

# About Silver Lake

Silver Lake is located within the Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge near Mendon and Sumner, Missouri. Some 2,300 acres of water are fed by a drainage area of 110 square miles. The lake plays an important role in the National Wildlife Refuge's efforts to provide migratory waterfowl with habitat to rest at during their migration. Water from Silver Lake is used to flood wetlands, thus ensuring sources of food for the waterfowl.

In addition to its role in conservation support, the lake is also a popular fishing spot and is home to many varieties of fish.



Want to learn more about the Refuge?

Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
16194 Swan Lake Avenue  
Sumner, MO 65681  
660-856-3323  
[www.fws.gov/midwest/swanlake](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/swanlake)

## COME AND VISIT!

### Cooney's General Store

Sumner's local convenience store provides not only the usual staples of the grocery business but also custom-made Cooney deli sandwiches for people on-the-go. Don't forget to order yours!

Highway 139 & Main St, Sumner • 660-856-3616

### Sportsman's Inn

The scene of lively gatherings, particularly during wild goose season. Open year round, plenty of food and drink!

116 W. Centre St, Sumner • 660-856-3332

### Mac's Pack

Mac's Pack is a daily stop for many in the community. Providing a deli, pizza, and burgers along with a great selection of standard convenience store fare, Mac's Pack is a good choice when you need to grab food on-the-go. For those with a little time, the store has tables and chairs to sit and chat awhile.

400 Main St, Mendon • 660-272-3244

[www.facebook.com/MacsPackConvenience](http://www.facebook.com/MacsPackConvenience)

### Camping sites available at:

Sumner City Park  
660-856-3365

Cross Creekers RV Park  
Donny and Mary Kay Richards  
660-565-2987

Pershing State Park  
Take YY from Sumner to Hwy 130  
1-877-422-6766

## Where fishing is great!

## SILVER LAKE



Enjoy the wonders of nature with a visit to Silver Lake. Visitors to the area can partake in fishing, bird watching, and wildflower spotting. For those looking to stay awhile, local communities offer camping site and restaurants.

### Chariton County Heritage Tours, Inc.

Janet Weaver, President  
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Online: [www.keytesvillemo.com/  
chariton-county-heritage-tours.html](http://www.keytesvillemo.com/chariton-county-heritage-tours.html)

## Fishing at the Lake:

Silver Lake is home to more than 15 species of fish, including: Channel Catfish, Bullhead Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Carp, Buffalo, Crappie, White Crappie, Freshwater Drum, and Shortnose Gar.

Fishing does not require a special permit, but all state regulations are in effect.

Boating is easy on Silver Lake. Non-motorized boats are permitted throughout the refuge and motorized boats are allowed on Silver Lake (no wake allowed). The lake also includes a boat ramp, providing quick access. For those wanting to fish on the piers, Silver Lake includes three fishing piers.



*Silver Lake's Boat Ramp*

Fishing is allowed throughout the year; consult the Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge for specifics including open dates. Remember, Silver Lake is within the refuge, so all state and refuge regulations apply.

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## Taking a Break:

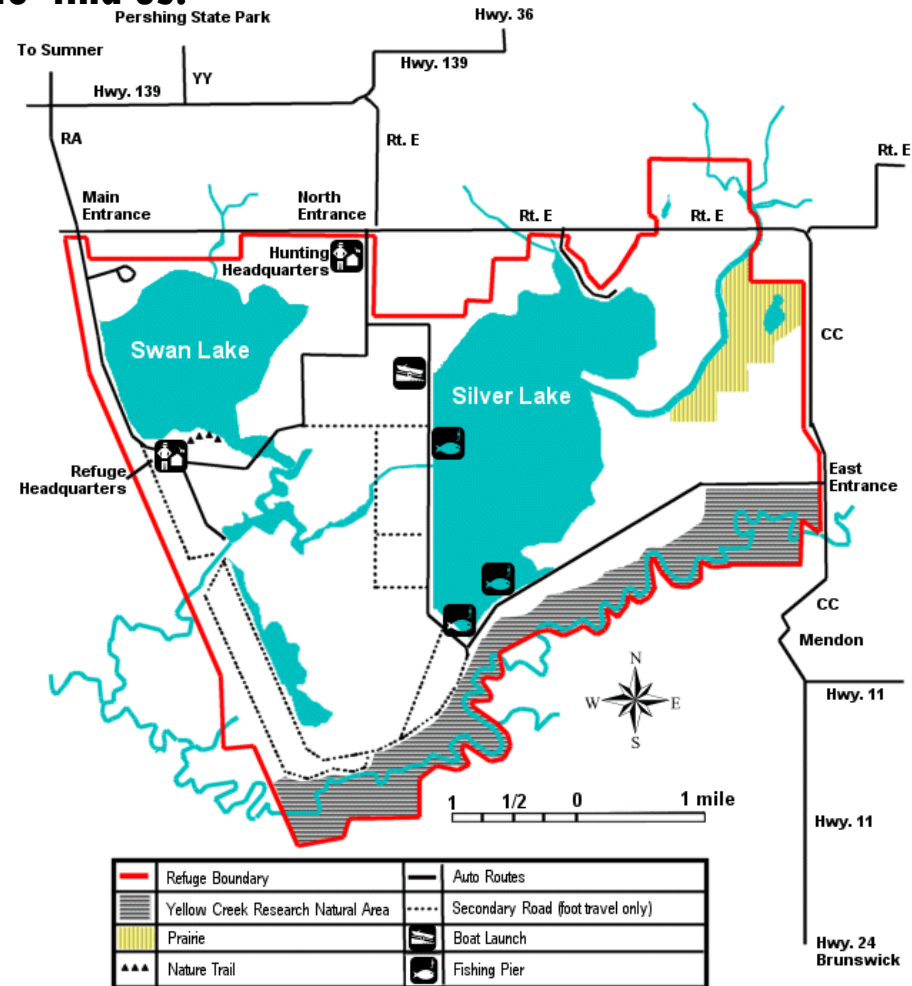
Need a break from fishing? Take a stroll on the scenic boardwalk, where birdwatching and wildflower spotting is a popular pastime.

Silver Lake includes a goose hunting blind, which is popular among photographers for getting that perfect picture.



*Strolling on the boardwalk*

## How to find us:



Map courtesy Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge