

UPDATED INFORMATION ON SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA CAMPING AND FIELD TRIP

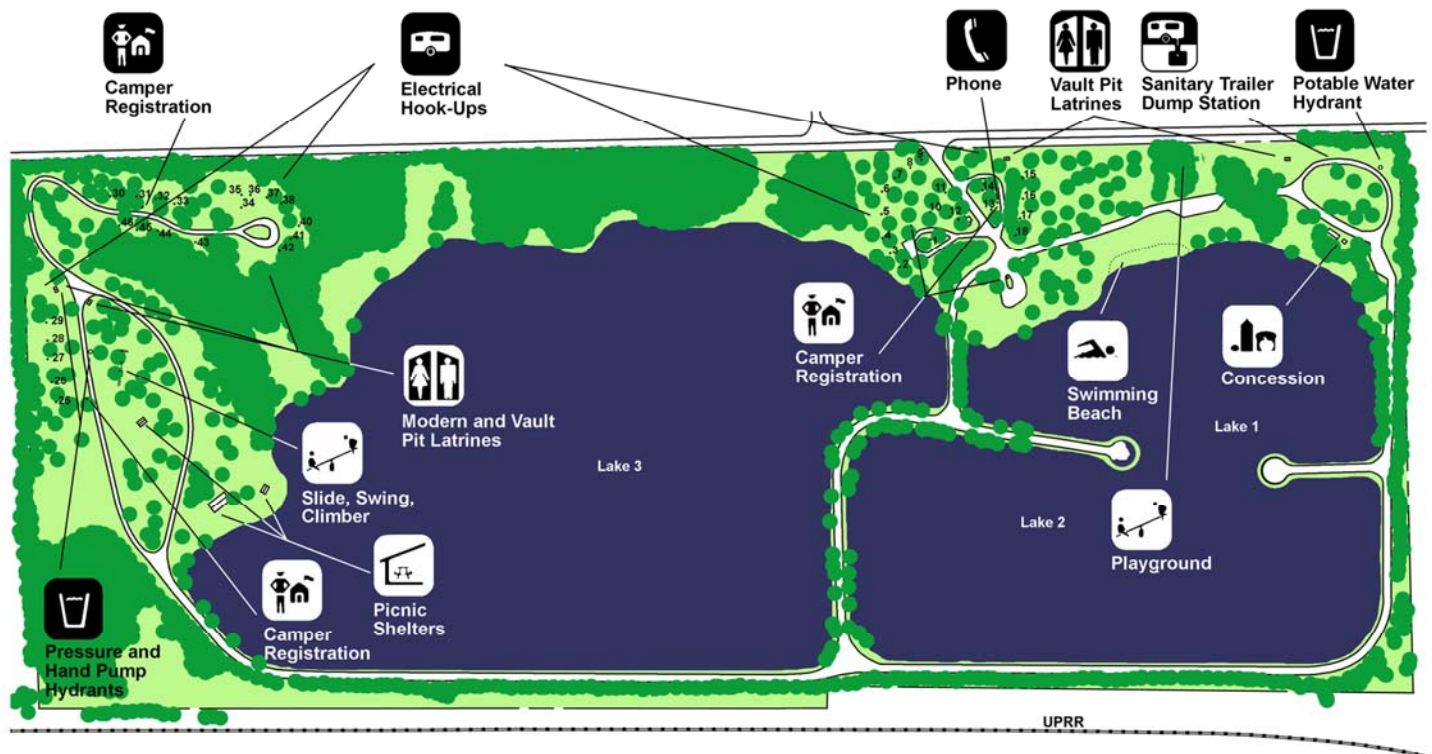
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The trip is scheduled for June 29 and 30, and July 1. We will set our base camp at Alexandria Lake State Recreation Area near Fairbury, Nebraska. Camping at Alexandria requires a State Park Permit. The annual permit costs \$31; daily permit costs \$6. I believe there is also a camping fee per night of \$8 for primitive spots, up to \$35 for fully functional spaces. The modern campground has plenty of shade trees and offers 40 sites with 30-amp electrical hookup, 5 sites with 50-amp electrical hookup and 8 sites without electricity. The campground offers water, modern restrooms, playground and dump station. We don't know if the trip being so close to the 4th of July will be a problem for camp sites, so consider making a reservation. Call 402-471-1414 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (CT) Monday through Friday to make your reservation. There is good fishing in the lake and nearby river. If you choose to fish, you will need to purchase a fishing license, too. The park also has a small concession with hamburgers, shakes, and so forth.

Should you choose to use a motel, the closest and most economical one is the Capri Motel in Fairbury at \$40 a night single.

Possible field trips include: two museums in Fairbury; river hunting on the Little Blue River or Big Sandy Creek; a Pony Express Station and museum near Hanover, Kansas; a museum in Riley, Kansas; barite crystals known as "Odell Diamonds"; fossils; and more. Let's spend some time talking about what YOU would like to do.

Below is a map of Alexandria State Recreation Area.



ALEXANDRIA FIELD TRIP PICTURES



Friday finds from Big Sandy Creek (photo by S. Marburger)



LGMC mountain goats hunting for fossils (photo by J. Beer)



Friday's supper - E-bear got to go on the field trip, too!
(photo by S. Marburger)



Fossil teeth found by Brian and Corey. Top left tooth is in situ on limestone; the others were found separately. (photo by S. Marburger)



Fun piece of petrified wood that Jayne found.
(photo by S. Marburger)



Road cut hunting for selenite crystals (photo by J. Beer)