General Park Rules & Policies

- No fireworks, firearms, drugs or alcohol.
- All dogs must be on a leash.
- Camp in designated campsites only.
- Fires allowed in fire rings only.
- Glass containers allowed in campsites only.
- Swimming in designated areas only.
- All general park rules apply to trails.

Trail Rules & Guidelines

- Trails open at dawn and close at dusk.
- No motorized vehicles or pack stock on any trails.
- Use marked open trails only. Some trails have been intentionally abandoned or dead end into private property. Don’t create new trails intentionally or by habit.
- Practice “Leave No Trace” ethics. Avoid trails when extremely wet. Pack it in, pack it out. Take only pictures and leave only tracks.
- Bikes yield to foot traffic. Pass courteously and safely and cyclists be prepared to dismount if necessary.
- Control actions. Be aware of and alert for other users. Cyclists control speeds. Everyone be alert.
- Respect and be alert of wildlife. Deer, wild pigs and an abundance of small mammals, reptiles and birds make the parks their home. Give them respect and space.
- Be aware of natural hazards. Exercise caution around bluffs, sinkholes, high water creek crossings and potentially poisonous or stingling wildlife. Ticks and chiggers are abundant in the warmer months.
- Plan ahead and pack plenty of water. The only potable water in the parks are available from faucets. Never drink water from springs, streams or lakes! Know your abilities, and limits. LLCP is a very large park. Time management can be critical to a successful journey. Check the weather before heading out. Cyclists always wear a helmet!

Eureka Springs Parks and Recreation

Many thanks to the Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation Commission and Staff, the ESPRC Trails Committee, the Springs Committee, the Eureka Springs City Advertising and Promotion Commission and all who have provided volunteerism for our parks & trails or helped with this guide.

Trail and parks maps available at: Trail heads & kiosks; LLCP Bait Shop/Boat Dock, ES Parks & Recreation Office, ES Trolley Depot and Visitor Center, ES Chamber of Commerce and many local Eureka Springs businesses. You may also download maps from eurekaparks.com or eukaspringstrails.com.

To find out more about Eureka Springs Parks, Springs and Trails or to volunteer for trail work, contact the Eureka Springs Parks & Recreation Office at 479-253-2866 or e-mail us at info@eurekaparks.com

ES Parks and Important/Emergency Numbers

Dial 911 for all serious life threatening emergencies.
ES Parks and Recreation Office: 479-253-2866
LLCP Info & Reservations: 479-253-7921

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LAKE LEATHERWOOD CITY PARK

Historic Lake Leatherwood City Park (LLCP) has been a Creek Spring reservation (estates for many decades). Created during the LPR era by the Creek Confederation (CoC), the LLCP acres park continues to serve as the city's premier outdoor recreational resource. The spring full years of life, full function, and working year-round, now provide year-round activities, including camping, picnicking, hiking, bird watching, and other natural resources. The LLCU trails are designed to accommodate all levels of riders, from beginner to expert. The LLCP offers a variety of activities, including mountain biking, hiking, and picnicking.

LAKE LEATHERWOOD TRAILS

One of the premier trail destinations in Arkansas is the Central U.S. The LLCU trails are open to all riders.

Valley Trails

These trails are located near the Lake Leatherwood. They range from easy to moderate, offering a variety of terrain and difficulty levels. The trails are well-marked and suitable for riders of all levels. These trails provide a scenic and challenging experience for riders of all abilities.

Ridge Trails

These trails follow the ridges and offer breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. They are suitable for intermediate to advanced riders and provide a challenging and rewarding ride. The trails are well-marked and offer a variety of difficulty levels.

The Great Passion Play

Located near the city park, The Great Passion Play is a daily reenactment of the life of Jesus Christ. The play is performed in a temporary outdoor theater and features a large cast of performers. The play is a popular attraction for visitors to the area.

MOUNTAIN BIKERS RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- 1. Stay in Control: You are responsible for avoiding objects and people.
- 2. Always yield: Yield within your ability. Start slow and work your way up.
- 3. Projects vehicle use and appropriate bike, helmet, and protective equipment.
- 4. Inspect your equipment. Know your components and their operation prior to riding.
- 5. Inspect the trails & features. Conditions change constantly. Plan and select your riding accordingly.
- 6. Clocks are required. Clocks on marked trails are monitored. Keep off closed trails and features. Ride in the direction indicated.
- 7. Be visible: Do not stop where you obstruct a trail, feature, or other riders.
- 8. Block & yield to others: Look both ways and yield when entering or exiting a trail. When overtaking, use caution and yield to those ahead.
- 9. Carry water: It is rare to get away from a need to drink water. Be prepared.
- 10. Emergency kit: In case of emergencies or accidents, identification yourself to staff.

Downhill Bikers YIELD to Uphill Bikers. ALL BIKERS YIELD to Hikers.
BLACK BASS LAKE

Black Bass City Park is one of Eureka Springs’ newer recreational destinations. First frequented as a spring water gathering location and later developed as a source for fire protection and public water supply, the area continues to contribute to Eureka Springs’ progress. The renovated parking facility and the convenient walking distance from Highway 62 have revitalized its service to the area. Two miles of trails, including a half mile handicapped accessible trail, encircle the lake and cling to bluffs creating a backcountry feel only minutes from downtown. The “no-motor” lake offers great on the water or shoreline fishing. A testament to the past, the earthen and limestone faced dam dates from 1894, one of the oldest in the Ozarks.

THE SPRINGS

Eureka Springs has over 66 springs. You can easily walk to 15 of the prominent ones. Eureka Springs was founded on the springs and is often referred to as “the City that water built”. Originally, Native Americans and later settlers to the area believed that the spring waters had healing properties. While no longer used for that purpose, travelers today still marvel at the beauty and peace that the springs emanate. The springs reservations, set aside as protected areas in 1886, are recharged by rain water. Located within the beautiful and diverse landscape of the Leatherwood Creek Watershed, the springs, with their unique limestone geology, are reflective of our region’s lovely, but fragile, karst terrain. Karst terrain is vulnerable to environmental impacts because its ground-water can easily be polluted by surface contaminants. To protect the watershed and preserve the springs, we continue to take positive steps to minimize our human impact on these special places. The Eureka Springs Historical Museum has extensive springs-related information and photos.

Black Bass Trails

These 2 miles of routes are loaded with interesting features and historic sites. Cyclist and hikers alike will enjoy the rough terrain and seasonal images these trails unveil.

All trail access is from the parking area beneath the dam.