

Sylvania Recreation Area Construction Projects, Summer 2015

Anticipated status for 2015 summer season, see details below:

Clark Lake Boat Landing- OPEN

Clark Lake Day-Use building- OPEN

Sylvania (Clark Lake Campground)- OPEN

Crooked Lake Road and Boat Landing- UNDER CONSTRUCTION, delays with possible closures.

The Sylvania Recreation Area underwent major road improvements in 2014 on the Clark Lake half of the roaded system in the perimeter area. The roads, sidewalks, and parking areas were completely redone, including culvert replacement, draining improvement, and paving at the following locations: all of the roads around the Entrance Station, the road to Clark Lake boat landing and day-use building, Clark Lake boat launch parking lot, day-use parking lot, and all of the campground loops and parking spurs. Winter weather early in the fall delayed completion, so the work was 95% complete in 2014. The final layer of asphalt must be laid, as well as some finishing work in the parking area by the Day-Use building. Dates for this work will not be determined until road weight limits are lifted in the late spring/early summer. This work may cause short-term temporary delays, but the roads will remain open during construction.

The Clark Lake Day Use Building was completely renovated and modernized, inside and out. A completely new water system and septic system were installed, which include modern bathroom and shower facilities. Each bathroom has multiple private showers and changing areas (one accessible shower in each bathroom) , electric hand dryers, baby changing stations, and new sinks and toilets! The exterior of the building had some siding replaced and repaired, a new asphalt shingle roof, and a new color scheme! Some work in the interior of the buildings will need to be completed early in the 2015 summer season, but we do anticipate the building to open for much of the summer.

The Sylvania (Clark Lake) Campground will be open this season. Open season dates have not been set; we are currently working to select a new concessionaire to operate the campground under a special-use permit.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION on the ROAD TO CROOKED LAKE and the CROOKED LAKE BOAT LANDING Summer 2015- DELAYS AND CLOSURES POSSIBLE. We anticipate we will receive funds necessary to renovate the road to the Crooked Lake boat landing and the parking area at Crooked Lake. Closure is not certain at this time, as a contract has not been awarded, but please consider this information when making a camping reservation and planning your trip. We will notify the public of the schedule if/when a contract is awarded. Parking will be available on the Clark Lake side and all other trailheads into Sylvania Wilderness.

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