

Underwater Diving

In general, underwater recreational diving is permitted at most Pittsburgh District Lakes, except in restricted areas. Restricted areas are usually around the dam and water intakes, but other areas may be included. Divers must display the required safety flag on the water surface. Some lakes require written permission before diving. In any case divers should stop at the Resource Manager's or Park Office on the day of dive to make park rangers aware of dive plans. Click on the hyperlink below for more detailed information about diving at each Pittsburgh District lake.

Berlin Lake

Diving is permitted at Berlin Lake. Check in at the office on Bedell Road prior to entering water.

Conemaugh River Lake

Diving is permitted at Conemaugh but access to the lake is limited by lack of boat launches.

Crooked Creek Lake

Diving is permitted at Crooked Creek in limited areas. Check in at the park office prior to entering the water.

East Branch Clarion River Lake

Diving is permitted at this project. East Branch Lake is a cold deep lake (up to 140 feet) with very limited visibility.

Kinzua Dam/Allegheny Reservoir

Allegheny Reservoir near the dam can reach depths of 130 feet or more during the summer months. The upper reaches of the lake are fairly shallow. Diving is permitted in the Pennsylvania and New York sections of the reservoir. A diving flag must be displayed. Divers should exercise extreme caution on weekends as surface boat traffic can be very heavy at times.

Please - No diving or swimming in areas marked with orange fish structure buoys.

Loyalhanna Lake

Diving is permitted at Loyalhanna. Check in should be done at the resource manager's office located at the dam.

Mahoning Creek Lake

Diving is permitted at Mahoning Creek Lake. Diving is not allowed in the stilling basin below the dam.

This lake is leased to the **Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission**. Divers should check with this agency for more information on diving rules for this lake.

M. J. Kirwan Dam & Reservoir

Diving is permitted. Divers should check in at the Corps Resource Manager's office near the dam or at the West Branch State Park office located at the west end of the lake on Rock Springs Road.

Mosquito Creek Lake

Diving is permitted at Mosquito Lake. Check in should be done at either the state Park office located at the southwestern part of the lake near the Damsite area, or at the Corps Resource Manager's office located near the dam on Ohio State Route 305.

Shenango River Lake

Shenango is a relatively shallow lake (30-40 foot maximum depth at summer pool). Diving is permitted. Divers should check in either the resource manager's office at the dam in Sharpsville or at the ranger station located in the Shenango Recreation Area off Pennsylvania State Route 18.

Note: Turbidity levels at Shenango River Lake are high and underwater visibility is not good.

Stonewall Jackson Lake>

Diving is permitted. Check in at either the State park office located off of US Route 19 or the Corps Resource Manager's office at the dam. Stonewall is a relatively shallow with trees still standing in the numerous bays.

Tionesta Lake

Diving is permitted at Tionesta. Check in at the ranger office located at the dam.

Tygart Lake

Diving is permitted. The exceptional clarity of Tygart Lake is attractive to many divers, especially in the area of Henderson's Rocks. The lake is deep with steep surrounding topography and many drop-offs. Divers should check in at either the State Park office located off US 119 or at the resource manager's office located at the dam.

Union City Dam

Union City is a dry bed reservoir that only contains a pool during high water events. Due to possible dangerous currents no diving is permitted at any time.

Woodcock Creek Lake

Diving is permitted at Woodcock. The lake is small and shallow with an average depth of less than 30 feet. Check in at the Resource Manager's Office at the dam.

Youghiogeny Lake

Diving is permitted at Youghiogeny Lake. This lake is very deep with fairly clear water. Check in at the ranger office at the dam.
