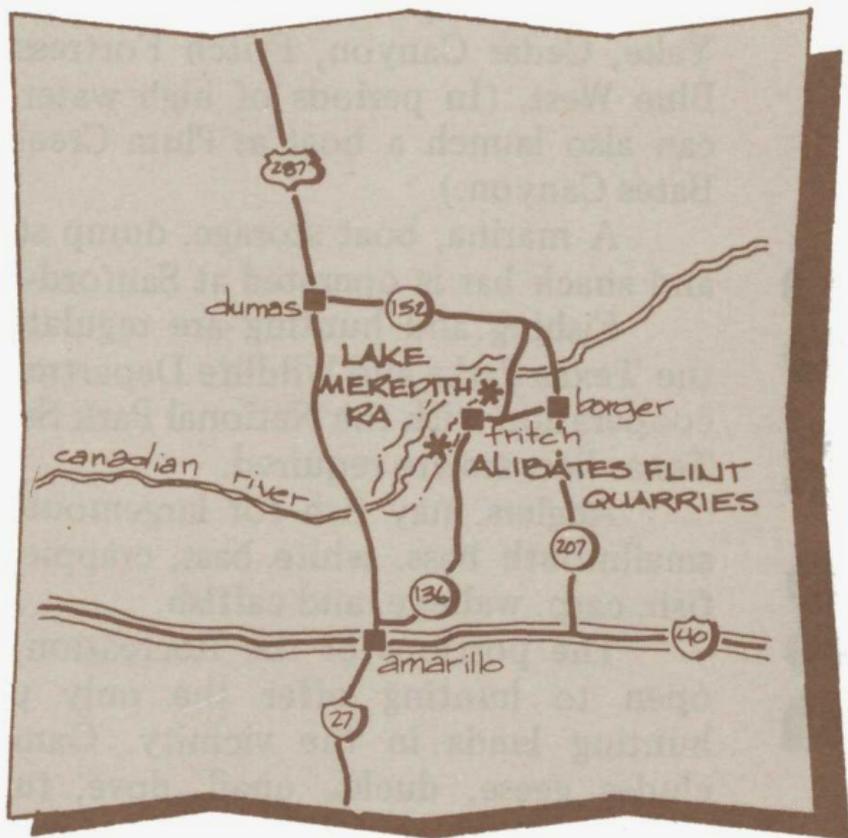


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LAKE MEREDITH

Recreation Area



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The dry, windswept high plains of the Texas Panhandle seems an unlikely place for water-oriented recreation — and it was until the Bureau of Reclamation built Sanford Dam on the Canadian River. Today Lake Meredith supplies drinking water to a number of cities and towns and offers you the opportunity to enjoy fishing, boating, water skiing, sailing, swimming, scuba diving, camping, picnicking, hunting, nature study and backcountry exploration.

In any season, Lake Meredith can fill a weekend — or a longer visit — with a tempting mixture of healthy exercise.

During the summer months, a protected swimming beach with lifeguard service is available near Sanford Dam. Launching ramps are available at Sanford-Yake, Cedar Canyon, Fritch Fortress, and Blue West. (In periods of high water, you can also launch a boat at Plum Creek and Bates Canyon.)

A marina, boat storage, dump station and snack bar is operated at Sanford-Yake.

Fishing and hunting are regulated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in cooperation with the National Park Service. Texas licenses are required.

Anglers may fish for largemouth and smallmouth bass, white bass, crappie, sunfish, carp, walleye, and catfish.

The portions of the Recreation Area open to hunting offer the only public hunting lands in the vicinity. Game includes geese, ducks, quail, dove, turkey, whitetail and mule deer. The terrain is rugged, and large game is scarce, so chances of taking big game or turkey are slim.

Areas have been established along the Canadian River at Rosita and in the Creek bed at Blue Creek for motorcycles, dune buggies and other types of off-road vehicles.

Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument was the site of pre-historic Indian flint

quarries for more than 12,000 years. The colorful flint was used for axes, points, hammerstones, scrapers, awls and other tools. It can be visited only by guided tours at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. during the summer months or by advance arrangement during the winter months. It is located off State Highway 136.

Palo Duro Canyon State Scenic Park, south of Amarillo and west of Canyon on State Highway 217. The area is famous for its sheer cliffs of bright red color. Facilities for scenic auto tours, hiking, camping, picnics, horseback rides and nature study.

The International Helium Centennial Time Columns, a 6-story stainless steel monument built to commemorate the discovery of helium in 1868. A public pavilion features exhibits on the uses of helium in industry, medicine, defense, and atmospheric, marine and outerspace exploration. On the east side of Amarillo on I-40 at Nelson Street.

Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 12 miles southwest of Canyon. Canada geese, pintails, mallards and bald and golden eagles winter here. Open daily, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, in Canyon, on State Route 217; just east of U.S. 87. Features an authentic reassembled Pioneer Village.

The Square House Museum, Panhandle, 23 miles south of Borger on State Route 207, is one of the oldest houses in Carson County and contains exhibits of the Texas Panhandle as it was when the railroad first came through. Free.

The Lake Meredith Aquarium and Wildlife Museum, in the town of Fritch, displays the fish and wildlife of the Recreation Area. It was a Bicentennial project of the people of Fritch.

Lake Meredith is in the middle of the Texas Panhandle, about 33 miles north of Amarillo, off State Route 136. Local roads lead to different points on the Lake.

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From Dumas, northwest of the Lake, take State Route 152 to FM 1319 which leads to Sanford Dam. A second road, FM 1913, branches off for access to the northwestern side of the Recreation Area.

From Stinnett, northeast of the Lake, take State Route 152, to FM 687, which leads directly to the dam.

The Rosita Off-Road Vehicle Area is reached by taking U.S. 87-287 north from Amarillo or south from Dumas to the Canadian River bridge.

Overnight facilities are available in Fritch, Borger, Sanford, Dumas, Amarillo and other towns surrounding the Recreation Area.

Primitive and semi-developed campgrounds are available within the Recreation Area.

Nearby towns also have private campgrounds with trailer hook-ups.

Snacks are available at the Sanford-Yake Marina. There is no other food service in the Recreation Area. Good restaurants are found in the nearby communities.

Overall, the climate is pleasant. Summer highs are in the 90's, winter lows in the teens. Occasionally a visit is marred by temperature extremes or severe weather conditions. The average annual rainfall is only 20 inches; there may be several snows during a winter.

Boaters should be aware of the possibility of sudden storm winds that can reach up to 80 MPH — so fast that boats may have trouble getting off the Lake.

Peak visit months are May through August — with thousands of people in the Recreation Area in one day, especially on weekends. Spring and fall are relatively mild as are many days in winter. These are your opportunities for a visit with few people around.

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Special brochures on hunting, nature study, boating and other activities — should you need more information — can be obtained by writing to Lake Meredith Recreation Area Information, P.O. Box 1438, Fritch, TX, 79036.

Please be careful around the water. Operate your boat in a cautious manner, and be courteous to others. Coast Guard regulations are enforced.

Drive carefully. Many roads are narrow, and some are rough. Part of the drive may be through open range, so watch for cattle.

Look out for rattlesnakes and skunks. These creatures usually try to avoid people, but close contact could ruin your visit.

Avoid animals which appear too friendly. This could be a sign of disease which might be spread to you.

Recognize and avoid poison ivy.

You won't have a good time if our Rangers have to remind you about rule infractions. So, for your fun and ours, keep these few rules in mind:

Off-road use by motor vehicles is permitted only at the established areas at Rosita and Blue West. Elsewhere, vehicles may be driven only on established roadways.

Hawks, owls, migratory birds, horned lizards, some turtles and tortoises, certain rare and endangered species are protected by State and Federal laws. Know what is legal to hunt before you shoot.

Netting of fish is prohibited.

Rock collecting is restricted to one handful of rocks per person per day.

Do not discharge toilet wastes into the Lake.

Place litter in litter bags or other containers for later disposal.

Several drownings occur each year on the Lake. For your own safety, write for boating safety and rules and equipment requirements.

be safe

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PARKS AND FORESTS

When you are enjoying yourself, what difference does it make if you are in a National Park or a National Forest? Both offer outstanding recreational opportunities and special facilities and services to enhance your visit.

Differences are in concept — which determines the way they are managed. National Forests are managed as renewable natural resources — timber, forage, water, wildlife. National Parks are set aside to be preserved, as they are, in perpetuity.

National Forests are managed for your benefit by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. The National Park Service is a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Included in the National Park System are great natural areas, as Parks, Monuments, Seashores, Lakeshores, Rivers and Riverways. The System also includes prehistoric and historic areas, as Monuments, Memorials, Memorial Parks, Historic Sites, Historical Parks, Battlefields and Battlefield Sites. "National" is generally part of their title.

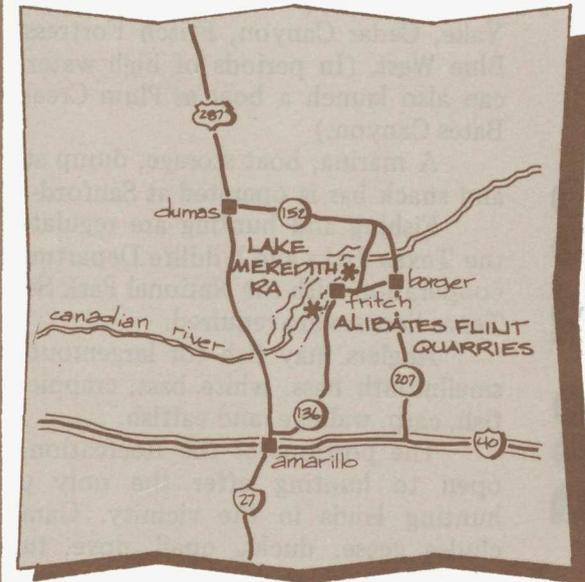
The National Forest System includes National Grasslands. The Forest Service also maintains experimental stations, the Institutes of Tropical Forestry and Northern Forestry, and the Forest Products Laboratory.

Many areas of the National Park System are required to collect entrance fees; you do not pay to enter National Forests. In both National Parks and National Forests you may be charged a special use fee for specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services furnished at Federal expense.

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