

### Watercraft Sports

Explore calm backwaters with your canoe. Enjoy the open areas of the lakes while you water ski, jet ski, or wind surf. Spend the day on the river in your runabout or in a raft crashing through rapids. Most projects have public boat launches. Some have marinas. While most are unrestricted horsepower, a few post a 10-horsepower limit at night. Some areas of the lakes and rivers are also designated no-wake zones or restricted areas. Boaters are encouraged to become familiar with these local restrictions and other applicable federal and state boating regulations prior to their visit. For specific boating and other watercraft information on a particular lake or river, you can click on a link below. If additional details are needed please contact or stop by any Corps of Engineers office.

#### Boating Safety Tips

#### Pittsburgh District Boat Launch Ramps

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### Berlin Lake

- **With 3,590 acres of water surface Berlin is a lake made for all kinds of watercraft sports.**
- **The lake has an average width of 3/4 mile and it is approximately 18 miles long.**
- **No horsepower limit.**
- **All types of watercraft are permitted.**
- **Located entirely in State of Ohio.**

#### *Special watercraft regulations or areas of concern:*

**There are 5 special zones for on Berlin Lake that designate varying rules for speed limits, wake zones, water-skiing, and sailboats only. For more information on these zones contact the Resource Manager's office at Berlin Lake.**

**Resource Manager's Office  
7400 Bedell Rd.  
Berlin Center, OH 44401-9707  
Phone (330) 547-3781**

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### Conemaugh River Lake

- **Watercraft sports are permitted on the lake, but at the present time Conemaugh has no launching ramps into the lake. Therefore, access is limited to mostly canoes and car-top boats.**
- **The lake is approximately 7.6 miles long**
- **800 surface acres**
- **The operation of boats powered by internal combustion motors is prohibited by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.**

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## **Crooked Creek Lake**

- Crooked Creek Lake is a smaller lake of only 400 water surface acres.
- The lake is narrow and approximately 5 miles long.
- No horsepower limit.
- No wake zones are located around the beach area.

### *Special watercraft regulations or areas of concern:*

This is a small, narrow lake, so a counter-clockwise travel pattern is maintained. A limit of one skier at a time per vessel is enforced.

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## **East Branch Clarion River Lake**

- The lake has 1,161 surface acres at summer pool.
- Average width is 1/4 mile and length is approximately 5.7 miles.
- No horsepower limit.
- Ideal for power boating and fishing.
- Located entirely in the State of Pennsylvania.
- There is a launch ramp at each end of the lake.
- The ramp at the northern end of the lake is operated by Elk State Park and may be unusable by Labor Day due to water level draw-down.

East Branch Lake, in cooperation with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, is attempting to organize a flotilla in the St. Mary's area with the base operations located at the Lake. Interested persons are encouraged to call (814) 642-9497 for further information.

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## **Kinzua Dam/Allegheny Reservoir**

- No horsepower limit.
- Kinzua is 25 miles long and less than 1 mile wide in most places.
- 12,080 surface acres at summer pool
- Steep hills and narrow valley generally make the lake a challenge for sailboats.
- On weekends during the summer, heavy use generally makes this a less desirable time for non-motorized watercraft.
- Boat rentals are available in the area.
- There are numerous boat ramps throughout the lake which are administered by various agencies.

***Special watercraft regulations or areas of concern:***

The lake is in parts of New York and Pennsylvania. Boaters are governed by each state's laws. Portions of the reservoir are also under the jurisdiction of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

**NOTE:** Boating regulations for the Allegheny Reservoir fall under three jurisdictions; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - 75% of the lake's area, Seneca Nation of Indians - 22%, and New York State - 3%. There are reciprocal boating agreements. Rules may vary according to which portion of the lake you boat in. For more boat licensing information contact:

**Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission**

P.O. Box 1673  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

NYS Department of Motor  
Vehicles  
Swan Street - ESP  
Albany, NY 12228  
1-800-225-5368

**Seneca Nation of Indians**

Clerk's Office, Haley  
Building  
P.O. Box 231  
Salamanca, NY 14779

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**Loyalhanna Lake**

- The lake is 5 miles long and averages approximately 1/4 mile wide.
- There are 475 surface acres for water activities.
- No horsepower limit.

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**Mahoning Creek Lake**

- The lake is 5 miles long and averages approximately 1/8 mile in width.
- There are 280 surface acres for water activities.
- 10 mph horsepower limit.

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**M. J. Kirwan Dam & Reservoir**

- The lake is 10 miles long and averages approximately 1/2 mile in width.
- There are 2,650 surface acres of water for water activities.
- No horsepower limit.

***Special watercraft regulations or areas of concern:***

Please observe all buoys and their meanings. Buoys are placed around the Control Tower to "Keep Out" due to a potentially dangerous situation with the intakes.

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**Mosquito Creek Lake**

- This lake is 9.6 miles long and averages approximately 1 mile wide.

- The northern portion of the lake is part of a wildlife management area and is closed to boating.
- There are 7,850 acres of water surface.
- No horsepower limit

*Special watercraft regulations or areas of concern:*

There is a 15mph speed limit on the lake north of the Route 88 Causeway.

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### **Shenango River Lake**

- This lake is relatively wide and shallow.
  - The lake is 11 miles long with an average width of 3/4 mile.
  - 3,560 surface acres
  - There are many bays and inlets ideal for boat fishing.
  - The Shenango River which flows into the lake is ideal for a canoe trip.
  - There is no horsepower limit on the lake, however there are areas of slow speed, and no wake sections.
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### **Stonewall Jackson Lake**

- This lake is wide and relatively shallow; approximately one fifth of the lake is designated as No Wake zone for fishery management. There are many bays and inlets ideally suited for fishing.
  - The lake is 26 miles long and averages 1/4 mile wide.
  - 2,650 surface acres.
  - No horsepower limit.
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### **Tionesta Lake**

- The lake is approximately 6 miles long at summer pool.
  - It has an average width of 1/4 mile or less.
  - Total surface acres are 540.
  - It is ideal for most types of watercraft sports.
  - Tionesta Creek which flows into the lake, provides more than 20 miles of very scenic canoeing in the spring and fall.
  - No horsepower limit, however there are 2 no-wake/slow speed sections.
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### **Tygart Lake**

- The lake is 10 miles long and has an average width of 1/2 mile wide.

- There are 1,750 surface acres.
  - No horsepower limit.
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### **Union City Dam**

This is a "dry bed" reservoir which has no permanent pool. When the reservoir does contain water, boating is not permitted.

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### **Woodcock Creek Lake**

- This lake is only 2.1 miles long and has an average width of 1/2 mile.
  - There are 333 surface acres.
  - Due to its small size there is a 10 horsepower limit on the entire lake.
  - The size of the lake makes it ideal for small motor boats and sailing.
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### **Youghiogheny Lake**

- No horsepower limit.
- All major coves are No Wake areas.
- The lake is almost 16 miles long and averages 1/2 mile wide.
- There are 2,840 surface acres of water at summer pool.
- The lake is often crowded on busy weekends.
- The lake provides water for rafting in the river below the dam. For river levels and current conditions jump to

*Special watercraft regulations or areas of concern:*

Shallow areas appear south of the Route 40 bridge toward the end of summer. Boating in the upper end of the lake should be done with caution at these times.

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