

Day Trips to Dale Hollow Lake

Dale Hollow Lake (DHL) offers abundant water recreation, houseboating, trophy fishing, camping, cabin rentals and relaxation within ninety minutes of the Fall Creek Falls region. DHL's expansive waters wind around 620 miles of pristine shoreline with numerous coves for unique, quiet, and secluded getaways. DHL is managed by the Corps of Engineers and was founded in the 1940's upon land where hundreds of families farmed this fertile area. They were forced to leave their beloved valley to make way for DHL. Today the lake is visited by over 3.4 million people every year. Many families have been enjoying the spectacular waters for many generations.

DHL is known for its trophy fishing and still holds the world record for the largest smallmouth bass caught in July 1955 by Mr. D.L. Hayes. This whopping smallmouth bass weighed 11 lbs. and 15 ounces! Diehard fishermen from all over the world have been trying to top this record for decades. In fact, DHL holds three records in the top 10 for smallmouth bass, highlighting the excellent fishing available. DHL also offers great pan fishing for bluegill, crappie, trout, muskie, catfish and largemouth bass. There are many local, regional and national tournaments on this great lake each year. You can check out the tournament offerings on www.Go2DHL.com.

Many folks love to camp. One of the most beautiful campsites in the country is located off of Hwy. 111, approximately 76 miles north of the Fall Creek Falls State Park, near Byrdstown, TN and just south of the Obey River bridge. There are over 140 campsites, most of which have lakeside access or a lakeside view, complete with a bath house, playground, sandy swimming area, boat launch, volleyball area, and grills. It is adjacent to Sunset Marina & Resort and Restaurant. There are full hook-ups, tent side camping and even 30 plus primitive

campsites available around the lake. The swimming is spectacular from either the safe and secure swimming area or from your boat.

Pontoon and houseboat rentals are a perfect weekend or week vacation for families that are looking to enjoy the lake and the many water activities. Come see why DHL has been rated as one of the top 10 places in the US by *USA Today* to "Float Your Houseboat". With gas hovering around \$2.50 per gallon (at time of printing), several families sharing the cost of the rental makes this a very affordable and memorable vacation option.

The DHL region is blessed with rolling hills, beautiful pasture land, lots of horse ranches and farms that have been lovingly tended to for centuries. The eagles love to nest at DHL in the winter and those who enjoy the Corps of Engineers annual eagle watch barge trip in January brave the cold and frigid weather to witness this majestic bird in its natural habitat. DHL is entertaining all year round. Fishing in the winter is excellent. It is also a great time to rent a cabin and snuggle next to a roaring fire enjoying a book, cup of hot chocolate and just rest far from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is the perfect destination for family reunions, girls' getaways, weddings, small meetings and so much more.

If you have never experienced DHL, come see why so many families have vacationed here for generations and why so many folks are retiring to the region. If you are visiting the Fall Creek Falls area, come on up and have dinner at one of the many lakeside restaurants such as Sunset Marina Restaurant, Mike's Landing or the Lighthouse Restaurant at Wisdom Dock. For Dale Hollow Lake Visitor's information, please visit our website to download the free online guide and explore the DHL region at www.Go2DHL.com.

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