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## **National Public Lands Day Activities at Pittsburgh District Lakes**

PITTSBURGH – [National Public Lands Day](#), the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands that Americans enjoy, will be observed at five reservoir projects in the Pittsburgh District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. [Berlin Lake](#), Ohio, already has 350 volunteers signed up to participate in its National Public Lands Day event, which will be held on September 22, a week ahead of most activities. Volunteers are being sought to assist with activities at the other four participating projects, which are listed below. In addition to the good feeling that comes from knowing that one has helped the environment, participants will also receive a coupon good for one day of entrance or day use fees at any participating Federal agency park, forest or recreation area that charges either of these types of fees. The coupons will be valid until the 2008 National Public Lands Day, but they do not waive fees for overnight camping and camping related services or the fee for specialized facilities such as picnic shelters.

[Conemaugh River Lake](#), Pa. – Planned activities for Saturday, September 29 include shoreline cleanup of the lake above the dam, planting wetland species plants along the shoreline and cleanup along the West Penn Trail. Shoreline cleanup will be done from land and possibly by boat, depending on participation and the willingness of volunteers to bring their own boats. Anyone wishing to bring a boat to assist must pre-register to allow for a briefing on safety requirements. For additional details call the Park Ranger Office at 724-459-7240.

[Loyalhanna Lake](#), Pa. – Planned activities for Saturday, September 29 include shoreline cleanup and maintenance of the fisherman's trail at the Dam Site. Volunteer registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Dam Site Pavilion. For additional details, call the Park Ranger Office at 724-639-9013.

[Shenango River Lake](#), Pa. and Ohio – Volunteer projects on Saturday, September 29 will include a variety of projects within the Shenango Recreation Area Campground (such as painting, landscaping and picnic table assembly), trail work and litter cleanup at various locations around the project, and general cleanup and construction of a driver training area at the Bay View all-terrain vehicle recreation area. Although the Shenango Recreation Area campground closed for the season to the general public earlier in September, volunteers that pre-register for a work project can camp for free the nights of Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29. Volunteer registration on the day of the event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Ranger Station at the Shenango Recreation Area. Call the Park Ranger Office at 724-646-1124 for questions or additional information.

[Tionesta Lake](#), Pa. – Volunteer projects planned by project staff and their Forest County Conservation District partners for Saturday, September 29 include trail maintenance and the painting and construction of interpretive displays and wildlife habitat at various Tionesta Lake recreation areas. Volunteer registration on the day of the event will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Tionesta Lake Visitor Center, but pre-registration is encouraged. Call the Park Ranger Office at 814-755-3512 to pre-register or for additional details.

Volunteers are encouraged to dress appropriately for outdoor physical activity and to always keep safety foremost in their minds. Thank you in advance to all of those willing to come out and get your hands dirty to keep our public lands beautiful!