

Charles E. Parrish Reservation



Background

The Charles E. Parrish Reservation is a 125 acre complex located on Rock Island Lake. This area is used by the Council for Brownsea, and it is available for use by districts and troops. There are no usage fees for short term camping; however, if a group uses the reservation for longer than three days, there is a \$15.00 per scout fee for electricity, water, and insurance. The Charles E. Parrish Reservation is an excellent place for troops and districts to work on outdoor skills and use as a base camp for launching trips to places such as Fiery Gizzard, Savage Gulf, and Fall Creek Falls.



Facilities

Charles E. Parrish has excellent facilities including activity fields, a campfire area, fourteen rustic campsites, a nature trail, and the Walling Lodge. The reservation has one large assembly field and two smaller activity fields that are perfect for games. The nature trail is 1.36 miles long. While this is a pretty short walk for older scouts, it is perfect for younger cub scouts. There is lake access at the reservation, but swimming is not recommended. Rock Island State Park has swimming facilities available and it is only a short distance away. The Walling Lodge is a massive forty-foot by eighty-foot building with fireplace heat, water, chairs, and picnic tables. The lodge is an excellent fallback for troops and cub packs during bad weather or during the winter.

