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Fish and Wildlife dis-Service
Demand:
Recreation Access

AMERICANS for RECREATION ACCESS

We the people of the United States of America hereby respectfully request that the Congress of the United States transfer the property known as Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge which is run by the Dept. of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service to the State of Illinois or the Dept. of Interior's Corps of Engineers to be run as a State Park or related entity.

The site is located in southern Illinois near the town of Carbondale and Southern Illinois University.

The property was originally purchased and the lakes were built to provide recreation and wildlife habitat, but somehow the property ended up being turned over to the Dept. of Interior and assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Service to be a wildlife refuge. Unfortunately wildlife refuges are not required to provide beaches, picnic areas, scuba diving access, sailing and windsurfing access or many other activities.
During the past 23 years the Fish and Wildlife Service has tried to make the lakes and property conform to the mandates of a wildlife refuge to the detriment of recreation for the American people.

We the undersigned request that the Federal Government relinquish control of the Crab Orchard Refuge property to the Dept. of Interior's Corps of Engineers or the State of Illinois for the purpose of Recreation and Wildlife Habitat.

Name	Signature	Address	Email/Phone	Date