

Swimming

Generally, swimming is permitted in the unrestricted portions of Corps lakes and rivers. However, some projects permit swimming only at designated swimming areas and a few do not permit swimming at all. Make sure you swim in a permissible area, and remember **YOU SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK**. With a few exceptions, **NO lifeguards are on duty**, so have fun but be careful!

NOTE: It is both illegal and extremely unsafe to swim near the dams, outflows, locks, discharges, powerhouse intakes or boat launching ramps of any Corps reservoir or lock and dam.

Swimming Safety Tips

- Never swim alone.
- Never dive—underwater hazards may exist.
- Learn water rescue techniques.
- Avoid swimming in cold water for long periods.

Berlin Lake

There is a designated swimming area within the Mill Creek Recreation Area which is located off of Bedell Road on the eastern side of the lake.

Conemaugh River Lake |

There are no designated swimming areas at this lake.

Crooked Creek Lake

There is a designated swimming area in the Tunnelville Beach Recreation Area. Tunnelville Beach is centrally located in the Day Use Area.

East Branch Clarion River Lake

Swimming is not permitted at this lake.

Kinzua Dam/Allegheny Reservoir

The Corps of Engineers does not operate any developed swimming areas at the reservoir but there are swimming areas provided by the U.S. Forest Service such as Kiasutha and Kinzua Beach, and the nearby New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, such as Quaker, and Red House.

Loyalhanna Lake

The swimming beach at Loyalhanna Lake, in Bush Recreation Area, has been closed for several years.

Mahoning Creek Lake

Swimming is not permitted at this lake.

M. J. Kirwan Dam & Reservoir

There is a concessionaire operated swim beach located on the southeastern part of the lake off of Cableline Road.

Mosquito Creek Lake

The only swimming area on the lake is in Mosquito Lake State Park.

Shenango River Lake

Chestnut Run Swim Beach is located on the north shore of the lake just off the eastern side of Route 846. This swim beach is run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This beach is a swim-at-your-own-risk area and has no lifeguard on duty.

Stonewall Jackson Lake

There is no developed swimming area at this lake.

Tionesta Lake

There is a developed swimming area in Tionesta Park run by the Borough of

Tionesta. Tionesta Park is below the dam, on the Tionesta Creek, just off of Route 36.

Woodcock Creek Lake

There is a developed swimming area at Woodcock Creek Lake that is located in Colonel Crawford Park. Colonel Crawford Park is administered by Crawford County.

Youghiogheny River Lake

There are three swimming areas at Youghiogheny River Lake. The areas are located at Spillway Recreation Area, Mill Run Recreation Area, and Tub Run Camping Area (limited to use by campers only).
