Berlin Lake, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938, is one of 16 flood damage reduction projects in the Army Corps’ Pittsburgh District. The project provides flood protection for the Mahoning River Valley as well as for the Beaver and Upper Ohio Rivers. 

Since its completion in 1943, the Berlin Lake project has prevented flood damages estimated to be in excess of $402 million. The project has the capability to store the equivalent run-off of 6.9 inches of precipitation from its 249 square mile watershed.

The project also provides downstream communities with a clean and dependable water supply and has helped to alleviate pollution problems throughout the Mahoning River Valley.

Additionally, Deer Creek Dam, which was built by the city of Alliance, Ohio, under agreement with the Department of the Army, provides a reservoir for domestic water supply to nearby communities.

Take time out to enjoy the ever-changing pattern of life and scenery that await you at Berlin Lake. Located near Akron, Youngstown, and Warren, Ohio the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to trade the sights and sounds of the city for those of the Ohio countryside.

In addition to its colorful scenery, Berlin Lake offers visitors a wide variety of recreational experiences, including camping, boating, picnicking, or just relaxing in peaceful surroundings.

The Mill Creek Campground is an ideal family campground that has a diversity of campsites. Campsites are suitable for either trailer or tent camping. All campsites are equipped with a picnic table and a fire ring. Campsites with electricity are available as are Americans with Disabilities Act accessible sites.

Several launching ramps are located on the lake for the convenience of boating enthusiasts. Boats of many descriptions can be found on Berlin Lake during the summer. The usually smooth water surface also provides excellent skiing conditions. The average depth of the lake is between 10 and 15 feet, and boaters should be alert for underwater hazards. Marina services and boating and fishing supplies are also available through concessionaires located at the lake.

Berlin Lake is known for its excellent walleye fishing and is one of the very few lakes in the area in which natural reproduction of the walleye fish population occurs. Sportsmen will also enjoy fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskie, crappie and bluegill.

Hunting is permitted at Berlin Lake except in developed recreation areas and areas posted as “no hunting allowed.” The Ohio Department of Natural Resources manages over 6,800 acres of project lands for public hunting and wildlife management purposes. Small game species are found in abundance. Easy access to hunting areas is available.

Lake and Dam Statistics

| Location: On the Mahoning River, about 35 miles upstream from Warren, Ohio. | The project is located in Mahoning, Portage and Stark Counties. |
| Project Area: ........................................ 7,990 acres |
| Drainage area above dam: .......... 249 sq. mi. |
| Construction costs: .................. $6,000,000 |

**Dam**

Type structure: Partially controlled concrete gravity type with center spillway flanked by rolled earth filled abutments


**Lake**

Enjoy a safe outing.
Observe these safety tips!

Water Hazards
Boat with caution! Be especially aware of the existence of underwater obstructions. In addition, floating debris may be at or near the lake surface as a result of fluctuating lake levels. Boaters and skiers should be watchful for these hazards; because of these floating and underwater hazards, diving is discouraged.

Life Jackets
When boating, the best protection against drowning is to wear your life jacket. U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets are required if you are less than 12 years of age, a non-swimmer, are on a boat less than 16 feet in length, or are in a canoe or kayak. Know the rules before you go out on the water.

Fire Protection
The fire potential is generally high during the recreation season. Help prevent forest fires by obeying the No Open Fire regulation.

Boaters
Be considerate of those in canoes or fishing at anchor.

Alcohol and Boating Don’t Mix
Don’t drink while operating a boat. Alcohol is involved in at least 50 percent of all drownings and a major cause of death in recreational boating accidents.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all Corps of Engineers lake lands and waters!

Be alert to changing weather/ lake conditions
Storms can come on very quickly. If lightning is spotted, head for shore immediately and seek out a safe location.

Firearms and ammunition
The US Army Corps of Engineers does not honor State-issued concealed weapon permits, prohibits loaded concealed weapons, the possession of loaded firearms or ammunition on lands and waters administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers per 36 C.F.R. § 327.13(a).

Anglers
Use a wading stick to check for sudden drop-offs in the water and for extra balance.

Federal rules and regulations concerning the use of this lake are set forth in Title 36, Chapter III, of the Code of Federal Regulations and are on display in public areas of this lake.