

Camping at D'Arbonne State Park a treat



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STORIES FROM
THE OUTDOORS

My family and I love our Louisiana state parks. Northeast Louisiana is so beautiful with its rolling hills, pine tree forests and beautiful lakes.

If you are looking for a great camping adventure with a group of friends then check out the D'Arbonne State Park in Farmerville. Filling an ice chest or two with fish is not the only activity on tap for the weekend. D'Arbonne has some 65 campsites, 51 with electricity and water, and seven premium campsites right on the lake and you will enjoy pitching a tent at the camping lots located right on the water.

Setting out yo-yos and checking them overnight is an adventure in its self with expectation on each hook.



Photos by Rene Hatten

D'ARBONNE STATE Park has great lake front camping areas.

The yo-yos are placed on different trees and stumps throughout the lake and run in intervals throughout the night.

The campfire is the spot to laugh and tell stories and keep joking on into the night. Different wildlife came to visit, like the raccoon family that wanted the shiners and anything else they could find at the campsite.

The park cleaning station sure was a welcomed sight with 94 fish to clean, about half White Perch and Catfish. This station has a huge grinder type disposal that sends the waste back into the water.

Everything is kept so clean and neat for a great camping experience. This lake has fishing piers and boat docks over the 15,250-acre centerpiece of the park. In addition to the

65 camping sites, they also have 16 cabins. The nearby trails are marked with Orange Trail (one mile), Green Trail (half mile), Blue Trail (half mile), White Trail (four miles), all are beautiful so I'm told as I have not tackled the four mile trail, I cannot vouch for that trail.

I am told there is a regulated disc golf course and tennis court which are only located in this one state park



YO-YO FISHING at night.

facility. This summer I know my grandchildren will love the swimming pool and the

park's playground area. Support your parks and plan a staycation.

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THEME: MARCH MADNESS

ACROSS

1. "Haste makes waste," e.g.
6. Helicopter landing
9. Deadly slitherers
13. Bad car
14. Pub offering
15. Do this or forever hold your peace
16. Say pretty please
17. Junior's junior
18. Down and out
19. "Sweet number in March"
21. "Point and shooting players"
23. Coltrane's woodwind
24. Not in favor of
25. Final, abbr.
28. Essen basin
30. Firstborn
35. Story part
37. Plenty
39. 6 in 1/6
40. Fill to satisfaction
41. Pisa attraction
43. Not far
44. Correct
46. Japanese stringed instrument
47. Any of several languages of Celts
48. It's to be brushed off
50. Invitation letters
52. England's favorite drink in French
53. Exclamation of disgust
55. Diamond stat
57. Gluteus, pl.
60. "Grid"
64. Grassy plain
65. "What teams do"
67. Brownish gray
68. Fluorescent red dye
69. Down with the flu
70. Blew it
71. Wild goat
72. Red Cross bed
73. Midway attractions

DOWN

1. "The Sound of Music" backdrop
2. Kosher establishment
3. Unacceptable to some merchants
4. "As opposed to heroes"
5. Ingratiate
6. Sacrificed for gain?
7. Formerly Cassius Clay
8. Condescend
9. Copycat
10. "One of basketball sixteen"
11. Stationer's stock
12. "NCAA's Big ___ Conference"
15. Escargot
20. Feel like a champ
22. Shoshonean
24. MOMA display
25. "A #16 over a #1, e.g."
26. Andean pack animal
27. Luggage handler, e.g.
29. "Kind of shot down low"
31. Eat
32. Make an effort
33. Money under mattress
34. "Value outside the arc"
36. Backpacker's shelter
38. Best of 5 of these in men's tennis
42. Red _____
45. "Opening round locale in OH"
49. To feel regret
51. Chatterbox
54. Kind of duty
56. Ticks and mites and such
57. Lump
58. Function as a laser
59. Computer operating system, not Windows
60. Aaron Rodgers' mimed accessory
61. Kurdistan native
62. D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
63. Kennedy and Turner
64. Waikiki wear
66. United Nations labor agency

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