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MAHONING LAKE NEWS

MAHONING CREEK LAKE – The US Army Corps of Engineers' Mahoning Creek Lake, located between Dayton and New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is a multi-purpose facility providing year-round recreation opportunities as well as flood damage reduction. An important link in our system of flood control reservoirs, Mahoning provides flood protection for the lower Allegheny River Valley and the Upper Ohio River. Mahoning prevented an estimated \$1.3 million in downstream damages last year and over \$430 million since its completion in 1941.

Last week's heavy rains and run-off from Hurricane Ivan gave Mahoning Lake its third highest pool elevation. At approximately 4:00 a.m. on September 20th, the lake reached 1157.49 feet above sea level which is 59.5 feet above its normal summer pool but only 84.5% of its flood storage capacity.

The Mahoning staff invites you to visit our facility and see for yourself the bounty of Mother Nature. Whether it's viewing the lake from the observation area near the top of the dam, crossing the Route 839 Bridge near Milton Loop, traveling the back roads, or crossing the McCrea Furnace Bridge below the dam to see the water's awesome power, you will enjoy your visit.

Dam tours are available but must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. To schedule a tour call 814-257-8811 or e-mail mahoning@usace.army.mil. Each tour is limited to 10 adults and valid government issued photo identification is required.

For more information about Mahoning Creek Lake visit the Pittsburgh District website at www.lrp.usace.army.mil or call the Ranger Office at 814-257-8811 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily.

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