!

November 1st marks the beginning of Non-Peak Season for Mozingo Lake Recreation Park. During this time, RV prices will drop to \$18 per night for the Main RV Campground; and \$25 per night for those who wish to reserve sites in at the Equestrian RV Campground or Reserved RV Campground.

Prices for the Family Cabins will drop for the non-peak season on December 1st. Primitive Tent Camping prices will remain the same; \$10 per night and per tent.

Utilities run year round for all campsites and cabins. The showers/bathrooms at the Reserved RV and Equestrian RV Campgrounds will be closed, however the ones at the Main RV Campground and Primitive Tent Camping section will remain open.

The Information Booth at the entrance of the park is scheduled to close November 1st and will reopen April 1st, 2016. Those needing to pay for camping fees, boat permits or concessions; or need assistance and information may visit the Park Maintenance Building, located on the road leading to the City Boat Ramp. We will be open from 8:00AM - 4:00PM daily.



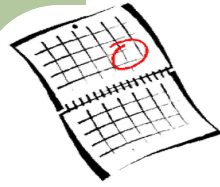
## Avoid Bringing the Ash Borer Threat to Mozingo

All Missouri counties are currently under a federal and state quarantine that prohibits the transport of nursery stock, ash trees parts, and firewood from hardwood trees outside the state. That has been implemented to prevent the spread of emerald ash borers. These beetles tunnel under the bark of ash trees, disrupting the flow of water and nutrients each tree needs to stay alive. They are metallic, dark-green in color and are about one inch in length when they are full developed. They have been spotted in 13 counties in Missouri and have recently been discovered in Buchanan County.

The Missouri Department of Conservation have been studying ash trees around Mozingo Lake to see if any have made their way here. To date none have been reported, though we asking all campers to comply with the quarantine and be mindful of the firewood that is being brought to Mozingo Lake Recreation Park.

- Do not bring firewood across state lines.
- Do not bring firewood made from ash trees.
- When in doubt of where the firewood is coming from or what type of tree was used to make it, purchase it at the park or in town.

No current changes have been made to our firewood policy; all campers may still bring their own firewood provided it meets the conditions above. However this will be something our staff will be taking into consideration for the following peak season.



## Upcoming Programs & Events

- 10/17: Hy-Vee 7 Mile / 5K Run
- 10/17: '15 Haunted Campground
- 10/19: Mozingo Advisory Board
- 10/15: Bearcat Fall Fishing Classic
- 11/16: Mozingo Advisory Board

For a full listing of golf and fishing tournaments, please visit the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website.



## Students Explore Learn the Importance of Recycling

The Northwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District, Missouri Master Naturalist, and Missouri Department of Natural Resources will be organizing and delivering a morning program for secondary science students at the [MLRP Youth Camp](#) on October 27th. The purpose of the program is to demonstrate firsthand how decisions we make to recycle can make a difference in the wellbeing of our natural environment.

The groups are inviting schools in the five county region. There will be a short presentation on recycling and the impacts it has on the environment as well as our water supply. Students will also have an opportunity to explore Mozingo Lake shoreline habitat as part of the program.



## Current Fishing & Lake Conditions

Currently the temperature of the lake is 73 degrees and the water is clear. All species are doing fair at this time on various bait types.

For updated fishing reports and lake conditions, please visit the Missouri of Conservation website at [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov).

## Maintenance Updates

Construction has begun on Cabin 8. This cabin will have 3 bedrooms and will sleep around 12-15 people, making it the largest cabin at the park. The Northwest Technical School has begun framing on the cabin recently. We're predicting that the cabin will be completed by July 1st. Stayed tuned to our Facebook page for more details on the construction process and when guests may begin placing reservations for the cabin.

## Golf Trip from the Pro

The most important part of the golf swing starts before you ever take the club back.

Grip, posture, and balance are the most important prerequisite to every good golf swing.



**Photo of the Month**