

Thousand Hills State Park Beach Change House

Kirksville, Missouri

Adjacent to the bank of Forest Lake, this park facility takes advantage of a sloping site, which allows the observation deck a beautiful, unobstructed view of the beachfront and the lake beyond.

During the warm summer months, Thousand Hills State Parks is a favorite recreation sport for locals and visitors alike. The expansive lake offers plenty of space for swimming, boating and fishing. The new beach changing house serves a number of functions in addition to providing the deck for the park. Primarily, the facility consists of toilets, showers, temporary storage, and changing spaces for park visitors. It also contains concession space from which one may purchase food or supplies.

Materials for the construction of the building were chosen to harmonize with the natural settings, as well as the other buildings located within the park.

Running parallel to the beach, and splitting the building into public and private functions, is a covered courtyard that serves as an entry to the beach change house. The



The sloping site is used to great advantage which provides an unobstructed view of the lake.

pitched roof above the change areas provides the environmentally sensitive functions of daylight and ventilation.

Materials for the construction of the building were chosen to harmonize with the natural settings, as well as the other buildings located within the park. Heavy timber, wood framing, and wood siding are all utilized throughout the beach house. Free standing timber frames express the underlying structure of the building and attest to its strength and permanence.

This new facility meets the requirements of the parks many visitors whether they have come to swim, boat, fish, or just enjoy the setting.



The covered courtyard serves as entry and divides the building into public and private functions.

