



## 2024 Shawnee National Forest Solar Eclipse Camping Locations

All developed and improved dispersed campsites are first come-first serve – NO reservations.

All sites are 14 days continuous use.

No camping is allowed in picnic or day use areas or at trailheads (“Improved” Dispersed Camping on page 2).

### Developed Campgrounds

	Campsites (non-elec.)	Electric Sites	Group Camping	Dump Station	Picnicking	Water	Toilets	Showers	Trails	Swimming	Fishing	Boating	Motors	Boat Launch	Payment in Cash or Check Only Camping Fees	Campground Dates of Operation
Bell Smith Springs Redbud Campground*	21						A		•						\$10	3/15 - 12/15
Camp Cadiz	8					•	A		•						\$10	All year
Garden of the Gods	12				•	A	A		•						\$10	All year
Johnson Creek	20		•		S		A		•		A	•	•	•	\$10 - 15	3/15 - 12/15
Lake Glendale * (additional non-electric sites being added for eclipse)	24	36	•	•	S	•	•	A	•		•	•	E	•	Single \$15 Sgl elec-water \$25 Double \$28 Dbl elec-water \$48	Campground open year-round
Pine Hills Campground	13				S A		A		•						\$10	All year
Pounds Hollow CG Picnic/Lake access	41	13			S A	A	A		•	A	•	•	E		\$10	3/15 - 12/15 3/1 - 11/1
Tower Rock	4						A		•		•	•	•	•	No fee	3/30 - 12/15 (early opening for Eclipse only – also see page 2 for additional sites)
Turkey Bayou CG**	19						•					X		X	No fee**	All year (see page 2 for additional sites)

**A** –Accessible for people with disabilities    **E** –Electric Motors Only    **S** – Picnic Shelter

\* Concessionaire Operated – Contact at (618) 658-0607 or on Facebook [Lake Glendale Camping and Beach](#)

\*\* Campground maintained by the Friends of Turkey Bayou -They accept donations at the campground to help with maintenance costs.

## “Improved” Dispersed Camping

In addition to our Developed Campgrounds, dispersed camping is allowed across most of the Shawnee National Forest, however the following areas below have been improved (mowed, graveled, added porta-potties, and dumpsters) for the eclipse event to increase capacity for camping opportunities.

	Restrooms	Dumpsters	Camping Fees	Dispersed Camping Dates of Operation	Information
Johnson Creek Campground Eclipse Loop and Day-use Area	4	2	No Fee at additional eclipse sites. Fee at campground only.	March 25-April 14, 2024	Previously closed camping loop opened for the eclipse event. The old campsites are graveled and prepped for tents and small RV's. The old beach area near the boat ramp will be mowed for walk-in tent camping and eclipse viewing. The parking lot is large enough for RV parking.
Oakwood Bottoms Interpretive Site	1	1	No Fee	March 25-April 14, 2024	This is typically a day-use site that will be opened for overnight camping during the eclipse event. Site has a large parking area and grassy area for tent camping. Vault toilet on site.
Turkey Bayou Campground	2	1	Donations only	Year-round	Camping area is open year-round, but additional lawn area will be available for tent camping during eclipse event.
Dutchman Lake	1	1	No Fee	Year-round	This is a general forest area that is always open to dispersed camping. The lake dam will be mowed for walk-in tent camping and eclipse viewing. <b>Do not drive on lake dam.</b>
Tower Rock	2	1	No Fee	March 25-April 14, 2024	Normally 4 campsites are maintained, however additional sites have been created for the eclipse event. Vault toilet on site. Large parking lot at the boat ramp is large enough for 6-8 RV's.
Lake Of Egypt	6	2	No Fee	March 25-April 14, 2024	Camping and picnic area loops have been reopened for the eclipse event. Campsites are graveled and but are not suitable for large RV's. The boat ramp area has a parking lot for larger RV's.
Landing Strip at Airport Road	4	1	No Fee	March 25-April 14, 2024	Large concrete slab for parking, camping and viewing.
Pennant Bar Openlands	2	1	No Fee	Year-round	Dependent of weather/ground conditions. Parking and camping sites will not be graveled and may be muddy. If site is muddy, site will be closed off to vehicle travel.
Ashby Openlands	1	1	No fee	Year-round	Dependent of weather/ground conditions. Parking and camping sites will not be graveled and may be muddy. If site is muddy, site will be closed off to vehicle travel.
Teal Pond	1	1	No fee	March 25-April 14, 2024	Campground area that has been mowed and graveled for the eclipse event.

### Improved Dispersed camping considerations:

- \*No picnic tables, fire rings or water will be available on site – bring own seating, grills and water
- \*RV's must be self-sufficient – no electric or dump stations available
- \*Plan to pack in/pack out where no garbage cans/dumpsters present
- \*Do not block roads or entrances/exits to sites for Forest Service employee access or emergency vehicles

### For updated information:

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