

Lake Dardanelle

Shoreline Management Plan Update



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

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.



About Lake Dardanelle

The Lake Dardanelle project on the Arkansas River begins on the north edge of Dardanelle, Arkansas, at the Dardanelle Dam and spreads westward into Pope, Yell, Logan, Johnson, and Franklin counties. Two miles wide in places, it reaches 50 miles upstream to the Ozark-Jeta Taylor Lock and Dam and was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act and Flood Control Act of 1946. The total area contained in the Dardanelle project, including both land and water surface, consists of 56,875 acres and comprises 424 miles

of shoreline. The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat.

What is a Shoreline Management Plan?

The Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan is the required USACE approval document (**ER 1130-2-406**) that protects and manages the shorelines of all Civil Works water resource development projects under Corps jurisdiction in a manner which will promote the safe and healthful use of these shorelines by the public while maintaining environmental safeguards to ensure a quality resource for use by the public.

The Lake Dardanelle 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.

- The original Lake Dardanelle SMP (also known as the Lakeshore Management Plan) was approved in July 1973.
- This plan was reviewed, updated, and approved by the Southwestern Division Engineer in November 1975.
- The plan was updated again in June 1981 followed by four supplements. Three of the supplements added to the amount of shoreline allocated for the placement of private floating facilities and the other updated the Minimum Construction and Maintenance Requirements for Private Floating Facilities.
- Revision of 36 CFR 327. 30 in 1990 required the Little Rock District to convert its currently approved lakeshore management plans to shoreline management plans. The District's draft operating policy for shoreline management was made available for public review and comment and was implemented in September 1992.
- In 1995, an update was conducted to recommend changes in shoreline allocations at various locations around the lake. A public workshop was held at The Russellville Site Office in August 1995 to notify the public of the Shoreline Management Plan review. 38

rezoning requests were evaluated resulting in the approval of 27 requests. The plan was approved in December 1995.

- In 2006, an administrative update was completed. At that time, no allocation was reviewed or changed.

- The last review of the Shoreline Management Plan was completed in 2012 and was another administrative update.

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

SMP Shoreline Allocations

On Lake Dardanelle, shoreline is currently allocated into one of these categories:

- ***Limited Development Areas**—Areas where boat docks and other shoreline use activities are permitted.
- ***Public Recreation Areas (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 shoreline permits for floating or fixed recreation facilities are allowed in these areas.
- **Protected-Natural Areas**—Areas designated to allow for natural areas interspersed among limited development areas and to allow for land management practices on large tracts of land.
- **Protected-Scenic Areas**—Areas of shoreline that necessitated protection from disturbance to preserve their unique aesthetic quality.
- **Protected-Navigation Channel**—Areas designated to protect the navigation channel and associated bank stabilization structures from obstructions.
- ***Prohibited Access Areas**—Areas in which public access is not allowed or is restricted for health, safety, or security reasons.

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

Project Timeline

