

# Lake Guntersville State Park

Lake Guntersville State Park Campground - # 1 - Friday June 22nd , Sat. June 23rd, & Sun. Jun 24th

## Top Ten Reasons to Camp at LGSP for Hydrofest



By: Heather McCann

Hydrofest will be launched the last weekend of June and the boat races are finally welcomed back to Lake Guntersville. In honor of that, we wanted to highlight to our locals, guests, and patrons, the top 10 reasons why making Hydrofest weekend a camping tradition is a great idea.

**1. Shuttle Service** - The city of Guntersville will be launching scheduled shuttle service from the park on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; beginning at 7am and running until 7pm. Tents, grills, hard shell coolers, alcohol, drugs, weapons, air horns, fireworks, pets (unless a service animal) drones, and any wheels (bikes, skates, scooters, etc.) are not permitted into the races).

**2. Water Access** - Our campground rests along the banks of the Lake Guntersville Reservoir and offers access to boat rentals at Town Creek Fishing Center, kayak rentals at the country store, swimming, fishing, and outstanding sunset views. Access is always available to campers.

The beach closes at sundown. At the site of the races, no water access will be allowed. This is a safety concern and cannot be waived.

**3. Private Beach Access** - Campers at LGSP have their own parking area and entrance into the beach. Our beach is well known for its daily maintenance,



Photo by: Karen & Richard Lyons  
This aerial view of the beach at LGSP highlights the vast size - access from the campground is from the right side.



Photo by: Chris Bentley

The Country Store is located at the entrance of the campground and hosts camp check in, a convenience store with supplies, and many needs while camping: Ice, wood, RV supplies, floats, beer, snacks, fishing license, souvenirs, etc.

concession sales, and its spaciousness. Glass, grills, and pets are not allowed on the beach

**4. Gated Campground** - Not only is the main campground secured by an entrance gate, but the entire park is secured by the main entrance from 8pm till morning. We house 3 law officers and security employees on campus so safety and assistance are only a call away. For emergencies please call 911 - for non-emergencies you can call the front desk for assistance.



Photo by: Dana Dobbins

Photographer's near and far come to LGSP to take advantage of the nature photos. This one, taken during Eagle Awareness, showcases the beauty of nearly 40 Eagles spotted in Jan/Feb.

**5. Wildlife** - As guests enter the boundaries of LGSP, they are greeted with this reminder: please watch for wildlife. Many of the animals here appear during different times of the year, however, on any given day guests are bound to view eagles, hawks, osprey, heron, deer (please don't feed the deer), raccoons, armadillos, turtles, and a multitude of wildlife.

**6. All You Can Eat Seafood Buffet** - Friday nights at the Pincrest Dining Room (in the Lodge) offer guests not only majestic sunsets overlooking Lake

Guntersville, but also the well-established All you Can Eat Seafood Buffet, for \$25.95. Their famous fried catfish, crab legs, fried shrimp, boiled shrimp, baked fish, and a variety of vegetables, desserts, and salad, are sure to leave guests being pleasantly satisfied before they turn in for the night.

**7. Sit, Shower, and Shave** - The bathhouses at LGSP campground have a reputation for being clean, full of pressure, and blessed with hot water. One feature that is appealing about the shower area is after the door closes, guests have a small area that includes a bench, before stepping into the shower, for belongings and/or to sit while getting ready. The spacious mirror and sink areas house convenient plugs for guest use. The campground houses seven bathhouses; 2 with laundry rooms and one accessible.

**8. So Much to Do** - Lake Guntersville State Park spans over 6,000 acres of nature and includes many activities for all ages to enjoy. Among the many recreational options, is the 18-hole Eagles Nest golf course, The Town Creek Fishing Center (campground, boat rentals, and fishing attire), seven boat ramps, the Lodge (7+ meeting rooms, 112 rooms and suites and many amenities), the Pincrest Dining Room, the Hickory Lounge, and the Nature Nook (housing 2 snakes, a possum, and a turtle). Also, we have rental cabins by the water, chalets on the mountain top and concessioners such as The Screaming Eagle Zip Lines and the sno-cone truck at the beach. The Campground includes camping

on the weekends), an onsite naturalist (Mike Ezell), a beach complex, multiple day use areas, the Country Store, playground and sport courts, and our newest multi-use venue, The Gathering Place. Finally, the park has over 38 miles of trails for hiking, biking, and horse-riding; consisting of more than 20 trails. Don't forget swimming, boating, transient dock, and fishing piers along the banks of beautiful Lake Guntersville.



Photo by: Dana Dobbins

The Ziplines include up to 15 lines, 8 suspension bridges and lines up to 2,000 ft.

**9. Peaceful Nature Tradition** - Hydrofest is destined to become an annual tradition for the city of Guntersville. Why not start an annual family camp-out tradition; especially with out of town friends visiting? The boat races are an exciting revenue market for Marshall County, however, those not wishing to engage with the 20,000 guests scheduled to arrive in Guntersville can take refuge at the LGSP Campground.

**10. Children Activities** - Mike Ezell, park naturalist, has booked The Alabama Wildlife Center to host a birds of prey program at 2pm, Sat. June 23rd, at the outdoor classroom. Saturday and Sunday mornings have guided hikes at 9am (meet in lodge lobby), and at the outdoor classroom, at 9pm each evening, will be a child friendly movie.

### Reservations

**Campground** - (256) 571-5455  
24 State Campground Rd,  
Guntersville, Alabama 35976

**The Lodge** - (256) 571-5440  
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