



Osceola County Parks Newsletter

2017



Don't forget to make your reservations after January 1st for camping at the Rose Lake and Crittenden Park in Osceola County for 2017.



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The 2017 season for our parks is from May 12, 2017 to October 1, 2017. So make your plans for bringing your trailer on out and call early to reserve your favorite site.

Reservations for camping 2017 will be taken on or after January 1, 2017. Please leave a short message with your name and phone number and we will return the call. The Parks office is staffed part-time on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Camping discounts will apply from May 12, 2017 to May 25, 2017 and from September 5, 2017 to September 30, 2017 to campers. The discount would consist of renting a site for a week. You would pay for five days and get two free days. The weekly discounted rates would be for full hookup and premium sites \$125.00 per week/non premium \$100.00 per week and for primitive and RL basic sites \$85.00 per week.

Running a campground is an extremely challenging and rewarding job. It gives us the opportunity to get to know people like you, you make it all worthwhile... and we truly enjoy meeting each of you when you visit us. We have had the chance to make changes, and improvements in the park system. It is very rewarding for us to be able to look at what we have accomplished and enjoy it along with you.

You are the reason we are here, if you have any ideas; we would like to hear them. We need your ideas to help us make the Osceola County Parks system the best it can be. Please fill out a survey (available online) and send it into the parks office with your ideas.

We have enclosed a 2017 Rates and Rules brochure for your review. For more information on camping, fees, pavilion reservations, group camping reservations, or anything else, please contact the park office at (231) 832-6130 and leave a message or visit our website, www.osceola-county.org, click on departments and click on parks to view our parks information online. Please feel free to check out the face book pages for both parks.

Despite what you might think, the campground rules are designed to protect you and your welfare. The park managers have received special direction to be very strict in enforcing the park's rules and regulations. Take a minute to read the rules, be a considerate camper, and have a great time.

The Osceola County Parks are not supported by a yearly tax appropriation, but must rely instead on camping and vehicle permits that you the park user will pay to enter and enjoy our parks.

The Osceola County Parks are always looking for volunteers at the parks. If you would like to volunteer your services at the parks, please contact the parks manager during the season for the proper paperwork and information regarding volunteering.

The Osceola County Parks have implemented two new policies. A handicap policy and a golf cart policy. Both policies can be viewed on our website, www.osceola-county.org.

2017 Park Events & Activities

DATE	PARK	ACTIVITY
May 17 th and 18 th	Rose Lake	25 th Annual Project Red
May 20 th	Crittenden	Adult Bingo – Bring wrapped gift up to \$5
May 29 th	Crittenden Rose Lake	Games/Activities – (<i>Red, White & Blue Weekend</i>) Games & Activities
June 10 th & 11 th Free Fishing Weekend	Crittenden & Rose Lake	Kids Fishing Contest
June 18 th	Crittenden	Father's Day ~ <i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
July 4 th	Rose Lake/Crittenden	Parade ~ Games
July 29 th	Crittenden & Rose Lake	Christmas in July <i>Decorate your camper and/or site/Hayride/Santa.</i>
August 19 th	Crittenden & Rose Lake	Halloween in the Parks <i>Camper Decorating Contest/Trick or Treating</i>
September 4 th	Crittenden & Rose Lake	Labor Day Celebrations Games/Activities
September 9 th	Crittenden Rose Lake	Remember 911 (Red, White & Blue Weekend) <i>Ice Cream Social</i>
September 16 th	Crittenden	Adult Bingo – Bring wrapped gift up to \$5

Improvements Completed at the Osceola County Parks:

- 2016: Rose Lake Park: Mini Golf Upgrade, tree removal/trimming, roof replacements Pavilion & North Restroom, New One Way Entrance
Crittenden: Commercial Lawn Tractor
- 2015: Rose Lake Park: North Restroom Renovations, handicap toilets installed.
- 2014 Rose Lake Park: South Restroom Renovation complete
Crittenden Park: Pavilion floor replaced, Drain field repairs completed
- 2013 Rose Lake Park: South Restroom & ADA Campsite Improvements grant application/engineering completed and Section M full hook up engineering
- 2012: Rose Lake Park: Middle Restroom Shower Additions, new Dump Station Drain Field
Crittenden Park: Playground Slide
- 2011: Rose Lake Park: Plans completed for Middle Restroom Upgrade and a Study initiated for Boat Launch/South Restroom repairs to establish possible grant money.
Crittenden Park: Completed 9 Full Hookup Sites, Restroom Flooring updated, and Maintenance Bldg Electrical Upgraded.

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