Fishing

Owned and operated by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, this 195-acre site (including a 46-acre lake) offers a visitor center that sells bait, tackle, snack items and drinks, and provides boat rentals. (Boats and bait are available April–October.) Information about Forest Preserve programs and events is available online at ReconnectWithNature.org.

Monee Reservoir is stocked annually. Anglers can fish for bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish and pike. All persons age 16 years or older must have a valid Illinois fishing license.* Fishing licenses are available for purchase at the visitor center. Catch-and-release fishing is encouraged.

Annual Fishing License Fees:
- $15/Illinois resident
- $31.50/Out-of-state resident
- $7.75/Illinois Senior (65 – 74 years old)
- $1.50/Illinois Super Senior (75 years or older)

24-Hour Fishing License Fee:
- $5.50/Illinois resident
- $10.50/Out-of-state resident

Boating

Only Forest Preserve rowboats and pedal boats are allowed on the lake. Boats are rented on a first-come, first-served basis, April–October 31. Personal canoes and kayaks are allowed on the lake for a launch fee. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources now requires a Water Usage Stamp per vessel per calendar year. Stamps are available for purchase at the visitor center for a $6.50 fee.

Watercraft Rentals and Launch Fees
- $20 cash deposit is required on all boat rentals.
- Use of life vests and paddles or oars is included in rental fees.
- $1 fee is required for anchor rental.
- All persons under the age of 16 must wear a life jacket.
- All persons must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver’s license or state I.D. to rent a watercraft.
- All watercraft must be returned before the facility closes or a $20 late fee will be charged.

Rowboat/Canoe/Kayak Fees:
- $30/day; $25/half-day (maximum 5 hours); $7/hour

Trolling Motor Rental Fees:
- $30/day; $25/half-day (maximum 5 hours); $7/hour

Pedal Boat Fee:
- $10/hour

Personal Canoe/Kayak Launch Fees:
- $45/season pass (May 1–September 30); $10/day/craft

Picnicking (No electricity)
- Bluegill Hill Pavilion (200-person shelter with grills)
  - $100.00 for Will County residents
  - $200.00 for Non-county residents
- Catfish Corner Pavilion (75-person shelter with grills)
  - $60.00 for Will County residents
  - $120.00 for Non-county residents
- Monee Grove (100-person grove with grills)
  - $35.00 for Will County residents
  - $70.00 for Non-county residents

Picnic reservations are required for groups of 25 or more and must be made in person at any forest preserve facility. 72 hours advance notice is required.

Picnic Game Rentals
- Volleyball, badminton, and bean-bag toss are available from the concession area.
- A $10 deposit is required.
- A valid driver’s license or state I.D. is required.
- Fee: $10/day

Fishing Pole Rentals
- A $10 deposit is required.
- A valid driver’s license or state I.D. is required.
- Fee: $5/day

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- Ice fishing is prohibited.
- Swimming and wading are prohibited.
- Dogs are allowed at Monee Reservoir, but must be on a leash of 10-feet maximum length at all times.

Call 708.534.8499 or visit ReconnectWithNature.org for additional information and for fishing and snow conditions. 02/17