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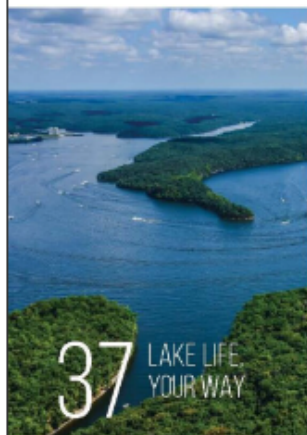
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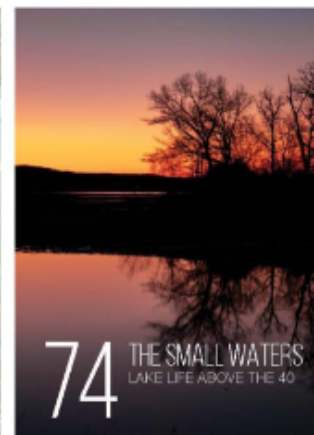
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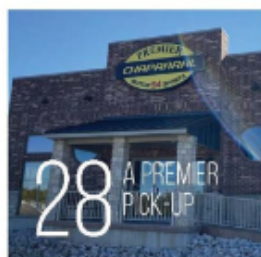
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THE Small Waters

BEAUTY AND BRILLIANCE UPSTREAM: BOATERS
ARE EXPLORING THE LAKE ABOVE THE 40MM

BY DEANNA WOLFF

It's no secret that there's absolutely nothing better than spending the day cruising, coving, and catching fish, and converging at waterfront restaurant/bars on the Lake of the Ozarks. But the unique life on the "Small Waters" above the Lake's 40 Mile Marker may indeed be a secret that not many boaters know about.

That phrase, "Small Waters," is a term of endearment adopted by folks who live above the 40MM. The Lake below the 40MM, they call the "Big Waters." Since that's where most of the lakefront bars, accommodations, and Lake events take place, most boaters don't venture too far upstream, where things get narrower and quieter. But there's plenty to enjoy and discover off the Lake's beaten path.

Robert Friedrich, engineering manager at Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, has a vacation home at the 60MM (Lake Ridge Bay Cove). Talk to Robert, and he'll praise the beauty and benefits of boating in the Small Waters. Since he was a child, his family would travel to the Lake from Boonville on most weekends.

"We'd all get in my dad's truck — us kids would be laying down in the truck bed — and drive to the Lake where my father would launch his boat at Gravel

Mills. We'd spend the day on the Lake eating ham sandwiches and Little Debbie snacks, and visit the now long-gone iconic lakefront hotspots like Shooters 21, The Clown, and Topsider," Friedrich recalls.

Now, on weekends, Friedrich enjoys going out on his 28 ft., 200 HP pontoon, exploring the nature, coves, and islands on his end of the Lake, in the spirit of Tom Sawyer. "One of the most patriotic things I've ever seen at the Lake was last summer just before the 4th of July. It was when I saw a bald eagle swoop down and catch a fish in the water. Sights like these are possible in the Small Waters where there is much less boat traffic and human activity," Friedrich reveals.

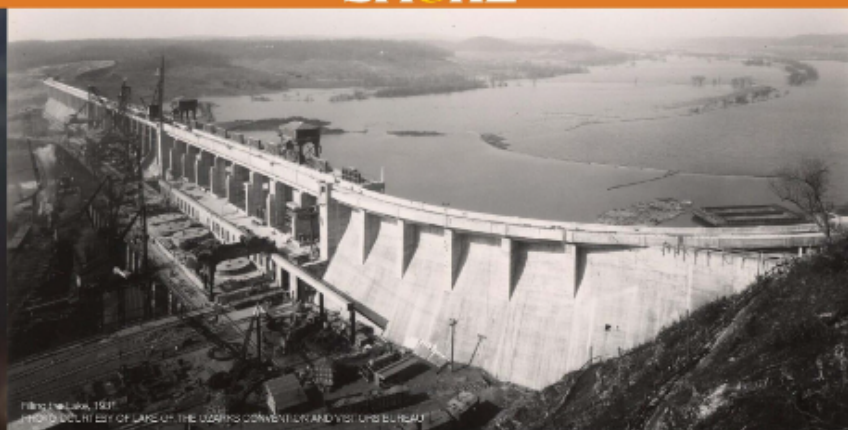
The Small Waters offer stunning views and a sense of peace that can get lost in the busy weekends below the 40MM. Imagine having your own island for a day where you can picnic, swim, fish, and enjoy precious time with friends and family.

The waters above the 40MM are also a kayaker's and fisherman's dream. Less boats equals less wakes, and the serenity is unlike anything further downstream. Its tranquility draws boaters to relax and truly enjoy the raw nature and beauty of the Lake of the Ozarks.

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Capturing Lake of the Ozarks – Past & Present

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Filling the Lake, 1929
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THE LAKE'S LOST TOWNS

BENEATH THESE WATERS,
A HISTORY LIES...

BY JANET DABBS, WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY
MICHAEL GILLESPIE (POSTHUMOUS)

Bagnell Dam was—and is—an engineering marvel, one that would supply electricity to Missouri and, in creating Lake of the Ozarks, bring economic prosperity to an entire region. But the massive project also has an unknown back story, a human story.

Construction on the dam began in 1929. The project was truly massive. Sixty thousand acres of land had to be acquired. The planned structure was seven blocks long, reaching a height of 148 feet, equivalent to a 12-story building.

One million cubic yards of earth and rock, as well as homes, churches, businesses, cemeteries, and more had to be moved. Approximately 30,000 acres required clearing. Through a combination of land purchases and controversial eminent domain, the project amalgamated countless properties into one, with the plan to flood an entire region and create Lake of the Ozarks. This meant the relocation of cemeteries, households, and towns; family land held for generations would soon be part of the rugged Lake floor, but far beneath the surface.

Union Electric offered property owners a "fair market price." If part of the land was on high ground and only a portion were to be flooded, then a portion of that value was paid. Not everyone was okay with that. "It disrupted their lives. It was not by their choice," Camden County Historical Society President Daphne Jeffries said. "Fair market value is okay, but what price can you put on history, family heritage and destroyed livelihoods and trades, taught and passed down through generations?"



Ha Ha Tonka Mansion of the
PHOTO COURTESY OF CAMDEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HA HA TONKA LAWSUIT

In 1903, Robert McClure Snyder, a Kansas City businessman, purchased the natural wonder that is Ha Ha Tonka for \$28,000. He had a dream of building a remote Ozark retreat complex. In 1905, he began construction on a three-and-a-half-story, European style castle, complete with greenhouses, a carriage house, an icehouse, and a 50 ft. water tower, which later housed several families below.

"Here I will spend my leisure, secure from the worries of business and the excitement of city life. I will fish and loaf and explore the caves of these hills, with no fear of intrusion," Snyder had idealistically said.

Snyder's dream came to a tragic end. He died in an automobile accident in 1906, before completing the castle. His sons continued the work, though, and the magnificent 16-bedroom, six-bath castle was finished in 1922. A small village around the castle included homes, a school, a post office, a hotel, and resort cabins.

When the Snyder sons were approached by Union Electric to set a price for their property, they said no, they did not want their magnificent castle view destroyed. So they sued. "We will keep you in court for seven years," Attorney Louis Egan is said to have warned. A newspaper reported the future wife of one of Snyder's attorneys was kidnapped and returned unharmed. A mill burned to the ground. After a long and costly court battle, the Snyders settled for \$200,000. They thought it should have been \$1 million.

With all the land acquired and the dam built, the flooding of the Osage River valley began on Feb. 2, 1931.

The reservoir extended 86 square miles, or some 68,000 acres, across four counties. Once the Lake was filled, the dam would hold back six hundred billion gallons of water.

At Ha Ha Tonka, the Lake backed up into the valley, and the pure blue spring water that once cascaded down a ridge now swirled with turbid waters. Snyder's grandson, Bill Snyder, lamented, "Ha Ha Tonka's beauty has been despoiled by the invasion of lake water from Bagnell." But Snyder also predicted a beautiful future could be in store for Ha Ha Tonka, hoping, "successive generations may discover it anew." In the decades that followed, fire would destroy the castle, carriage house, and water tower. But in the end, Ha Ha Tonka was not lost; now a state park, it has emerged from the Lake's creation as one of the most visited places in the region.

For some places in the Osage River valley, it was like that: there would be a future after the building of the dam. Other places were lost forever.



Top: The destruction of Linn Creek PHOTO COURTESY OF CAMDEN COUNTY MUSEUM
Bottom: Linn Creek Methodist Church, VA, LAKE OF THE OZARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

LINN CREEK

Everything that was the old town of Linn Creek is now forty feet under the Lake of the Ozarks. Old Linn Creek was located approximately two miles east of Camden, along Highway 54, built on the low-lying banks of the Osage River. Linn Creek resident and Prosecutor Morgan M. Moulder filed a temporary injunction to stop the flooding of the town. The injunction held no water.

The Lake level slowly rose, and the site of the old town—mostly demolished—succumbed to it. A sawmill, businesses, homes, farms, cemetery sites, banks. The Rowell Newspaper... all had to be moved, or be flooded. Some relocated up the valley to Camden, some sold out and left the area, and others started over on higher ground, in the newly established Linn Creek. A few farmers relocated to the rich farmlands of Lebanon.

The Camden County Courthouse, the county seat, was dismantled for salvage, and the current courthouse was built in 1933, in Camden. The Christian Church constructed a beautiful sanctuary in Camden, where the current Foundation Fellowship Church is now housed. The Methodist Church, built in the 1800's, rescued and gave new life to stained glass windows and hard wood floors, using them in their new church in new Linn Creek. The First Baptist Church also relocated to new Linn Creek.

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The Lake of the Ozarks is one of the hottest real estate spots in the country. With vast waters to explore, and plenty to do on-land too, it's hard to find someone who doesn't want to live on the Lake. From nature lovers looking for a quiet home-away-from-home to the partiers who want to be at all the hottest events, the Lake is suited for a variety of lifestyles.

"That's why I love Lake of the Ozarks so much. It's so large, it has so many different areas. It's like having two or three different lakes in one. You can really find the lifestyle your family is trying to achieve and envision," said Annie Faulstich, owner/broker with Lakefront Living Realty.

But when you're buying a Lake house, what part of the Lake is best, for the life you want? Shore Magazine asked an array of realtors with over 100 years of combined experience at the Lake to help guide potential buyers (and aren't we all potential buyers?) to their dream home at the Lake of the Ozarks.

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