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Hunting

11,000 acres of public land surround Carlyle Lake, providing excellent access to the Lake and to public hunting grounds. The City of Carlyle is the gateway to the Lake, providing everything you need for lodging, supplies, food, and entertainment to supplement your hunting trip here.

If you have never hunted Carlyle Lake before, you should consider contacting local park staff prior to arrival. Local park staff and rangers will be able to help you understand special rules applicable to hunting here. They will also be very helpful in pointing you to the right location for the species you are interested in hunting.

Department of Natural Resources Staff at Eldon Hazlet can be contacted at 618-594-3015. U.S. Army Corps Staff at Carlyle Lake can be contacted at 618-594-3015.

All information herein is presented as a courtesy by the City of Carlyle, but is subject to change without notice to the City of Carlyle. Please confirm all information from direct sources of the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources or the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Eldon Hazlet State Park

Eldon Hazlet is located approximately five miles north of Carlyle on the western shores of Carlyle Lake. The Park has more than 400 acres interspersed woodland, fallow grass fields, agricultural fields, and backwater wetland areas open to general hunting programs. In addition, a controlled pheasant hunting program is held every year at the Park, usually from early November to early January. Eldon Hazlet can accommodate 125 hunters per day, Wednesday through Sunday.

The Park also offers pheasant hunting and archery deer hunting opportunities for disabled hunters. An archery range with an elevated platform is located in the Park and is open all year except during controlled pheasant season.

Eldon Hazlet State Park Phone Number: 618-594-3015

Hazlet Park Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/LandMgt/PARKS/R4/eldon.htm#Hunting>

Hazlet Hunter Fact Sheet: http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/LandMgt/hunter_fact_sheet/R4hfs/elh.htm

South Shore State Park

South Shore is located approximately five miles east of Carlyle on the southeastern shores of Carlyle Lake. The entire Park encompasses 290 acres, but 139 acres are provided for hunting areas, consisting of

multiple grassland fields interspersed with woodland, brushy areas, and restored savanna habitats. The Park is open to spring turkey, spring youth turkey, archery deer, fall archery wild turkey hunting, and furbearer trapping. Besides trapping, all hunting is by bow and arrow only.

South Shore is operated by the staff at Eldon Hazlet State Park.

South Shore State Park Phone Number: 618-594-3015

South Shore Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/LandMgt/PARKS/R4/sts.htm>

South Shore Hunter Fact Sheet: http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/LandMgt/hunter_fact_sheet/R4hfs/ssh.htm

US Army Corps / Carlyle Lake Hunting

Public ground surrounding Carlyle Lake, if not operated by the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, is overseen by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Generally speaking, hunting is permitted on all public land except where posted and within 100 yards of developed recreation areas or residences. Also, trapping is permitted on public lands except where posted.

Species found at Carlyle Lake include white-tail deer, turkey, rabbits, squirrels, doves, bobwhite quail, and pheasants, among others.

Areas of interest to hunters will include Boulder Flats, Saddle Dam III, Grasher Creek, and the James Hawn areas.

Carlyle Lake is known as one of the top waterfowl hunting areas in Illinois and is a mid-migrational resting area for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Sub-impoundments Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 located on the northern end of the lake are intensively managed for waterfowl. These areas are part of the Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management Area (see below).

US Army Corps of Engineers at Carlyle Lake Phone Number: 618-594-3015

Army Corps Website: <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/carlyle/index.htm>

Hunting & Fishing Guide: www.playandstaycarlyle.com/printable/Hunting%20&%20Fishing%20Guide.pdf

Carlyle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

The State Fish & Wildlife Area is located approximately 25 miles northeast of Carlyle, at the northern end of Carlyle Lake, in very southwestern tip of Fayette County. The Area is maintained pursuant to a lease by the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources to conduct a variety of habitat management measures aimed at increasing food, shelter, and nesting areas for wildlife.

The land type in the Wildlife Area is varied. Approximately 2,000 acres consists of woodland, 5,800 acres of open water and wetland, 200 acres of grassland, and 1,500 acres of cropland. Species include deer, turkey, dove, and waterfowl, among many others.

Carlyle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area Phone Number: 618-425-3533

Army Corps Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/LandMgt/PARKS/R4/CARLYLE.htm>

Hunting & Fishing Guide: http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/LandMgt/hunter_fact_sheet/R4hfs/crl.htm