



## Applegate Cove Marina

### McClellan/Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System

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### Sallisaw, Oklahoma

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Applegate Cove Marina is a full service marina providing boaters on Kerr Lake and the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) with fuel, marine maintenance and marine supplies. Our Facilities are located 8 miles south of Sallisaw, Oklahoma on U.S. Highway 59, and then 3 miles west via a paved county road. Our location on the MKARNS is Mile Marker 340, or 340 miles upstream from the Mississippi River and via the Mississippi an additional 599 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.



Applegate Marina is just a 15 minute drive south of Interstate 40 which allows high speed access to Oklahoma City (165 miles), Tulsa (90 miles), Little Rock (165 miles) and the Dallas

- Fort Worth metroplex (266 miles). Additionally, airports in Sallisaw, Fort Smith, AR, and Tulsa, OK provide cruisers with access to air transportation when needed.

We pride ourselves on being "Oklahoma's Outlet to the Sea" and have had the pleasure of assisting untold numbers of cruisers in preparing their vessels for the trip downstream. We service both power and sailing vessels, and as you can tell when visiting our [Marine Services](#) page, we offer a wide array of services to aid the yachtsman in preparing for or recovering from their river journey.

Kerr Lake was formed by an impoundment on the Arkansas River south of Sallisaw. It serves as a pool elevation lake for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS), helping to ensure navigable water levels downstream. The [Arkansas River Historical Society](#) maintains a web site that provides a brief, yet informative, history of the river and the surrounding areas and is worth the visit. Additionally, they provide a historical reference for the construction of the navigation system.



Tenants and cruisers will find an area steeped in history, Native American culture, wildlife sanctuaries, and scenic beauty. Attractions such as, "[Hangin Judge Parker's](#)" courthouse in Fort Smith, historic downtown Van Buren, the Cherokee National Capitol in Tahlequah, are but a few of the locations available for the cruiser to while away the hours. Fort Smith and Van Buren are an easy day's run via the navigation channel, and cruisers will find a variety of events sponsored by the [City of Fort Smith](#) including a 4th of July fireworks display, The Riverfront Blues Festival, and other events held on the river front. There is an excellent anchorage just across the channel from the river park, and the City of Fort Smith is in the process of completing a four million dollar riverfront upgrade project. The Cherokee Capitol and Heritage site in Tahlequah are an hour away via ground transportation, and for cruisers interested in Native American History, well worth the drive.

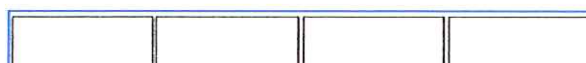
Geographically speaking, Kerr Lake is located in the broad Arkansas River plain. The Cookson Hills of eastern Oklahoma rise to the north, and extend to the northeast forming the Ozark Mountains of northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. While to the south, the Ouachitas rise up from the plain to form the largest expanse of southern forest (over 1 million acres) in the National Forest Service inventory. Both mountain ranges, at some point or another, play tag with the banks of the Arkansas River to provide a backdrop idyllic for cruisers. Whether one chooses a fall foliage trip or spring time blossoms, the peace and serenity found along the banks of the river are unparalleled. Bird watcher's need to keep a sharp eye for eagles and osprey as they ply the local waters. In winter, thousands of geese arrive from the north and are easily viewed along your route. Many boaters have come to think of the lake and its secluded coves as their private reserve. For the outdoorsman, the lake and river provide ample fishing, with plenty of local knowledge to show you how to catch the big one.



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On those occasions when you are expecting more guests than the boat can accommodate, or a large family gathering, or simply a weekend on the water without "roughing it", we invite you to stay in our beautiful lake front cottage. Actually, it's "ON" the lake, and sleeps six adults in three queens size beds (linens furnished\*). The galley comes fully equipped and the Gas BBQ grill on deck awaits your favorite summertime fare.

**\* While there is ample room for additional guests, linens are only furnished for six.**







As you can see in the above pictures, the cottage offers immediate water access. Just pull your boat along side, and load or unload passengers, lunches, and gear. After your day on the water, secure your dock lines, and relax in air conditioned comfort, and if mother nature allows, you'll enjoy one of the most beautiful sunsets anywhere. Reservations are not required but are probably a good idea, and we have provided our [contact information](#) to aid you in this process or just call 918-775-4522 to check availability. Cabin rates are \$120 for party of two and \$140 for a party of four with room for additional guests.

For the more adventurous, there are three Corps of Engineer campgrounds on Kerr Lake, one of which is just around the corner (and even named Applegate Cove CG). These sites include full hook for RV's, as well as, tent sites. For those who are not aware, the Corps has gone to a reservation system for camp sites, and this can be done online by accessing the Corps of Engineers [Reservation page](#). In addition to the Corps' sites, Lakeside RV Park is located 7 miles south of Sallisaw on U.S. Highway 59 (and only minutes from the marina) and is a Coast to Coast Campground Affiliate. Clean and well maintained, Lakeside offers excellent access to the lake and the river. It even has a large pool for guests.

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So whether you are just passing through en-route to southern climes, or looking for a home marina that offers un-crowded cruising grounds with unlimited travel possibilities, the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, and Applegate Marina meets your needs. Thank you for stopping by our site, and we hope you continue to browse our other pages. We welcome your [comments and feedback](#) and look forward to serving your marine needs in the future. Thanks again for dropping the hook at our site.



*Enjoy your boating activities. Be happy, be safe and be courteous.*

*Your are Visitor* **015345** *Since October 1997*



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At Applegate Marina we pride ourselves on our friendly service and workmanship. Our maintenance facilities are unequaled on the McClellan-Kerr River Navigation System (MKARNS). We are quite confident of our ability to serve your needs and look forward to hearing from you to discuss your maintenance and boat transport requirements.

#### Our services include:

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| ⚓ Fuel Dock with store.                        | ⚓ Dry Storage for Boats/RVs                  |
| ⚓ Slip Rental ( Electric & Water to the slips) | ⚓ Full Paint Facility                        |
| ⚓ On Water Cabin Rentals                       | ⚓ Marine Mechanic                            |
| ⚓ Courtesy Car                                 | ⚓ 4800 Sq Ft Repair Facility                 |
| ⚓ Showers (during season)                      | ⚓ 50 Ton Marine Travel Lift                  |
| ⚓ Coin-Op Laundry                              | ⚓ Custom Shrink Wrapping                     |
| ⚓ Pump Out                                     | ⚓ Dealer for HydroHoist Boat & Jet Ski Lifts |
|  | ⚓ Boat Rentals                               |

Applegate Marina has been a fixture on Kerr Lake and the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System since its opening in 1971. Our facilities include dock, storage buildings, public restrooms, and of course rental slips. Our slips are up to 55' covered and 100' uncovered with water and electric to the slips. V currently in the process of upgrading our slip side services which includes new wiring and water lines. As you might guess, this is a time consuming and expensive endeavor, and we have scheduled these improvements over an extended period beginning in 1997. The thumbnails provided below offer general overview of facilities. We welcome your [comments or inquiries](#), and have provided a form for that purpose.



Applegate Marina's Marine Travel-lift, in conjunction with our spacious maintenance facility, makes us the logical choice for haul-outs, maintenance, and below water line repairs. Few, if any, other marinas along the MKARNS can equal our facilities. The pictures below show our lift and the ability our personnel have to complete your haul-out and maintenance requirements. Additionally, our geographic location offers mariners looking to travel the rivers and seas an excellent place to slip the lines for their dream cruise. If you are interested in finding out more about our services, or about scheduling your vessel for haul-out or maintenance, please call 918-775-4522, or better yet, use our "[Comment/Inquiry](#)" form and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.



So whether your a world cruiser, river runner, or a local boater, Applegate Marina has the facilities, expertise, and personnel to ensure that your cruiser or lake boat is maintained to your high standards.

Thank you for checking out our Marine Services page. We hope you'll continue on through the remainder of our site. Just click a selection on the navigation bar to be immediately transported to another portion of our site.





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## Inland Waterway Resources and Links

This section of our site is designed to provide information cruisers need for planning their river journeys. Whether your a sailor or power boater our location and services provide you with an excellent jumping off point for your cruising adventure. We have added some information which should prove helpful to our visitors. We will continue to browse the net for resources and web sites that fall into this category and add them as we find them. If you know of such a site please drop us a note via [email](#) and we'll be glad to consider the site for inclusion.

Pictured below is the S/V Apogee departing Applegate Cove Marina on October 22, 2010 making way for points south. As of this writing Apogee is Nassau, Bahamas. No one is sure as to their final destination, but Captain Faught is out there cruising the water ways and having a wonderful time and the experience of a lifetime. Most likely they will be heading for the east coast when hurricane rears its ugly head. Just another exciting example of the possibilities and benefits of having your vessel on Kerr Lake, Oklahoma's Gateway to the Sea! Apogee is a Danboat 32 with Capt Ryan Faught (aka Whelp, re-christened "Spot") aboard. You can follow Ryan on Facebook by searching for Benjamin Faught and requesting friend status. Cooler yet, go to [Spot Adventures](#) and get is latest GPS Lattitude and Longitutde. Way Kwel! Be sure to say hi should you encounter them along the way.

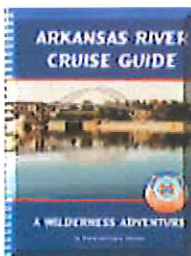


Captain Ryan and S/V Apogee departed Marsh Harbor, Bahamas May 24, 2011 for the 600+ mile offshore passage to Chesapeake Bay. Ryan reports some pretty slow going, but he was anchor down in Willoughby Bay (Norfolk, VA) mid-afternoon June 1, 2011. Ryan and Apogee are currently working their way towards Washington D.C. for a break and to build up the cruising kitty. Great Job Ryan!





## Cruising Guides



The McClellan - Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System is a side trip up the Arkansas River for 445 miles. The system meanders through the Arkansas and Oklahoma country sides until reaching the end of navigation at Tulsa's Port of Catoosa. The only guide to the system is Bruce and Joyce Johnson's Arkansas River Cruise Guide. We were fortunate to have the Johnson's as tenants prior to their beginning a Great Circle Cruise. Their guide includes chartlets and identifies anchorages which they scouted during their cruise of the Arkansas River system. This publication is available from numerous sources including Applegate Marina.

Once you have reached the Mississippi River you'll have a decision to make. Cruisers can proceed downstream to New Orleans, or head upstream entering the Great Circle Route via the Ohio River. Either way, the Gulf of Mexico awaits and provides the cruiser with opportunities for both local and exotic landfalls. Additional guides to the Great Circle Route are shown below, and while we have copies of Quimby's Guide, all are available for [Bluewater Books & Charts](#), as well as other fine e-merchants.



Another consideration for any cruise on the Arkansas River would be stream flow. One



site which provides meaningful data is the U. S. Army Corps of Engineer, [Little Rock District](#). This site presents information covering the entire system in tabular form. Furthermore, it offers forecast river flow in cubic feet per second (ft<sup>3</sup>/sec). Data concerning the Mississippi River and forecast flow are available from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, [Memphis District](#). Additional information on river flow is available via the National Weather Service Radio, which announces forecast river flows as a part of its weather information broadcast, but typically just for the next day.



## Navigation Information

The United States Army Corps of Engineers furnishes online versions of their [Arkansas](#) and [Mississippi Rivers Navigation charts](#). This link, [Mississippi River PDF Chart instructions](#), will take you to an instructional page for the Mississippi River where you can also download free PDF charts. Just follow the instructions and you're done. These charts are smaller versions of those published by the Corps, but contain all the necessary navigational informational for transiting both rivers **AND ARE FREE**. Both of the above charts are widely available in printed form. If you need one drop us a note and we'll see to it that your request is promptly shipped.

And last but not least The U. S. Coast Guard's [Local Notice to Mariners](#) is available online. The Arkansas River falls under the 8th District/Western Rivers which administrators the Mississippi River and its tributaries. A complete listing LNM's, as well as, archived files from previous years may be viewed or downloaded at this site. Considering commercial traffic volume, and Spring - Fall flooding within the Mississippi Basin, this site might be well worth checking prior to navigating a particular river or section of river.

We will continue to look for information regarding navigation of the Arkansas River. And as we find new and interesting sites, we update this page for you benefit. If our staff can be of any service to you during the preparation phase of your river odyssey please do not hesitate to contact us.



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