

BRaille READING PASSAGES: WORKSHOP 3

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A Trip to Candlewood Lake

I am so happy to tell you of my family's trip to Candlewood Lake. Candlewood is set just forty miles from Orlando. The road to the gate is just next to the Clifford Hoagie Emporium. With close-knit trees at every turn, you won't want to miss the gate. As soon as you turn onto the lake's road, you will see rather lovely landscape decor on all sides. Drive to the grand lodge at the rim of the woods, and you have come to the correct spot.

My family will meet at the lake on June 2: Grandma, Grandpa, and all the people I love. Mom and Dad can't wait to see the grandkids! We will have quite a crew for the trip. I will hand off the baby to Aunt Amanda, so I am glad to have a dandy hiatus, if only for a bit. Maybe I can escape the hassles of the office and have a soak and slather on a fragrant balm to calm my forty-year-old self.

We have come up with quite a few activities to keep us all busy for the week. We will form squads and play tug-of-war. The natural landforms at the lake make for fun trips with the small kids. The wetlands close by will further the fun with kayaks and canoes. We won't withhold the huge gobs of food! Grandma Sandi can cook up a landslide of food at the campfire. We will have to lather on the mosquito spray if we don't want to have lots of bites. The kids may act quite goofy once they eat S'mores. My brother loves to formulate funny fantasy tales to keep the kids busy. With all of my family close by, I may have to soon withdraw to my cozy room for my soft blanket and sleep. We're fortunate that we can happily celebrate the family's love at Candlewood Lake!

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