



**Crooked Creek Lake**, authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1936 and 1938, is one of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District. An important link in a system of flood control projects, Crooked Creek Lake provides flood protection for the lower Allegheny and Ohio rivers. The construction costs of over \$4 million appears small when compared to the large savings which have resulted. Since its completion in 1940, the project has prevented flood damages estimated to be in excess of \$538 million.

## Lake and Dam Statistics

Location: On Crooked Creek, in Armstrong County, PA, 6.7 miles above the junction of the creek with the Allegheny River near Ford City, PA.

Total Area:	2,664 acres
Drainage area above dam:	277 sq. mi.
Construction costs:	\$4,000,000

### Dam

Type of structure:

Rolled earth fill with impervious core

Volume of rock and earth fill: 1,350,500 cu yd

Maximum height above streambed: 143 ft.

Total length: 1,480 ft.

Maximum width at base: 975 ft.

Outlet works: Concrete lined tunnel  
 15'6" in diameter x 1,320' long  
 Two 24" gate valves  
 Three 6' x 13' vertical lift gates

### Lake

Length at summer pool: 5.25 mi.

Summer Area: 350 acres

Maximum Area: 1,940 acres

Elevation above sea level:

Streambed at Dam: 803 ft.

Maximum Pool: 920 ft.

Summer Pool: 845 ft.



# Crooked Creek Lake



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# R e c r e a t i o n

Nestled among the rolling hills of western Pennsylvania, Crooked Creek Lake is an ideal setting for year-round outdoor activities. Located only 30 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to discover the scenic beauty of the lake and surrounding countryside.

Visitors will also find they can pursue a variety of outdoor activities at the lake with its numerous, well-maintained facilities available for enjoyment.



For those who enjoy the outdoors, a visit to Crooked Creek Lake can be a rewarding experience.

The lake and its miles of scenic shoreline provide unlimited opportunities for water-based recreation. A boat launch with ample trailer parking is available for boating and water-skiing. Swimmers and sunbathers will especially appreciate the lake's sandy, peninsula beach.

The great variety and abundance of fish found in the lake has lured many fishermen to its waters.



Crooked Creek Lake has yielded many fine catches of bass, muskie, sunfish, and crappie.

Picnicking is also available at Crooked Creek Lake. There are several picnic areas maintained by the Corps that provide tables and charcoal grills. The six picnic shelters are centrally located and also have picnic tables and grills.

A facility that is growing in popularity is the Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center. This facility is utilized by groups interested in the environment as well as other agencies and the Corps of Engineers for meetings and training programs. This facility is operated by the Armstrong Educational Trust.

For the hunter, an abundance of wildlife can be found in the surrounding countryside. Hunting is permitted on lake lands with the exception of developed recreation areas and posted areas.

The long-distance hiker will enjoy the 141-mile Baker Trail which crosses Crooked Creek Lake on its course through western Pennsylvania. There are shorter hiking trails available also.



Campers will discover that Crooked Creek Lake's campground offers a change of pace from the everyday routine of urban



life. Tent and trailer campsites are provided, as well as a group camping area.

Crooked Creek Lake is a haven for cold weather recreationalists. The park boasts two ice skating ponds, a sled riding area, and cross country skiing. There are also many areas in which to take a winter walk and enjoy the scenery and solitude only available during this time of year.

## **Crooked Creek Horse Park**

The Crooked Creek Horse Park was developed in the area leased as Manor Township Recreation Area. It is maintained by The Fort Armstrong Horsemen's Association, Inc. They have many special events appealing to a variety of interests. To learn more about the recreational opportunities and how to contact them visit [www.crookedcreekhorsepark-faha.com](http://www.crookedcreekhorsepark-faha.com).