



Baldwin Lake and the adjoining lands are designated as a waterfowl and wildlife refuge. During the winter, peak populations of 10,000 geese and 50,000 ducks may be seen on the area. Waterfowl viewing is a popular activity along the waterfowl refuge drive. There are approximately 200 resident giant Canada geese which nest on the lake level in depth.

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Power plant operation noticeably influences fish activity and fishing success. Fishes in Baldwin Lake experience a longer growing season than do those in surrounding lakes, therefore growth rates are accelerated for certain species. Fishing at Baldwin Lake is good year-round and is very popular during the winter months. Warm water areas of the lake may have temperatures in the 60s even in late January.

To maintain a stable elevation throughout the year, water from the nearby Kaskaskia River is pumped into the lake periodically. The lake averages a depth of 10 feet. However, old creek channels and ponds provide areas of 20 to 50

The Lake

Baldwin Lake boasts excellent populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, hybrid striped bass and catfish. Individual catches of very large channel catfish, blue catfish and flathead catfish commonly occur.

The Area

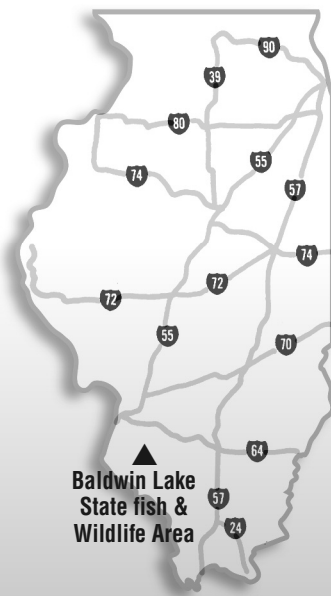
Baldwin Lake, located near Baldwin and within the Kaskaskia River State Fish & Wildlife Area, is a 2,018-acre perched cooling lake in Randolph and St. Clair counties. It's called a "perched" lake because it's formed by levees that rise above the surrounding land. The lake is owned by the Illinois Power Company and is leased to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, which manages it for public recreational use. Fishing, boating, waterfowl viewing, picnicking and other activities are currently available. Please refer to the map for seasonal hours and areas restricted to the public.



ees. Broods of gosling may be seen on the area beginning in late April. Various other species of wildlife may also be observed along the refuge drive, including white-tailed deer, shorebirds, wild turkeys, hawks, various songbirds, and occasionally bald eagles.

Facilities

■ **Fishing**—Excellent fishing opportunities exist for both the boat and bank angler. Posted site specific regulations for largemouth bass, hybrid striped bass and crappies are enforced. For safety and management purposes, restricted areas are posted and enforced on the lake and along the shoreline. While no concession is present on the site, bait, tackle and food services are available nearby. All fishing tournaments must be scheduled through the site office. The south half of the lake is closed to fishing during waterfowl hunting season. Check with the site office for questions about dates and times.




Baldwin Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area
Baldwin, IL 62217,
(618) 785-2555


- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, or visit our website at <http://dnr.state.il.us>.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
- Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources' TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the Ameritech Relay Number, 1-800-526-0844.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resource Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; 217-785-0067; TTY 217-782-9175.

This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at (217)782-7498 for assistance.




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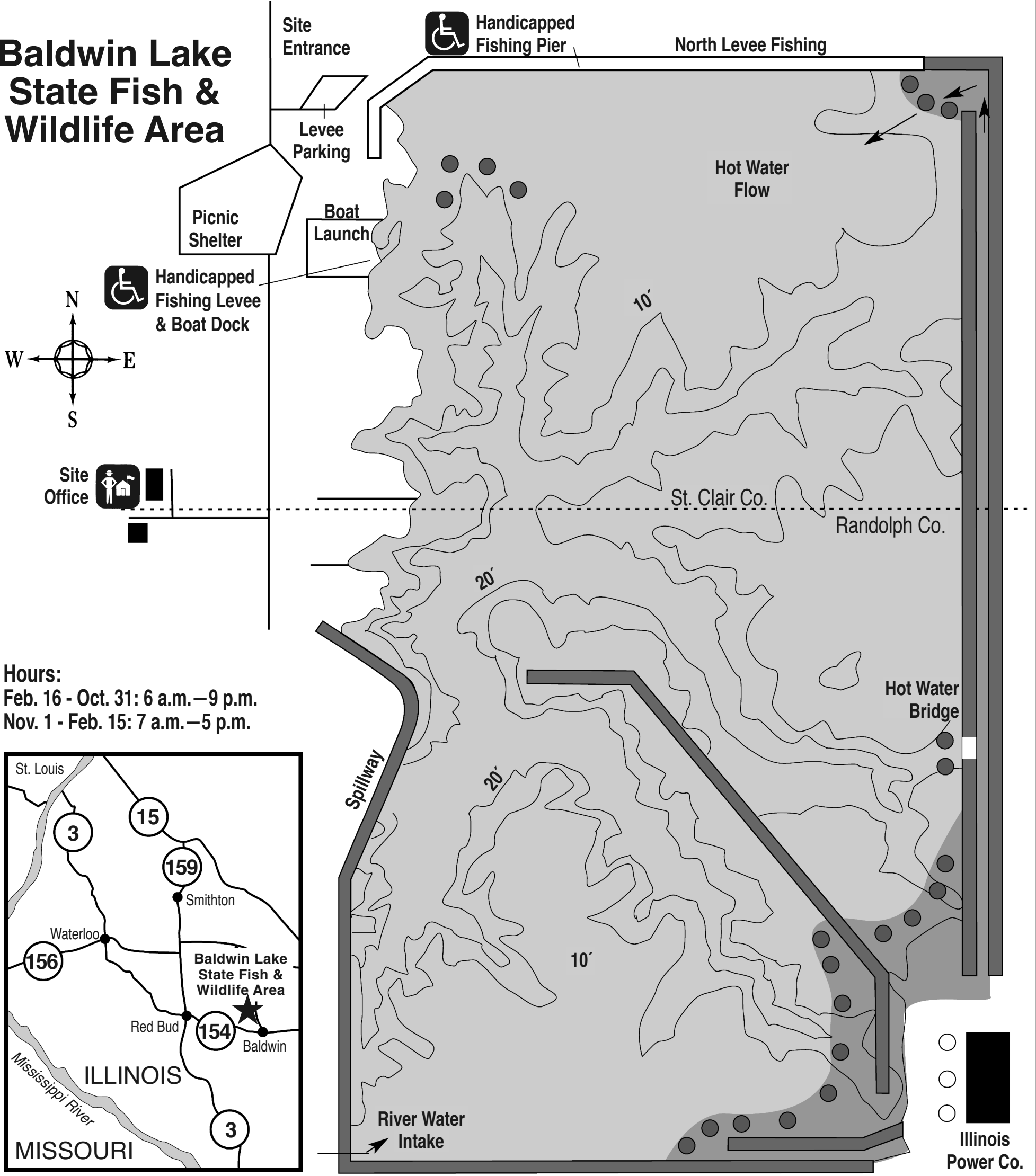


■ **Boating**—A two-lane launching ramp, boat docks and parking lot are provided. Motors of 50 horsepower or less are allowed. Sailboating, swimming and water skiing are prohibited. Due to the open nature of the lake, boat and water safety are urged, particularly on windy days.

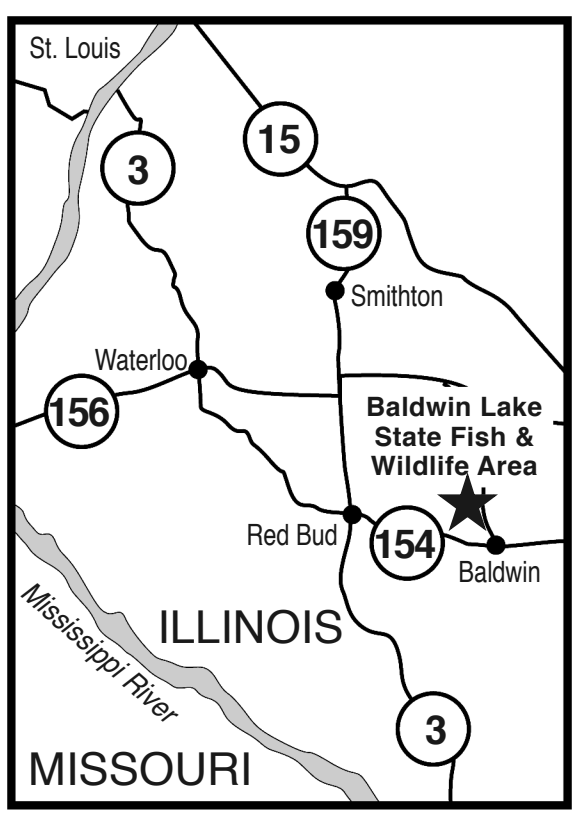
■ **Picnicking**—Toilets and picnic facilities are available on the site. Please check with the site superintendent for locations and access information.



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Hours:
 Feb. 16 - Oct. 31: 6 a.m.—9 p.m.
 Nov. 1 - Feb. 15: 7 a.m.—5 p.m.



- Buoy – No trespassing inside Buoy areas.
- ▬ Levee – No trespassing or fishing allowed.
- ▭ Levee – Bank fishing permitted.
- Illinois Power Co.