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SHENANGO RIVER LAKE

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Shenango River Lake, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938, is one of 16 flood damage reduction facilities in the Pittsburgh District. The reservoir provides flood protection for the Shenango River Valley as well as for the Beaver and upper Ohio Rivers. Since its completion in 1965, Shenango River Lake has prevented flood damages estimated to be in excess of \$158.8 million. The reservoir has the capability to store the equivalent run-off of 10.5 inches of precipitation from its 589 square mile watershed.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission manages 3,150 acres of lake land for wildlife purposes including a waterfowl propagation area. The Ohio Division of Wildlife manages the 4,800 acres of the Ohio portion of the reservoir lands and waters for wildlife management.

History buffs will enjoy exploring the remnants of the Erie Extension Canal, sections of which are located on Shenango property. The historic Canal played a key role in the economic development of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Portions of the canal's towpath are maintained for hiking and are part of the Shenango Trail. The well-preserved remains of Lock Number 10 are located off High Street in Sharpsville, adjacent to the Sharpsville Community Park.

Recreation

Come explore and enjoy the outdoors! The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to visit Shenango Lake and experience a variety of recreational opportunities.

Situated within the suburban Shenango Valley, Shenango Lake provides an attractive setting where you may spend the day picnicking, camping, or enjoying nature's beauty at one of the many lake's recreation areas.

Many fishing enthusiasts are attracted to the waters of Shenango for the crappie, bass, walleye, catfish, and muskellunge that inhabit the river, lake and tailwaters.

In addition, thousands of anglers are drawn to the dam's outflow area for the trout fishery which is stocked year-round by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.



Boating is among the most popular recreational activities at the lake. Areas are provided on the lake for unlimited horsepower operation and water skiing as well as areas designated for electric motors, restricted horsepower, and minimum wake operation. For those visitors who prefer to canoe or kayak, both the Shenango River, upstream of the lake, and Pymatuning Creek offer excellent opportunities, beautiful scenery, and a chance to observe nature.

Campers visiting the lake will enjoy the spacious facilities available at the Shenango Recreation Area Campground.

Shower houses, restroom facilities, and a dump station are provided as well as 330 campsites, many of which are equipped with electric hookups. Sixty percent of the campsites are able to be reserved, while forty percent remain as first-come first-serve sites. To make a reservation contact National Recreation Reservation Service at 877-444-6777 or visit at recreation.gov.

Self-guided nature trails invite visitors to experience the beauty of the Shenango Lake area. The half mile Seth Myers Trail and the quarter mile Coonie Trail offer an opportunity to learn about various habitats and the relationships between plants, animals and humans.



Hunting and trapping are permitted at Shenango Lake with the exception of developed recreation areas, wildlife propagation areas, and posted areas. All federal, state, and local laws governing these activities apply on lake lands and waters.

**Shenango River Lake (mailing purposes)
2442 Kelly Rd
Hermitage, PA 16148-7308
(724) 962-7746**

**Shenango Recreation Area
492 W. Lake Rd.
Transfer, PA 16154
(724) 646-1124**

**Daily Lake & Recreation Information:
(724) 962-4384**

**Campground:
(724) 646-1115 (May-Sept)**

www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/rec.htm

Lake and Dam Statistics

Location: On the Shenango River, in Hermitage, Mercer County, PA

Project Area: 15,071 acres
Drainage area above dam: 589 sq. mi.
Construction costs: \$38,000,000

Dam

Type of structure:
Concrete gravity with uncontrolled spillway
Volume of concrete fill: 60,000 cu. yd.
Maximum height above streambed: . . . 67.7 ft.
Total length: 720 ft.
Maximum width at base: 66 ft.
Outlet works: Seven 5' x 7' sluice gates

Lake

Length at normal pool: 11 mi.
Normal Area: 3,560 acres
Maximum Area: 11,090 acres
Elevation above sea level:
Streambed at dam: 864.67 ft.
Maximum Pool: 917.67 ft.
Summer Pool: 894.67 ft.

**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 13 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.

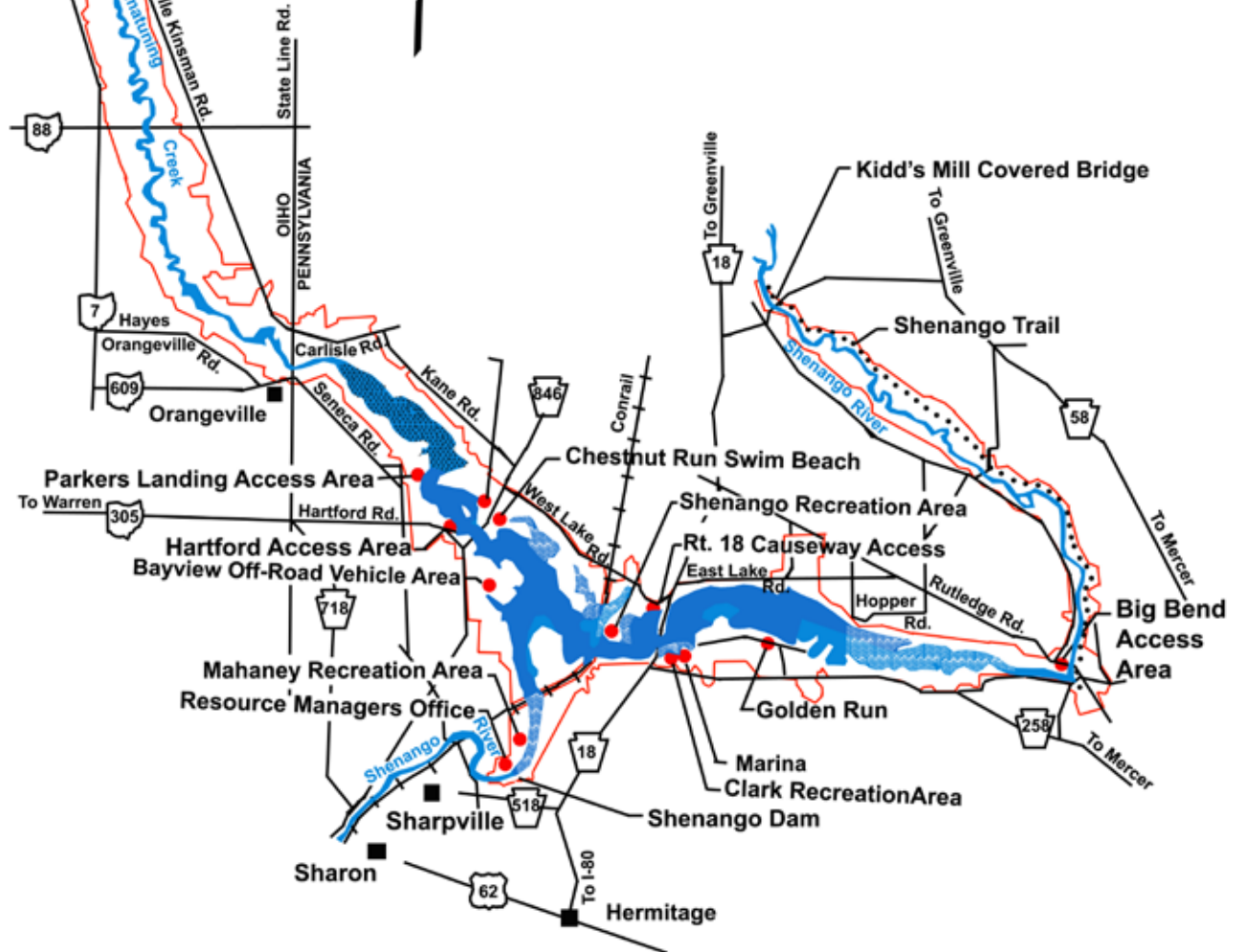
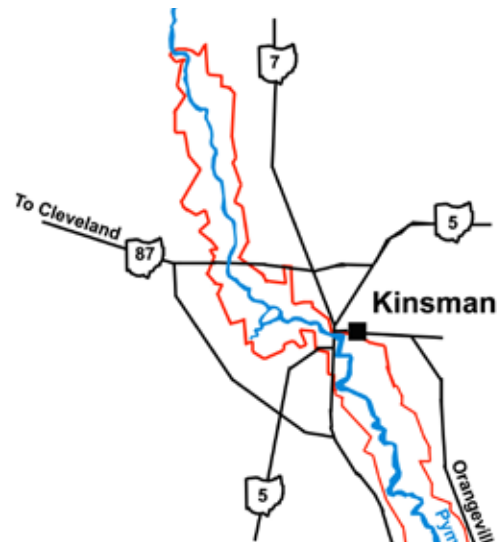
Alcohol and Boating Don't Mix
Don't drink while operating a boat. Alcohol is involved in at least 50 percent of all drownings and a major cause of death in recreational boating accidents.

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.



Shenango River Lake

	Camper Dumping Station	Electric Drinking Water	Launching Hookups	Pets on Leash	Picnic Shelter	Restroom Facilities	Swimming Areas	Life Guarded Swimming Areas
Mahaney Recreation Area								
Shenango Recreation Area								
Clark Recreation Area								
Golden Run Wildlife Area								
Hartford Access Area								
Parker's Landing Access Area								
Chestnut Run Swim Beach								
RC's Marina	**							
Kidd's Mill Covered Bridge								

** Concessionaire *** Shenango Conservancy
◆ No Launch Ramp, Car-Top Access Only

1 Electric available for picnic shelter only
2 Swimming areas are unofficial, swim at your own risk

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.