In addition to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rules and Regulations (36 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter III, Part 327), the following rules and regulations apply at Tionesta Lake.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is PROHIBITED on all Corps lake lands and water.

Camping is permitted in designated areas only!

Campers must register at the campground fee booth within one hour of arrival. Individuals registering must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver’s license or photo ID. They are responsible for the actions of the site’s occupants.

Campsites must be vacated prior to 3 pm or renewed by 2 pm on the day the permit expires.

Length of stay is limited to 14 days in a 30-day period.

Campers wishing to stay more than 14 days must obtain the approval of a Park Ranger and are subject to the availability of sites. Maximum extension will be no more than 7 days. After 14 days, and any extensions, the camper must leave Tionesta Lake and may not relocate to another Tionesta Lake Campground to extend their stay.

Sites may not be held for or passed along to relatives, friends or others to bypass the 14-day rule. Campers wishing to stay more than 14 days must obtain the approval of a Park Ranger and are subject to the availability of sites. Maximum extension will be no more than 7 days. After 14 days, and any extensions, the camper must leave Tionesta Lake and may not relocate to another Tionesta Lake Campground to extend their stay.

The destruction, injury, defacement, or removal of public property including vegetation, trees, rocks or minerals, is prohibited. The hanging of lanterns, tools or trash bags from trees is prohibited. No foreign objects such as nails or spikes may be driven into trees. Cutting standing trees is prohibited. Firewood may be gathered from trees that are dead and fallen only. Do not remove logs that delineate trails.

All firearms, including sparklers, are prohibited. Loaded weapons and any kind of explosives are prohibited. Target practice with any weapon is prohibited.

Picnicking is prohibited in the campgrounds.

Only two vehicles, including visitor vehicles, are permitted at any campsite. Keep all vehicles on the gravel spur or parking areas provided. Extra vehicles may be parked at the discretion of the park ranger and are subject to the availability of sites. Extra vehicles must park outside of the campground.

Registered campers are responsible for the conduct of their visitors. Visitors must depart by 10 pm. Visitors in the Tionesta Recreation Area Campground between May and Labor Day will be charged $3 per vehicle, payable at the fee booth upon arrival.

Quiet shall be maintained between 10 pm and 8 am. Generators may not be operated during these hours.

Pets are permitted provided they are caged, penned, on a leash no longer than six feet, or otherwise physically restrained at all times. Pets must be restrained on the site itself, not on the outer edges of the site. Leashes may only be attached to the camper’s own equipment, not trees or other vegetation, site posts, tables, or fire rings. Owners are responsible to clean-up after their pets and may not leave them unattended.

Vehicle, trailer, motor home, or bicycle washing is not permitted anywhere in the campgrounds. Do not use water hydrants, hose connections or dump stations for this purpose.

Parents are responsible for their children using any playground equipment.

Bicycles are permitted in the campgrounds. Operators must ride on the road with traffic and obey all signs including one way, yield and stop. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc. without safety markings may not be used after sunset. Bicycles are not permitted off the road, in the grass, on trails, bridges or sidewalks, or after sunset.

All motorized recreational vehicles, including motorcycles, motorbikes, mopeds, scooters and ATVs, that are not legally road licensed, are prohibited in the campground. In addition, driving any of these that are road licensed around the campground is prohibited unless entering or leaving the campground.

The Tionesta Beach is not operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Hours of operation may vary. Certified lifeguards are on duty and an entrance fee is charged.

Camping at the Outflow Recreation Area, the Kellettville campgrounds, and the lakeshore campsites are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations are available in the Tionesta Recreation Area Campground for some of the campsites; the remaining sites are available on a first come, first served basis.

In the Tionesta Recreation Area campground, reservations between May and Labor Day for sites 22-70, 72-80, 91, 92, 94, 96, 98, 101-108, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121 and 123 may be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service toll free at (877) 444-6777.

A campground attendant will register Tionesta Recreation Area Campground campers. Outflow and Kellettville campers will self-register; instructions are posted at the fee booths. The camping permit must be attached to the clip on the site number post and returned to the fee booths when departing. Lakeshore campers self-register at the Boat Launch fee booth; camping is by boat access only; it is primitive and free, but there is a boat launching fee, payable at the Boat Launch fee booth.

Violators of these rules and regulations may be evicted and issued citations. Thank you for your cooperation!

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477 Spillway Road
P.O. Box 539
Tionesta, PA 16353-9613
(814) 755-3592 (Memorial Day - Labor Day)
(814) 755-3562 (May 1-21 and Labor Day - Memorial Day)
(814) 755-3582 (Labor Day - Memorial Day)

Tionesta Recreation Area Campground
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Tionesta Fire & Ambulance
(814) 755-3200
PA State Police
(814) 755-3565

For current fee seasons and prices, please check our website or call the lake office.

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

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.

Hunters
Hunting is permitted on Corps and adjoining National Forest lands except in developed recreation areas and posted areas. Exercise extreme caution with firearms at all times. The area is used by others throughout the hunting season.

Cold Weather Activities
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.

Play it Safe
Swimmers are encouraged to swim only at designated areas. NEVER SWIM ALONE! Children should remain under close supervision at all times, especially when playing in or around the water.

Remember...
The major causes of drowning are insufficient swimming skills, use of alcohol, failure to wear a life jacket, and hypothermia associated with cold water.

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).

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.