

Hunting

The Corps administers an intensive wildlife management program, which benefits both game and non-game species. Principal game species include deer, bear, squirrel, rabbit, quail, grouse, turkey, raccoon and waterfowl.

Check with the local wildlife officers or Corps rangers for best areas to hunt at each particular lake. Most public lands surrounding Corps lakes are open to hunting **EXCEPT** in recreation areas or where otherwise posted. Some have only a narrow fringe of land open to public use, while others have large tracts which are ideal for hunting.

NOTE: Hunters at flood control lakes must possess all licenses and permits required by the state and/or federal licensing agency which has jurisdiction over the area where you are hunting. Hunting is prohibited at the lock & dam projects.

Although permission to hunt is not necessary on Corps lands, approval from the landowner for hunting on any adjacent private land is a must.

To find out more about hunting at a project, pick the project name from the list below:

Hunting Safety Tips

- Wear fluorescent orange on head and chest visible from all directions.
- Treat every gun as if it's loaded.
- Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
- Store guns and ammunition separately.
- It is unlawful and dangerous to hunt under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Berlin Lake (330) 547-3781

- Hunting is permitted at Berlin Lake with the exception of developed recreation areas and posted areas. The **Ohio Department of Natural Resources** manages over 6,800 acres for public hunting and wildlife management purposes. Small game species are found in abundance and easy access to hunting areas is available.

Conemaugh River Lake (724) 639-9013

The Bow Ridge Recreation Area and Virginia Farms are the two areas at Conemaugh River Lake where hunting is allowed. The **Pennsylvania Game Commission** leases 7000 acres of land around the lake for wildlife management and hunting.

- The Bow Ridge Recreation Area is an accessible hunting area for persons with disabilities who use wheelchairs. Special permits are necessary to use this area. The special permits are available at the Resource Manager's office.
 - The Virginia Farms hunting area is leased out to the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Part of this hunting area, like Bow Ridge, is for physically challenged persons only, and special permits are needed to hunt there. Permits are available at the Resource Manager's office. The remainder of Virginia Farms is open to the public. Check with rangers at the Resource Manager's office to find out what part of Virginia Farms is open to the public.
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Crooked Creek Lake (724) 763-3161

Hunting is permitted on Crooked Creek project lands with the exception of developed recreation areas and posted areas.

- The Robb's Fording Access Area, on the southern shore of the lake off of Robb's Fording Road, is an accessible hunting area that is open to everyone and special permits are not necessary for access.
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East Branch Clarion River Lake (814) 965-2065

Hunting is not permitted on East Branch Lake project lands.

- There are portions of East Branch Lake that are **Elk State Park** where hunting is allowed.
 - Hunting is also permitted in the adjacent **Elk State Forest** and State Game Lands No. 25.
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Kinzua Dam/Allegheny Reservoir (814) 726-0661

The Allegheny Reservoir area falls under many jurisdictions. A recreation map that shows the boundaries for different jurisdictions is available through a link at the [Allegheny National Forest](#) home page.

• For information about hunting in the different areas surrounding Allegheny Reservoir try the links listed below:

[\[Allegheny State Park\]](#) [\[Allegheny National Forest\]](#) [\[Seneca Nation of Indians\]](#) [\[Cattaraugus County New York\]](#)

Loyalhanna Lake (724) 639-9013

Hunting is permitted on Loyalhanna Lake project lands with the exception of developed recreation areas and posted areas. The Corps of Engineers leases 2,115 acres of project lands to the [Pennsylvania Game Commission](#) for wildlife management purposes and public hunting.

There are nine access areas for hunting at Loyalhanna Lake:

- Crabtree Access Area - Go south on Route 119 from Route 22 about two miles, and then go east on Skyview Road about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.
 - Salem Access Area - Go south on Route 119 from Route 22 about $\frac{1}{10}$ mile, then east on Perone Road about 1 mile.
 - Sanderson's Access Area - Go south on Route 981 from Route 22 about 6 miles, then west on Township Road 887 about 1 mile.
 - Andrico Access Area - Go north on Route 981 from Route 22 about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles then look for the area to your left.
 - Oasis Access Area - Go south on Route 981 from Route 22 about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and then right on Oasis Road about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
 - Moreing Access Area - Go west on Route 22 from Route 981 about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, then right on Moreing Road about 1 mile.
 - Christopher's Access Area - Go west on Route 22 from Route 981 about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, right on Moreing Road about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, then left onto Christopher's Road about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
 - Sportsmen Access Area - Go south from Loyalhanna Dam on Loyalhanna Dam Road about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, then left on Koontz Road about 2 miles.
 - Mannitto Run Access Area - Go north on Route 981 from Route 22 about 1 mile, then left onto Bush Road about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, the access area is on the left.
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Mahoning Creek Lake (814) 257-8811

A variety of game is found in abundance in and around the project including white-tailed deer, black bear, small game species, and upland game birds. Hunting and trapping are permitted in all areas of the project except developed recreation areas and posted areas. The **Pennsylvania Game Commission** leases 1,280 acres of project lands in Indiana County for wildlife management and public hunting.

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

The 420 acres of land operated and maintained by the Corps is a No Hunting Zone. The surrounding lands are leased by the Corps of Engineers to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as West Branch State Park. Go to the **West Branch State Park** home page for hunting information at this reservoir.

Mosquito Creek Lake (330) 637-1961

Mosquito Creek Lake and most of its surrounding lands are lease by the Corps of Engineers to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as Mosquito Lake State Park. For information on hunting go to the **Mosquito Lake State Park** Web page.

Shenango River Lake (724) 962-7746

Hunting and trapping are permitted on Shenango River Lake project lands with the exception of developed recreation areas, wildlife propagation areas, and posted areas.

- Hunting is allowed in the Golden Run Wildlife Area. This area is located on the south shore of the lake off of Route 258.
 - The Route 846 Hunting Area, located about ½ mile south of Hartford Road on Route 846, is an accessible hunting area reserved for persons with disabilities. Call the Resource Manager's office at the lake for more details.
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Stonewall Jackson Lake (304) 269-4588

Hunting and trapping are permitted on all project lands except Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park and other posted areas. Most of the project lands are outgranted by the Corps of Engineers to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources as a public hunting and fishing area and Stonewall Jackson State Park.

- For information on hunting in the state park, go to the [Stonewall Jackson State Park](#) Web page.
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Tionesta Lake (814) 755-3512

The Tionesta area has claim as one of Pennsylvania's best big game regions. Hunters will find deer in abundance as well as bear, turkey, and small game. Hunting and trapping are permitted on all project lands except for recreation and other posted areas.

- For information on hunting in the surrounding Allegheny National Forest, go to the [Allegheny National Forest](#) Web page.
 - For information on hunting in the nearby Pennsylvania State Gamelands No. 24, go to the [Pennsylvania Game Commission](#) Web page.
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Tygart Lake (304) 265-1760

With the exception of a small area in the vicinity of the dam, the Tygart Lake and surrounding lands are licensed to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources as Tygart Lake State Park and the Pleasant Creek Wildlife Management Area.

- For information on hunting in the Pleasant Creek Wildlife Management Area, go to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources [Wildlife Management Areas](#) Web page.
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Union City Dam (814) 763-4477

Hunting is a popular pastime at Union City Dam. Deer, turkey, small game, and waterfowl are plentiful and provide hunters with many exciting opportunities and experiences. Hunting is permitted on all project lands, and Pennsylvania State Game Lands are located about 2 miles north of the dam along French Creek.

Woodcock Creek Lake (814) 763-4477

Hunting is permitted at Woodcock Creek Lake on lands leased to the [Pennsylvania Game Commission](#). PA State Game Lands #435 is found at the eastern end of the project. This provides a public hunting area, as well as excellent wildlife habitat.

Youghiogheny Lake (814) 395-3242

Hunting and trapping are permitted on all project lands except for recreation and other posted areas.

Hunting at Youghiogheny Lake falls under two state jurisdictions - Pennsylvania and Maryland. Contact the **Pennsylvania Game Commission**, or the **Maryland Department of Natural Resources**.
