



The Prairie Grass Newsletter

... for all things Mozingo

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Paved Walking Trails at Mozingo Near Complete!



We are happy to announce that the new sections of the Mozingo trails have been completed. These paved trails, which were made possible by two grants from the Department of Natural Resources, have added an additional 3,300 feet in distance to the established trail route. All of the paths are now connected with trail heads which allow customers to park in parking lots and walk the loops. Park Maintenance will be putting on the final touches by placing benches, bike racks, and signs along the trails in the near future.

One of the trails is an extension that begins at The Point, in front of the Ed Phillips Shelter. The trails extends along the smaller shelters east of the road, continues through the woods, exits by the Handicap Accessible Fishing Dock, along the tree line of the woods, and ends near the parking lot of a smaller shelter across the street from the beach. The other trail connects to the walking trail along Ridge Road, just before reaching the Primitive Tent Camping area. It weaves through the open field leading to the Main RV Park and ends by the playground within the campground.

The trails have already proven useful to cyclists and walkers at the park. The additions to the trails could not have been completed at a better time, as they will undoubtedly assist with getting families access from Ridge Road to the Main RV Campground for our upcoming Haunted Campground event in October.

Congrats to Our Men's League Winners!

Bearcat Flight:

1st Place: Mozingo Medics (Mike Feuerbacher, Scott Dowden, Bill Andel, and Paul Frank)

Spoofhound Flight:

1st Place: The Hookers (Floyd Hook, Rod Auxier, Matt Symonds, Mark Clements, and Dave Lewis)



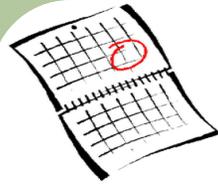
Avoid Bringing the Ash Borer Threat to Mozingo

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

9/4 - 9/7: Labor Day Weekend

9/17: Mozingo Advisory Board

10/17: Hy-Vee 7 Mile / 5K Run

10/17: '15 Haunted Campground

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



How to Identify and Avoid Poison Ivy

Poison ivy grows in wooded areas and can be found on exposed rocks, in open fields, as ground cover, as vines, or as underbrush. The best way to avoid exposure to the plant - which can result is itchy skin, blistering and hives - is to know how to identify it. The plant has three leaves that extend from one longer stem in the center; the leaves on the outer ends somewhat resemble mittens in appearance. All ends of the leaf will appear points. And the veining on the leaves will be non-symmetrical.

Other ways to avoid exposure would be to avoid going off trail paths; and assure your camping unit is not neighboring the plant, increasing your chances of encountering it.

For more helpful camping and hiking tips, visit out [Pinterest](#) page!

Current Fishing & Lake Conditions

Currently the temperature of the lake is 77 degrees and the water is fairly dingy. Bass are doing well on top-water lures early and late in the day; crappie are good on minnows over deep brush piles; bluegill are doing well on worms over deep brush piles; channel catfish are doing well on all baits; and all other species are doing good on various baits.

For updated fishing reports and lake conditions, please visit the Missouri of Conservation website at mdc.mo.gov.

Policy Reminder

There has been some confusion amongst RV and Tent Campers in regards to Section 212:230, Article 4 of the MLRP Ordinances, which states that a (non-reservable) site may only be booked by placing a vehicle or camping unit on the site. To clarify, this rules is still in effect and has been enforced throughout the peak season. It was a policy that was discussed at an advisory board meeting prior to peak season, however no changes were made to it for the time being. Also, none of the Main RV Campground (Sites 1-75) or Primitive Tent Camping sites are reservable. They are still only available on a 'first come, first served' basis.

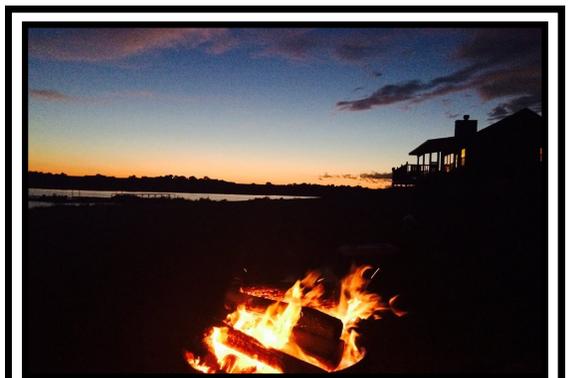


Photo of the Month

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