

Cross Country Skiing

Many of the lake projects in the Pittsburgh District are situated in areas with terrain that is ideal for cross-country skiing.

Cold Weather Safety Tips

Stay dry, dress in several layers of clothing and wear a hat to conserve body heat. Severe shivering, lack of coordination, and confusion are symptoms of hypothermia, a critical condition due to subnormal body temperatures. Never ski alone! Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

Berlin Lake (330) 547-3781

Berlin Lake is one of the lake projects in the Pittsburgh District that is well suited for cross-country skiing. The topography is wide open and rolling. There are approximately 4,000 acres of area available for skiing, but there are no designated ski trails.

As much of the project lands are leased to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for fishing and hunting purposes, the best time for skiing would be after hunting season closes.

Conemaugh River Lake (724) 639-9013

Conemaugh River Lake is not well suited for cross-country skiing. Most of the terrain is wooded and there are many steep hills.

Crooked Creek Lake (724) 763-3161

Crooked Creek Lake boasts having more than 2,000 acres of wide open flat terrain for cross-country skiers.

East Branch Clarion River Lake (814) 965-2065

East Branch Clarion River Lake is not well suited for cross-country skiing. Most of the terrain is wooded and there are many steep hills.

Kinzua Dam/Allegheny Reservoir (814) 726-0661

Visitors skiing at this sprawling lake project can ski in the neighboring **Allegheny National Forest** and **Allegheny State Park**, where many designated trails exist.

Loyalhanna Lake (724) 639-9013

The topography at Loyalhanna Lake is not well suited for cross-country skiing.

Mahoning Creek Lake (814) 257-8811

The steep-sided hills that surround Mahoning Creek Lake are not ideal for cross-country skiing.

M. J. Kirwan Dam & Reservoir (330) 358-2622

There are more than 1200 acres at this project where visitors can cross-country ski. This project is leased by the Corps of Engineers to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as West Branch State Park. For more information about this park, go to the **West Branch State Park** Web page.

- There is a designated cross-country skiing trail that begins in the West Branch Campground on the northern side of the lake near the West Branch State Park Office.
 - The trails on the southern shore of the lake, east of the causeway, are dual-use trails. They are used by snowmobiles as well as cross-country skiers.
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Mosquito Creek Lake (330) 637-1961

Mosquito Creek Lake and most of its surrounding lands are leased by the Corps of Engineers to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as Mosquito Lake State Park.

- There are cross-country skiing trails in Mosquito State Park. For more information about this park, go to the **Mosquito Lake State Park** Web page.
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Shenango River Lake (724) 962-7746

Shenango River Lake has over 4,000 acres of land available for winter recreation. Some parts of this 4,000 acres are suitable for cross-country skiing.

Stonewall Jackson Lake (304) 269-4588

Cross-country skiing is possible at this project. Most of the project is outgranted by the Corps of Engineers to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources as a public hunting and fishing area and as Stonewall Jackson State Park. For more information about the park go to the **Stonewall Jackson State Park** Web page.

Tionesta Lake (814) 755-3512

There are areas and trails at Tionesta Lake that are suitable for cross country skiing. Cross-country skiers at Tionesta Lake can also ski in the neighboring **Allegheny National Forest**, where many designated trails exist.

Tygart Lake (304) 265-1760

The steep, wooded mountainsides that surround Tygart Lake are not ideal for cross-country skiing. However, there is a two mile section of road from the State Park Office to the campground that is closed to vehicle traffic in January and February which is ideal for cross country skiing.

Union City Dam (814) 763-4477

Due to the topography of this facility, cross-country skiing is not recommended.

Woodcock Creek Lake (814) 763-4477

The gentle sloping topography around Woodcock Creek Lake can give cross-country skiers a pleasant experience at this project. Most of this project is leased by the Corps of Engineers to the **Pennsylvania Game Commission** and Crawford County as State Game Lands No. 435 and **Colonel Crawford Park**.

Youghiogheny Lake (814) 395-3242

There are no designated cross-country skiing trails at this project. However, there are designated trails located nearby at Ohiopyle State Park. These trails are well marked and easy to access.