Singletary Lake State Park, located near Elizabethtown, is one of the deepest Carolina bays in southeastern North Carolina. It serves as a group camp and retreat with dormitory-cabins and restaurant-quality mess hall accommodations. It has access to swimming, canoeing, fishing and hiking.

Fun Facts

■ The park was established in 1939.
■ The lake is named after Richard Singletary, who received a grant of land in Bladen County in 1729.
■ In 1936, the National Park Service purchased the land surrounding the lake for $4.51 per acre.
■ The park is located within the Bladen Lakes State Forest.
■ It was used as a Red Cross refugee center during the flooding of the Cape Fear River in 1945.
■ There are two organized group camps—Camp Ippecac and Camp Loblolly—available for reservation by nonprofit organizations.
■ In the early 1960s, an area within the park was designated as the Turkey Oak Natural Area by the Society of American Foresters.

Activities

Singletary Lake State Park offers a variety of activities for visitors to enjoy.

Experience the Park!

The lake is 44% smaller due to the surrounding bay forest growing into the lake.

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■ Red-cockaded woodpecker
■ Pileated woodpecker
■ Wood duck
■ Red-tailed hawk
■ Tundra swan
■ Fence lizard
■ Carpenter frog

DORMITORY-STYLE CABINS

Yellow Perch

The high acidity of the lake limits the fish population but offers a great challenge for anglers to catch the highly sought after yellow perch.

The area was originally used for subsistence farming of longleaf pines, which were used for tar, pitch, turpentine and lumber.

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