

While at the park, be sure to visit one of the several picnic areas—all with tables and benches. Lakeview and Cedar Ridge picnic areas offer a beautiful view overlooking Lake Carlton. Both sites are equipped with rustic shelters and can be reserved for a small fee. Lakeview is also equipped with a double fireplace and electrical outlets for items like crock pots and large coffee pots, making it perfect for those family reunions, birthday parties and large group picnics.

Picnicking

be made in the conservation area, making it one of the most popular recreation spots in northern Illinois.

Located north of Morrison in Whiteside County, Morrison-Rockwood State Park comprises 1,150 acres. It was established in 1971 and is named for the city of Morrison and a combination of nearby Rock Creek and the heavily wooded park area—Rockwood. Lake Carlton, a focal point of the park, is a watershed impoundment which was constructed in 1969 by building a 38-foot high, 1,800-foot long earthen dam across a stream. The lake was named in memory of L. Carlton Anderson, a local citizen who actively promoted the park and was an important civic and conservation leader. Improvements have continued to

History

The Area

A trip to picturesque Morrison-Rockwood State Park offers many memorable experiences. A large sign in the shape of Illinois, fashioned from angle iron by a blacksmith, greets visitors at the entrance. Once inside, choose from a variety of recreational opportunities. Beautiful Lake Carlton, a stream-fed reservoir, features an abundance of ducks and geese, and is considered a prime location for fishing. Or, plan a family outing at the Lakeview picnic area, or do some bird watching among the hickory, ash, oak and walnut trees.



Camping

Camping at Morrison-Rockwood State Park is sure to delight all who love the outdoors. Ninety-two Class A camping sites with electricity and showers are available in heavily wooded areas of the park. A trailer dump station is conveniently located within the park. Reservations for campsites and shelters can be made at reserveamerica.com.

Fishing

Lake Carlton provides one of the best fishing spots in Illinois. Its average depth is 12 feet, with a maximum depth of 27 feet. It has a shoreline of 2.9 miles with plenty of room for shore fishermen. The lake has been managed to maintain a plentiful fishing variety. Anglers may catch largemouth bass, black crappie, rock bass, channel catfish, redear sunfish, bluegill, muskie and walleye. In addition to shoreline fishing, there are nine piers designated for anglers.

Boating

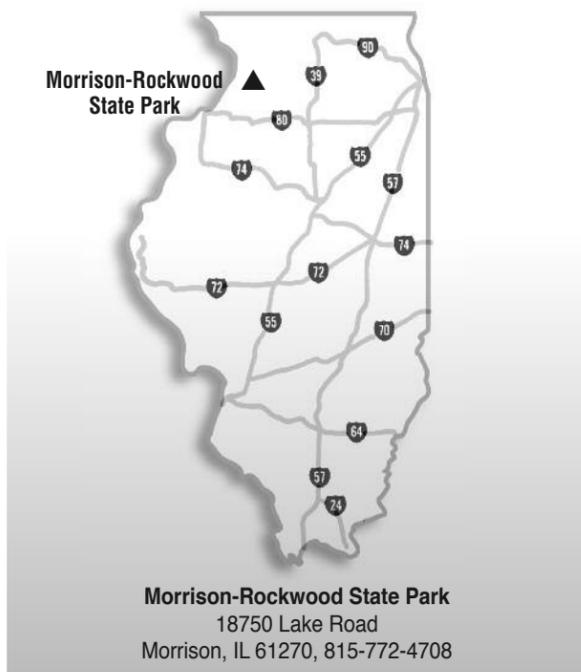
A two-lane concrete boat ramp allows easy access to Lake Carlton. Outboard motors are restricted to 10 horsepower and under. All boats with motors must be operated under “no wake” speeds to protect the shoreline from wave erosion. An area is provided for private boat dockage.

Concession Facilities

Stop for a refreshing break for breakfast or a sandwich at the concession building. Or if you need some fishing bait or tackle, visit the basement for all your needs including boat rental, outboards, canoes, paddle boats and row boats. This facility is open during the spring, summer and early fall months. Seasonal boat dock space is also available.

Trails

A 3 1/2-mile nature trail is marked for hikers. It offers many scenic views of the lake as it winds through the park. This trail is particularly beautiful in the spring when wildflowers are in bloom.



- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. Please call ahead to the park office before you make your trip.
- We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember; take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land Management, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, or visit our website at www.dnr.state.il.us.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
- Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources' TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the Ameritech Relay Number, 1-800-526-0844.

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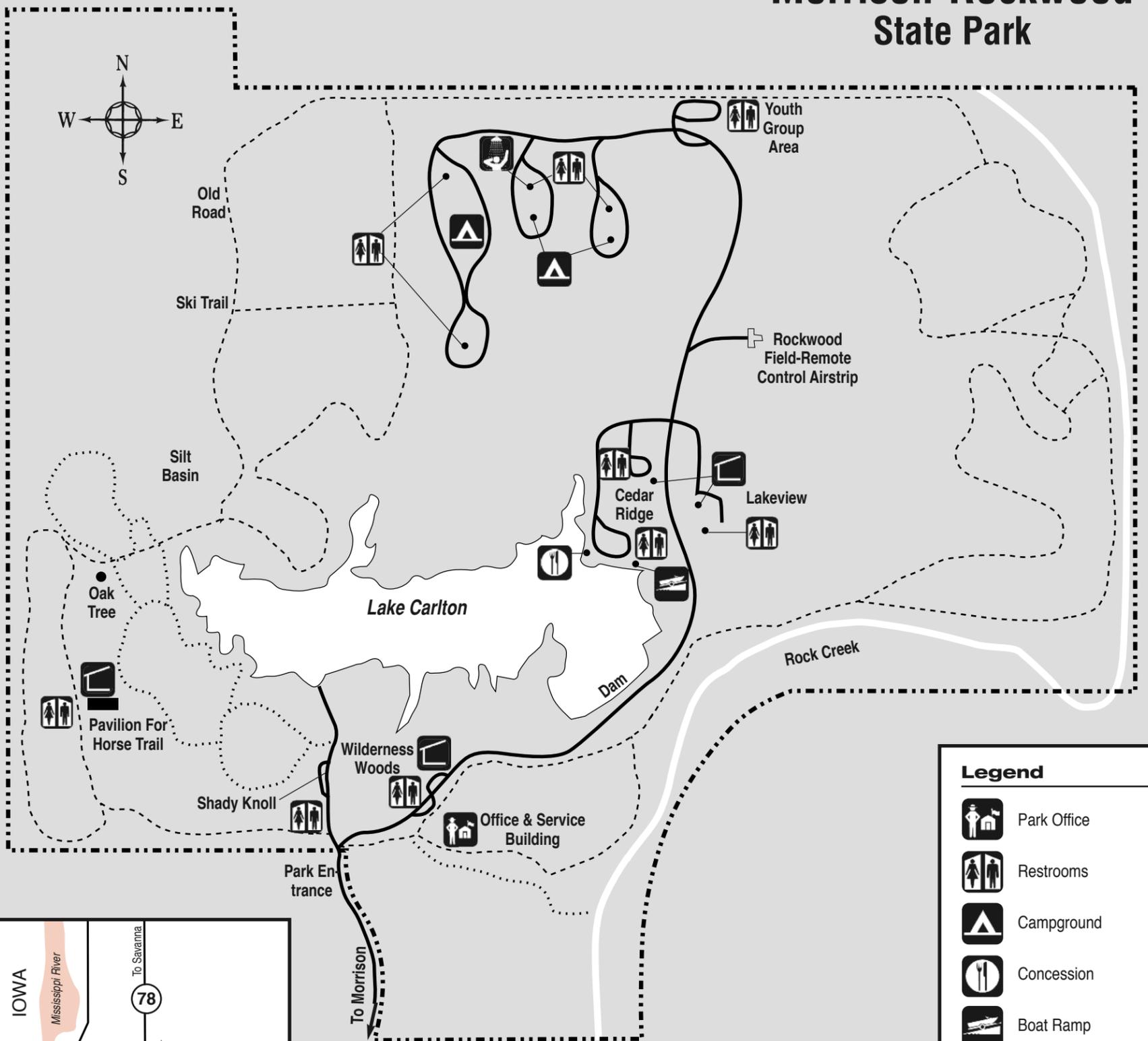
Equestrians may use a 14-mile trail through the park. The trail has a watering well and an overnight camping site with shelter. Users are encouraged to call ahead for a status of the trail conditions. A telephone answering machine is updated daily when no one is at the park office.

Features

The park has an abundance of wildlife. Lucky visitors may see rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, foxes, coyotes, muskrats, groundhogs or deer. Ducks and geese are often swimming on the lake to the delight of visitors. Bird watchers will not be disappointed at Morrison-Rockwood State Park. There are more than 150 species of birds among the plentiful stands of hardwood. Winter sports are also popular at the park. Ice fishing and ice skating are permitted on Lake Carlton. Twelve miles of cross-country ski trails will thrill skiing enthusiasts. The rolling hills of the park make great sledding paths if the snow cooperates.



Morrison-Rockwood State Park



Legend	
	Park Office
	Restrooms
	Campground
	Concession
	Boat Ramp
	Shelter
	Showers
	Park Boundary
	Horse/Ski Trail
	Hiking Trail

