

Table Rock Lake Shoreline Management Plan Update

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is updating the Table Rock Lake Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The SMP for Table Rock Lake **establishes policy** and **furnishes guidelines** for the protection and preservation of the desirable environmental characteristics of the shoreline while **maintaining a balance between public and private shoreline uses**.

About Table Rock Lake SMP

The Table Rock Lake Shoreline Management Plan main objectives are to manage and protect the shoreline, to establish and maintain acceptable fish and wildlife habitat, aesthetic quality and natural environment conditions and to promote the safe and healthful use of the lake and shoreline for recreational purposes by all Americans.

Table Rock Lake was selected as one of three representative study areas in the Southwestern Division designated to develop the initial lakeshore management plans in the late 1970's. Of the Corps' 432 lakes with Environmental Stewardship mission, Table Rock is one of only 112 lakes that allow private shoreline use.

The 1982 SMP for Table Rock Lake implemented a "community docks only" policy for all new docks placed on the lake. This concept, unique to Table Rock Lake, also limited family units to only two single slips and the mooring of two boats in community docks placed on the lake after the approval of the 1982 plan. These policies were retained in the current SMP, most recently updated in 1996. The SMP also allows individuals to apply for permits to make minor alterations to vegetation around habitable structures for land based private uses including vegetation modification, foot path construction, planting and landscaping, underbrushing, mowing, and erosion control.

Revising the Table Rock Lake Shoreline Management Plan will allow a public review of these policies to suggest changes and allow for revision that will achieve a balance between permitted private uses and resource protection for general public use.

➡ ***This is your opportunity to let USACE know how you would like the shoreline to be managed for the future.***



About Table Rock Lake

Table Rock Lake is a man-made lake or reservoir located in southwest Missouri and portions of northwestern Arkansas and was formed in 1958 by construction of a dam on the White River near Branson, MO. The lake is about 43,000 acres in size with over 745 miles of shoreline. The lake provides many recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife habitat, and is a popular location for year-round, vacation, and retirement homes.

During high water events and flood periods, Table Rock Lake is operated in conjunction with other lakes in the basin to prevent damage along the White and lower Mississippi Rivers. The dam also generates hydropower electricity.

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SMP Shoreline Allocations

On Table Rock Lake, shoreline may be allocated into one of these categories:

- ***Limited Development Areas**—Areas where boat docks and other shoreline use activities are permitted.
- ***Park Buffer Areas**—Area adjacent to or within parks which restricts the issuance of shoreline use permits.
- ***Protected Shoreline Areas** – Areas designated to protect aesthetic, environmental, and fish and wildlife values. No boat docks or other shoreline use permits are allowed in these areas.
- ***Prohibited Access Areas**—Areas immediately upstream from the dam where private docks and shoreline uses are prohibited for safety and security reasons.
- **Marina Buffer Areas**—Areas allocated for the placement of remote mooring facilities by existing marina concessionaires on Table Rock Lake.
- **Restricted Limited Development Areas**—Areas designated to honor previous commitments to owners of existing, lawfully installed docks.
- **Community Boat Dock Only**—Areas approved for Community Boat Docks, 12 to 20 stall boat docks.
- **Courtesy Dock Only**—Areas approved for Courtesy Docks only.
- **Resort**—Location of resort lease areas.

*= The four shoreline allocations designated by 36 CFR 327.30 and ER 1130-2-406; The other allocations are optional and not required by regulation.

Project Timeline

