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Pittsburgh District

## Crooked Creek Lake Fact Sheet

***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 a 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 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.
- ❖ *Golden Age/Access Passports* and *America the Beautiful Senior/Access Passes* are accepted for a 50 percent reduction on user fees. No discount passes are issued/sold 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 is no horsepower limit 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 in designated areas only.
- ❖ 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 other 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 the pavilion is rented for a large event.
- ❖ For a complete copy of all park rules, please see one of the park bulletin boards where Title 36 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations is posted. Individual copies are available at the Park Office or by asking a Park Ranger.

**Emergencies** – Call 911 to report crime or to summon medical help.

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

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

**Public Boat Launch** – *Open April 1 through December 15*

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

**Tunnelville Peninsula** – *Open for vehicles from April 1 through December 15*

- ❖ 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 17 through September 7*

- ❖ Visitors pay the posted required fee using the honor system box 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, relaxing 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** – *Open for vehicles from April 1 through December 15*

- ❖ Closures may occur because of weather, high water or for security.
- ❖ No winter maintenance from December 16 through March 31 but the road will be open if conditions permit.
- ❖ Restrooms are open from April 2 through October 27.

**Organized Group Campground** – *Open for group rental from May 1 through September 30*

- ❖ Inquire at the Park Office. The nearby restroom is open April 14 through October 8.
- ❖ Organized groups (such as Boy/Girl Scouts, youth groups, hiking clubs, etc.) that would like to camp should contact the Park staff to make arrangements.

**Family Campground** – *Open from May 18 through September 9*

- ❖ There are no sites with hook-ups.
- ❖ Sites are first come – first served; 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 RVs.

**Pavilions** – *No reservations accepted after September 1*

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

**Trails** – *Trail information is available at the Park Office*

- ❖ 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 close for the winter months.

**Horse Park** – *For more information on the Horse Park or the Fort Armstrong Horseman's Association Equestrian Trail go to [www.crookedcreekhorsepark-faha.com](http://www.crookedcreekhorsepark-faha.com)*

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

**Environmental Learning Center** ([www.crookedcreekelc.org](http://www.crookedcreekelc.org)) – *All inquiries on the Environmental Learning Center should be directed to (724) 763-6316 or [elcaet@alltel.net](mailto:elcaet@alltel.net)*

- ❖ This facility is leased to The Armstrong County Educational Trust.

***Thank you for choosing Crooked Creek Lake as your recreational retreat. We hope your visit was relaxing and pleasant.***