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Pittsburgh District

Crooked Creek Lake Fact Sheet

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Crooked Creek Lake is one of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 16 multi-purpose flood control reservoirs in the Pittsburgh District. At this federal project Pennsylvania state law, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Pennsylvania Game Commission regulations and local laws are in effect.

Daily Lake Information - (724-763-2764). For daily lake and recreation information visitors can call this 24-hour recorded message. Information is updated daily from May through September. From October through April, call the Park Office at 724-763-3161 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for lake and recreation information.

- ❖ Our goal is to provide you with a safe recreational facility. Please report any unsafe conditions at the Park Office or to park employee.
- ❖ The park is a dawn to dusk day use park. However, some activities such as boat and shoreline fishing, bird watching and walking/running are permitted uses after dark.
- ❖ Pets are permitted but must be on a 6-foot leash (maximum) and under control at all times. No pets are permitted on the sandy part of the Swim Beach. Owners are expected to clean up after their pets.
- ❖ Alcohol is not permitted.
- ❖ To protect grassy areas from damage, vehicles must be parked in parking lots.
- ❖ Golden Age, Golden Access Cards, the America the Beautiful Senior and Access Cards are accepted for a 50 percent reduction in user fees. No cards are issued at Crooked Creek Lake.
- ❖ The collection of driftwood from the shoreline is allowed. Wood cutting permits are issued for dead or downed trees in *remote* park areas. Please call for an appointment. No live trees shall be harmed.
- ❖ There are no horsepower limits on the lake. However, there are “No Wake Areas” and “Shoal Buoyed Areas” that must be observed. Ski boats and jet skis are to follow a counter clockwise pattern.
- ❖ Metal Detector use is allowed only on the sandy part of the beach.
- ❖ Camping is permitted only in the Family Campground. Fees apply.
- ❖ Hunting is permitted on Park lands located upstream of the public boat launch. The entire Day Use Area is considered a safety zone in accordance with state and federal hunting laws.
- ❖ Group events such as fishing events/tournaments, large weddings, festivals, races, regattas, concerts, dog shows, scouting events, camporees, and events with added legal liability to the park require a Special Event Permit from the Park Manager. Pavilion renters may need a Special Event Permit if rented for a large event.
- ❖ For a complete understanding of all park rules, please see one of the park bulletin boards. Title 36 of the US Code of Federal Regulations is posted for you. Individual copies are available at the park office or by asking a Park Ranger.

Corps Watch Program – Toll-free hotline 1-866-413-7970

- ❖ For information leading to the prosecution of anyone committing crimes against US Army Corps of Engineers property the Corp Watch Program offers up to a \$1000 Reward.

Public Launch -

- ❖ Closures may occur because of high water, ice or excessive debris.

Tunnelville Peninsula –

- ❖ Closures may occur because of high water, ice or excessive debris.
- ❖ Shoreline fishing is permitted after 9:00 p.m.
- ❖ Fees are not charged for fishing, sightseeing or other non-swimming uses.

Tunnelville Public Swim Beach – Open from May 18 through September 2.

- ❖ Visitors pay the posted required fee using the honor system located near the beach change-house.
- ❖ State law prohibits pets, food or drink on the sand. Picnic tables and dumpsters are nearby.
- ❖ The Beach opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes for swimming at 8:00 p.m. Walking, relaxation, and sightseeing on the beach are allowed from 8:00 p.m. until dark.
- ❖ No fishing is permitted from the sandy part of the beach.

Outflow Fishing Area –

- ❖ Closures may occur because of weather, high water or for security.
- ❖ The restroom is open from April 3 through October 31.

Organized Group Campground – Open for group rental from May 1 through October 31

- ❖ Organized groups that would like to camp such as Boy/Girl Scouts, youth groups, and hiking clubs should contact the park management staff to make arrangements.

Family Campground – Open from May 18 through September 02

- ❖ There are no sites with hookups.
- ❖ Sites are first come – first serve. There are no reservations.
- ❖ There are flush toilets but no showers. A dump station is available for registered campers occupying a site.
- ❖ Campers receive free use of the beach with their paid camping fee.
- ❖ The Campground is for anything from Tents to RV's.

Pavilions – No reservations accepted after September 1

- ❖ Pavilions are usually rented on the weekends in the summer months.
- ❖ Pavilions are free for anyone unless rented by someone. Inquire at the Park Office for availability, rental cost and procedures.
- ❖

Trails - Trail information is available at the Park Office or print the flyer from Crooked Creek Lake's website.

- ❖ There are several small trails at Crooked Creek and a part of the Baker Trail crosses park lands.

Restrooms - There are six restrooms located within the day-use area. All but the Spillway Recreation Area restroom closes for the winter months.

Horse Park – All inquiries for the Horse Park or the Fort Armstrong Horseman's Association Equestrian Trail should be directed to their website at www.crookedcreekhorsepark-faha.com.

- ❖ This area is leased to Manor Township and the Fort Armstrong Horseman's Association.

Environmental Learning Center – All inquiries should be directed to (724) 763-6316 or elcaet@windstream.net

- ❖ This facility is leased to the Armstrong County Educational Trust. www.crookedcreekelc.org

Thank you for choosing Crooked Creek Lake as your recreational retreat. We hope your visit was relaxing and pleasant. Please visit our website at <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/lakes/crookedc.htm> for more helpful information.
