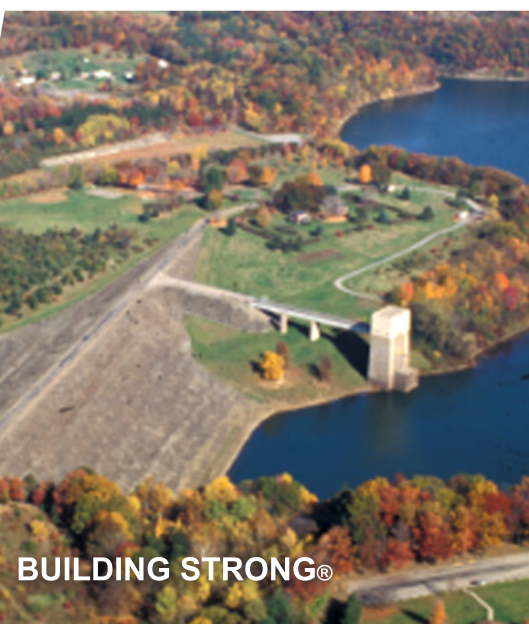




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CROOKED CREEK LAKE

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Crooked Creek Lake, authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1936 and 1938, is one of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District. An important link in a system of flood control projects, Crooked Creek Lake provides flood protection for the lower Allegheny and Ohio rivers. The construction costs of over \$4 million appears small when compared to the large savings which have resulted. Since its completion in 1940, the project has prevented flood damages estimated to be in excess of \$538 million.



Recreation

Nestled among the rolling hills of western Pennsylvania, Crooked Creek Lake is an ideal setting for year-round outdoor activities.

Located only 30 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to discover the scenic beauty of the lake and surrounding countryside.

Visitors will also find they can pursue a variety of outdoor activities at the lake with its numerous, well-maintained facilities available for enjoyment. For those who enjoy the outdoors, a visit to Crooked Creek Lake can be a rewarding experience.

The lake and its miles of scenic shoreline provide unlimited opportunities for water-based recreation. A boat launch with ample trailer parking is available for boating and water-skiing. Swimmers and sunbathers will especially appreciate the lake's sandy, peninsula beach.

The great variety and abundance of fish found in the lake has lured many fishermen to its waters. Crooked Creek Lake has yielded many fine catches of bass, muskie, sunfish, and crappie.



Picnicking is also available at Crooked Creek Lake. There are several picnic areas maintained by the Corps that provide tables and charcoal grills. The six picnic shelters are centrally located and also have picnic tables and grills.

For the hunter, an abundance of wildlife can be found in the surrounding countryside. Hunting is permitted on lake lands with the exception of developed recreation areas and posted areas.

The long-distance hiker will enjoy the 141-mile Baker Trail which crosses Crooked Creek Lake on its course through western Pennsylvania. There are shorter hiking trails available also.

Campers will discover that Crooked Creek Lake's campground offers a change of pace from the everyday routine of urban life. Tent and trailer campsites are provided, as well as a group camping area.

Crooked Creek Lake is a haven for cold weather recreationalists. The park boasts two ice skating ponds, a sled riding area, and cross country skiing. There are also many areas in which to take a winter walk and enjoy the scenery and solitude only available during this time of year.

The Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center is operated by the Armstrong Educational Trust. It is used by groups and agencies interested in environmental stewardship for training, retreats, workshops and meetings. To learn more, please visit: <http://armstrongedutrust.org/services/elc/>

The Fort Armstrong Horsemen's Association, Inc. maintains several miles of equestrian trails. To ride the trails you need to bring your own horse as no horse rentals are available. They also operate and maintain the adjacent Manor Township Recreation Area offering special events appealing to a variety of

interests. To learn more about the recreational opportunities and how to contact them visit: www.crookedcreekhorsepark-faha.com

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

Lake and Dam Statistics

Location: On Crooked Creek, in Armstrong County, PA, 6.7 Miles above the junction of the creek with the Allegheny River near Ford City, PA.

Total Area: 2,664 acres
Drainage area above dam: 277 sq. mil.
Construction costs: \$4,000,000

Dam

Type of structure:
. Rolled earth fill with impervious core
Volume of rock and earth fill:
. 1,350,500 cu yd
Maximum height above streambed: 143 ft.
Total length: 1,480 ft.
Maximum width at base: 975 ft.
Outlet works:
. Concrete lined tunnel
. 15'6" diameter x 1,320' long
. Two 24' gate valves
. Three 6' x 13" vertical lift gates

Lake

Length at summer pool: 5.25 mi.
Summer Area: 350 acres
Maximum Area: 1,940 acres
Elevation above sea level:
. Streambed at Dam: 803 ft.
. Maximum Pool: 920 ft.
. Summer Pool: 845 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.

Personal Flotation Device (PFD)

When boating the best protection against drowning is to wear your PFD. U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs 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 in effect.

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 Lakes, 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.

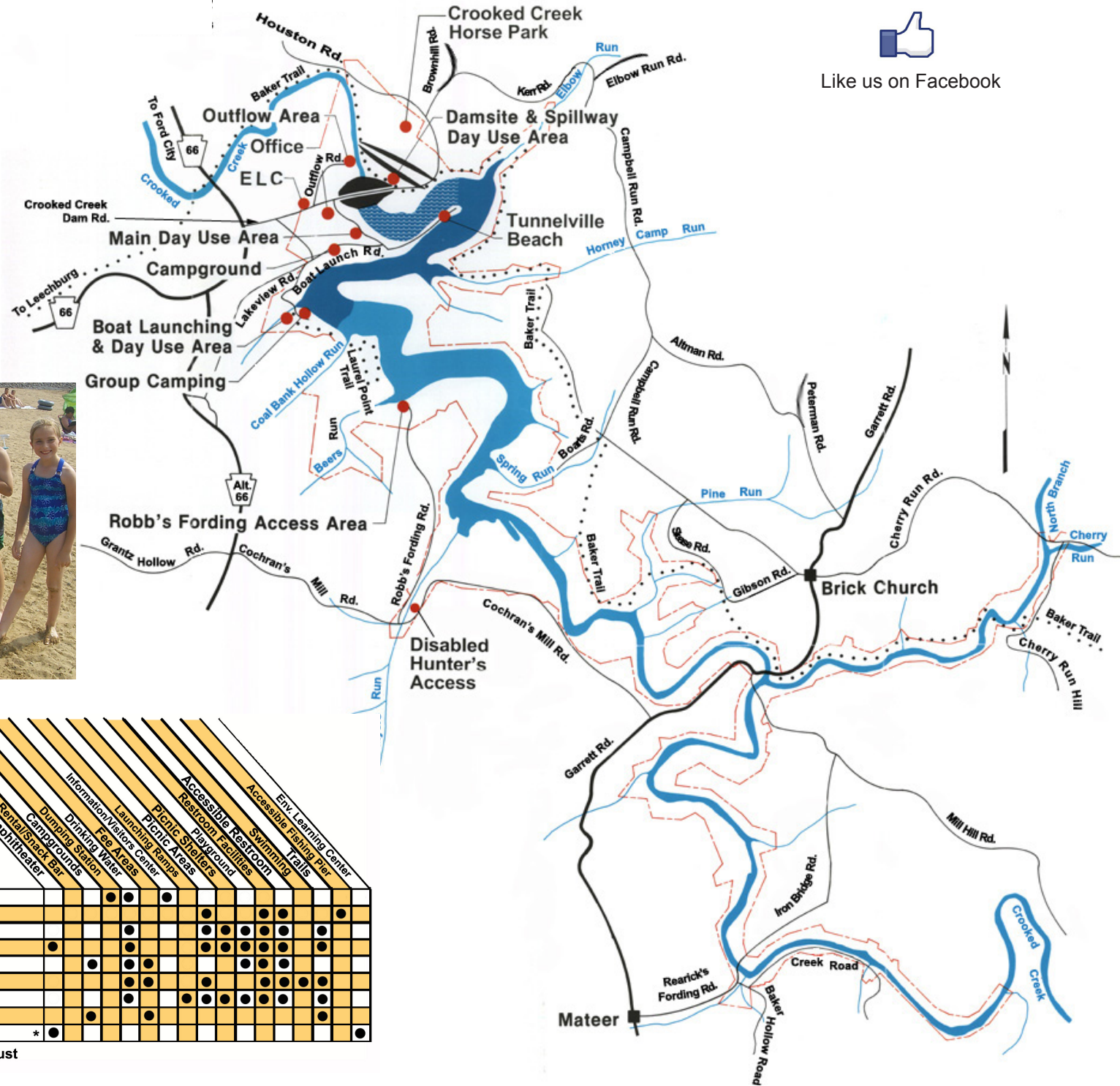
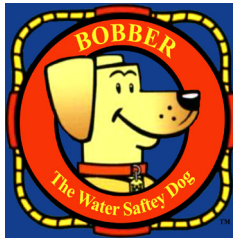
Anglers

Use a wading stick to check for sudden drop-offs in the water and for extra balance.

Pet Restrictions

Pets are not permitted directly on the sandy part of the swim beach but are allowed off to the sides. Pets are to be on a leash at all times in developed recreation areas.

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.



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Crooked Creek Lake

	Office	Outflow Area	Spillway Day Use Area	Main Day Use Area	Family Campground	Tunnelville Beach	Boat Launch and Day Use Area	Group Campground	Environmental Learning Center	Boat Rental	Amphitheater	Information/Visitor Center	Launching Station	Drinking Water	Fee Areas	Picnic Stellers	Picnic Tables	Playground	Accessible Restroom	Restroom Facilities	Swimming	Trails	Env. Learning Center	Accessible Fishing Pier
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