



the parks surrounding the lake to get your bearing before heading out onto the inviting water.

One of the must-see parks is Meadowmere by lake or land that the Pinches suggest on this 60 mile shoreline lake that stretches over 8,000 acres or over 11 square miles. The deepest depth is 65 feet with averages between 40 to 50 feet deep, along the Denton Creek, a tributary of the Trinity River. The US Army Corp of Engineers dammed the Creek back in 1952 for flood control and to act as a municipal water reservoir for surrounding cities. The secondary use of the lake is to provide recreation and open space areas which are outstanding oasis to the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

MEADOWMERE PARK

The advantage to Meadowmere Park for a boater is the shielded calm cove. It has a great beach for the kids to swim in and is half-way up the lake on the west side. This is where the Pinches first launched their watercraft before owning any boat. It is now home to the largest floating aqua park obstacle course in Texas called Altitude H2O. It's an enormous 25,000-square-foot floating playground with interconnecting inflatable obstacles, slides and trampolines.

The floating playground just opened in 2018, but the land amenities are equally great. A one mile long trail, on-land canopied water park with a challenging playground and extra-large covered slide are just feet from the water. Picnic benches with more outdoor surrounding facilities make this area inviting. A large parking area for trailers carrying wind surfing craft, canoes, watercraft of all kinds, or kayaks are only a few hundred feet away from the launching beach. There is also overnight lakeshore tent camping.

About eight different parks encompass the lake with their own special amenities. Sailing and canoe or kayak classes can be seen with people eager to learn new skills. Many people come with their own tents or umbrellas to shield themselves from the hot sun that can be prominent in Texas as children romp in the surf. There is plenty of room for everyone to enjoy the water and the grassy areas with overnight camping available.

GREAT VIEWS

The largest park on the lake is Oak Grove Park where the biggest crowds gather to watch the fireworks. This is where the rockets are launched right at the water's edge. Their park trail is 1.3 miles long and has views of the lake all along the way. Within the 40 acres, Scott's Landing Marina is included.

This park is heavily involved in sports on