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### ***Lake Dardanelle State Park site of National Public Lands Day Cleanup/ Emergency Services Expo***

Lake Dardanelle State Park invites the community to a day of service, fun and awareness on Saturday, Sept. 28 as we host two free events in coordination with each other: a National Public Lands Day (NPLD) cleanup event and an Emergency Preparedness Expo. Both events will take place in the day-use area of the park located next to the Visitor Center.

Beginning at 8 a.m. and running until approximately 10:30 a.m. join park staff as we celebrate NPLD, the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort. As part of this nationwide day of volunteerism and stewardship, we will be hosting our Great Arkansas Cleanup, sponsored by Keep Arkansas Beautiful. To mark the occasion, we will be conducting cleanups and beautification projects both within the park and in the community. Supplies are provided through Keep Arkansas Beautiful and volunteer t-shirts will be available while supplies last.

Beginning at 11 a.m., visit the Emergency Preparedness Expo, an event hosted by the Pope County Emergency Management Office in partnership with Lake Dardanelle State Park. This expo will recognize "Public Servants of Public Lands and Local Community" and feature emergency services agencies/volunteer organizations, city organizations, and emergency service businesses. Visitors can see emergency service vehicles and equipment and visit booths to learn more about emergency preparedness.

A cookout style luncheon featuring hot dogs, chips, and drinks is also provided.

For additional information or to sign up to volunteer for NPLD please contact the Lake Dardanelle State Park Visitor Center or Park Interpreter Mollie Mason at 479-967-5516.

### **Lake Dardanelle State Park**

Located in two areas on Lake Dardanelle, a 34,300-acre reservoir on the Arkansas River, Lake Dardanelle State Park is surrounded by the Ouachita Mountains to the south and the Ozarks to the north. The park is a certified Trail of Tears National Historic Site. The visitor center, located on the Russellville side of the park, offers spectacular views of the river along with exhibits that tell more of the Indian removal story.

### **Arkansas State Parks**

Arkansas State Parks is a division of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism. Arkansas state parks and museums cover 55,006 acres of forest, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation facilities, and unique historic and cultural resources. Established in 1923, Arkansas State Parks preserve special places for future generations, provide quality recreation and education opportunities, enhance the state's economy through tourism and provide leadership in resource conservation. Connect with ASP on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and visit [ArkansasStateParks.com](https://arkansasstateparks.com) and [ArkansasStateParks.com/media](https://arkansasstateparks.com/media) to learn more.

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