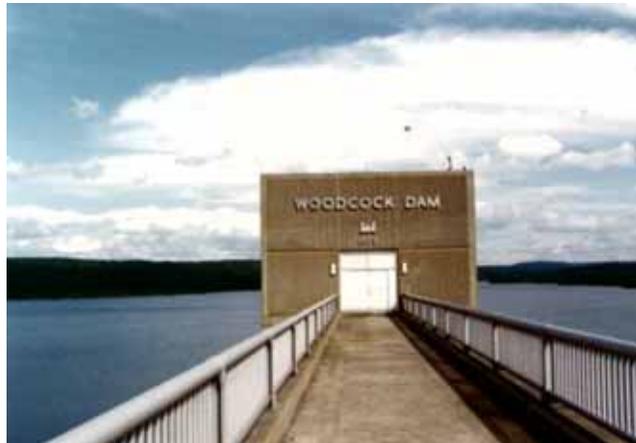


Woodcock Creek Lake, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962, is one of 16 flood damage reduction projects in the Pittsburgh District. The project provides flood protection for the French Creek system.

The lake can store the equivalent run-off of 8.2 inches of precipitation from its 45.65 square mile watershed. Since its completion in 1973, Woodcock has prevented flood damages in excess of \$31.2 million.



Lake and Dam Statistics

Location: On the Woodcock Creek, 4.1 miles upstream from its confluence with French Creek at a point 36.4 miles up from French Creek from its junction with the Allegheny River at Franklin, Pa. The project is located entirely within Crawford County.

Total Area:	1,734 acres
Drainage area above dam:	45.65 sq. mi.
Construction costs:	\$18,525,000

Dam

Type structure: Rolled earth embankment type with impervious core and an uncontrolled sidehill spillway

Maximum height above streambed: 90 ft.

Total length: 4,650 ft.

Outlet works:

Arched concrete conduit 6' x 8' x 342'

Discharge regulated by control tower with:

Two 4' x 8' slide gates for flood control

Two 1.5' x 3' gates on multi-level outlets for water quality control

Lake

Length at normal pool: 2.1 mi.

Summer Area: 333 acres

Maximum Area: 775 acres

Elevation above sea level:

Streambed at dam: 1,137 ft.

Maximum Pool: 1,209 ft.

Summer Pool: 1,181 ft.

Woodcock Creek Lake



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Recreation

Resting amidst the rolling hills, Woodcock Creek Lake complements the rural countryside of central Crawford County. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to visit the project and escape the hectic sights and sounds of the city for the vistas and relaxed atmosphere of Woodcock Creek Lake.

Visitors will discover that Woodcock's pleasant surroundings are an ideal setting for outdoor and recreational opportunities. Many exceptional facilities are provided by the Corps of Engineers, Crawford County and the Crawford County Conservation District.

An access roadway which traverses the top of the dam provides visitors with access to many opportunities. Nearly a mile in length, fitness buffs can enjoy a scenic walk, jog or run along the top of the dam or on the Bossard Nature Trail.

The Bossard Nature Trail is designated as a National Recreation Trail in the National Trail System.

Visitors have the opportunity to make exciting discoveries by walking the self-guided nature trail or stopping to observe nature from one of two observation blinds located along the trail. Approximately 1,000 feet of the trail's pathway is paved and easily accessible.

Visitors will also enjoy a stop at Woodcock's Information Center. A variety of interesting displays are exhibited at the center with interpretive programs and slide shows presented for the public's enjoyment. An overlook on the north shore provides visitors with a scenic area to take photographs or relax and enjoy the day. A picnic area located downstream of the dam also offers a beautiful setting for picnicking, fishing, playground fun, and relaxation.

A spacious campground, developed swim beach, picnic areas, and a six-lane boat launch are located in the Colonel Crawford Park Area on the south shore.

Operated and maintained by Crawford County, the park provides excellent facilities to make your visit to Woodcock Creek a memorable one.

Due to the relatively small size of the lake, a 10hp limit is in effect for power boats. This limit helps retain the serene nature of the lake and ensures the safety of other types of pleasure crafts. Woodcock Creek, above and below the dam, as well as the lake itself provides exceptional fishing opportunities. The creek is a favored trout stream. While muskie, bass, walleye, and panfish await anglers in the calm waters of the lake. Pennsylvania State Game Lands #435 are also found at the eastern end of the project. This provides a public hunting area, as well as excellent wildlife habitat.

Visit the Woodcock Nature Center for environmental education programs presented by the Crawford County Conservation District. The district also operates the adjoining Stainbrook Park, where visitors can enjoy picnics or fishing along Woodcock Creek.

