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Highway K Recreation Area

Highway K Recreation area is located on Black River well above Clearwater Lake. It is on Highway K, about midway between Ellington and Annapolis.

No speed boats here. No jet skis. No pontoons or even bass boats. Not at normal water levels, anyway. Locals wrestle in jon boats powered by shallow-draft jet outboards from time to time, but don't expect heavy boat traffic of any kind.

Canoes, rafts, inner-tubes, kayaks - now that

is the pick for this area.

Recently, a new camp area has been activated here. It is west of the river. Located above the river valley, it sports 50 amp electrical service. It is the new "sign-in" area for the whole recreation area development. So if you are already familiar with Highway K, you'll get a glimpse of this new camp even if you are signing in for your old campsite.

Highway K is a popular day use area too. Many drive to water's edge to

swim and picnic.

There are no man-made beaches at Highway K. Instead, extensive gravel bars provide natural beaches for sunbathing, picnics and headquarters for youngsters swimming and playing in the water.

Clearwater Lake backed up to Highway K six years ago, the first time in modern memory. But most of the time, this area is removed from the lake, not only in distance, but in the kinds of recreation it offers.

It represents some of the variety to be found in the Clearwater area. Not far away are some of the state's premier geologic wonders. Elephant Rocks State Park, Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, Taum Sauk Mountain - highest point in Missouri. And there's Fort Davidson Historic Site, where Civil War history has been preserved.

Back to the river - small-mouth bass and goggle-eye are the primary fish being sought by anglers.