

While at Rathbun Lake, be sure to plan extra time in your schedule for shopping and dining. The Rathbun Lake area is full of specialty shops, restaurants, also national brand shops and eateries.

The Centerville and Albia historic squares each contain many unique businesses that tourists enjoy visiting. Each town's square is the heart of their county's shopping district. On the Centerville square you will find clothing

# KEEP BUSY WITH THE GREAT SHOPPING AND DINING

THE AREA HAS TO OFFER

stores for every age. You can also find specialty sports items and apparel on the square. The square is sprinkled with specialty gift stores, appliance, furniture, antiques and grocery stores. A handful of eateries are located on the Centerville square. They offer a variety of foods; from Italian, Chinese, and American foods.

Albia bolsters a square with several specialty shoppes, furniture, appliance, movie, jewelry stores and two pubs. An Italian restaurant is located on the square and two small cafes are located just off the square. Albia's square is also interesting not only for the shopping, but because it is listed on the

National Register of Historic Places.

Throughout Centerville one can find many other specialty stores including both antique and new items. A few of these stores are located in homes that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These stores make a nice place to shop but are also nice places to just enjoy the ambiance of the areas history. Scattered around the town you will find other stores selling various items from furniture to vehicles. Family and fine dining is also available around Centerville.

There are steak houses, pizzarias, bar and grills and several fast food establishments.

No matter what your taste, you will find what you want in Centerville.

Albia boasts several antique and specialty shops. You

can find most anything you need without traveling very far to find it. While in town you can also find several fine dining restaurants. Pizza, pastas, steaks, Chinese, fast food and more can all be found in Albia.

Traveling throughout Monroe and Appanoose counties will also take you to many smaller towns including Moravia, Moulton, Rathbun, Exline and Melrose. These small towns not only hold this areas history, but are the bearers of many other small shops and eateries. Make sure to stop by these small little gems to fully enjoy everything this area has to offer.

Moravia has many businesses that are helpful to lake tourists. Just a few short miles away, there is a convenience store that carries almost everything you need to complete your trip. Also, conveniently located, is an ATM/bank and a newly built small-mart that includes a hotel, laundry services and restaurant. There are places to eat, whether your right in town or just passing by.

Melrose is a cozy town with friendly businesses on the main strip. There are a is convenience store, where you can get what you need on the go, or sit down and enjoy a meal before getting back on the road.

Mystic, just a short drive from Rathbun Lake, is a quaint little town with a lot of history. There is a pub and eatery where you can sit down and enjoy something to drink and eat.

If you are headed to Rathbun, a place you will most likely pass through is the town of Rathbun. On main street, there is a place to bring the whole family for dinner and enjoy a relaxing atmosphere. If you plan on fishing or grabbing some last minute items, there is a bait shop located just along the way to the lake.

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