

DNR info: Martinak State Park

George Martinak deeded this land of forests, fields and marsh to the state in 1961 for preservation as a recreational facility and a natural area for the enjoyment of all. Bordered by the Choptank River and Watts Creek, this area supports a wide variety of plant and animal life. Anglers may enjoy the opportunity to catch bass, perch, sunfish and catfish.

The park is located with a hardwood and pine forests on the Choptank River and Watts Creek. Modern campsites and boating access are available. Amenities include hiking trails, playground, shelters and a nature center. Pets are allowed in all areas of the park except the shelter and cabins.

Features.

- *Fishing and Boating:* The Choptank River and Watts Creek offer opportunities for fishing and boating. A boat launch and a pier allow for easy accessibility to the waterways. Anglers will find excellent fishing with abundant catches of bass, perch, sunfish and catfish. A Chesapeake Bay Sport fishing License is required for fishing in the tidal waters of the river and creek. Canoes can be rented for a daily fee (April-October). Check with park personnel for current rates.
- *Camping:* Sixty-three campsites are available for trailer or tent camping, thirty of which feature electric hook-ups. Each site is equipped with a camping pad, picnic table and fire ring. A modern bathhouse is centrally located in each camping loop. No water hook-ups are available, but potable water is conveniently located around each loop. A dump station is available for trailer use.
- *Cabins:* Martinak State Park boasts four camper cabins and one full service cabin. The full service cabin overlooks the Choptank River and is available for year round rental. The full service cabin sleeps four and comes fully equipped with kitchen, bath facilities, heat, air conditioning and a screened in porch. The four camper cabins are located within the A camping loop and are available for rental early spring through late fall. They each sleep four and are equipped with ceiling fan, electricity and air conditioning. Each cabin features an outside fire ring, grill and picnic table. Restroom and shower facilities are located a short walk away.
- *Picnicking:* Martinak's picnic areas contain picnic tables, playground equipment and restrooms. A pavilion overlooking the Choptank River may be reserved in advance for a fee by calling the Statewide Reservation System at 1-888-432-2267.
- *Nature Center:* Explore the exhibits and aquariums in Martinak's Nature Center. Take a stroll around the building and see the butterfly garden and historical features. Free weekend programs are offered Memorial Day through Labor Day – check the bulletin boards throughout the park for schedule details. While visiting, you can also purchase a park souvenir, ice cream treats, or rent a canoe.
- **Call 1-888-432-CAMP (2267) for reservations**

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Family Camping Open Date: 3/25/2016 to 11/27/2016

Camper Cabins Open Date: 3/25/2016 to 11/27/2016

Campsites Charges:

- Campsite: \$18.49 + service charge*/night
- Campsite with electric: \$24.49 + service charge*/night
- Camper cabin: \$50.49 + service charge*/night
- Full service cabin: \$76.75 + service charge/night (4 person capacity)
(Full service cabin year-round.)
- Shelter: \$26.75 + service charge*/day (60 person capacity)

Boat Launch Charges:

Boat Launch: \$5/vehicle; out-of-state residents \$7/vehicle.

Hours of Operations:

Sunrise to Sunset.

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