



Authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962, Woodcock Creek Lake is one of the 16 flood damage reduction reservoirs in the Pittsburgh District. The reservoir provides flood protection for the French Creek system. Since its completion in 1973, the flood prevention benefits provided by the reservoir are estimated to be approximately \$40 million.

# WOODCOCK CREEK LAKE

## 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: 1,735 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 around the left abutment.  
Maximum height above streambed: 90 ft.  
Total length: 4,650 ft.

### Outlet works:

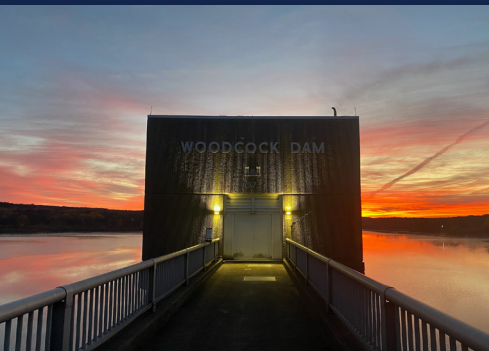
Arched concrete conduit 6' x 8' x 342'  
Two 4' x 8' slide gates for flood control  
Two 3' x 3' gates on multi-level outlets for water quality control

### 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.



The Pennsylvania State Game Lands 435 is found at the eastern end of the project. The land provides a public hunting area and excellent wildlife habitat.

### Hunting

Motorboats on Woodcock Creek Lake are limited to 20 horsepower. Boaters are reminded to have U.S. Coast Guard-approved boating safety devices with them when on project waters and to ensure compliance with all Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission boating regulations.  
Woodcock Creek Lake provides outstanding fishing opportunities above and below the dam. The creek is a favored trout stream. In addition, muskie, bass, walleye, and panfish await anglers in the lake's calm waters.

### Fishing

Placidly resting amidst gently rolling hills, Woodcock Creek Lake complements the tranquil rural countryside of central Crawford County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to visit the reservoir and exchange the hectic sights and sounds of the city for the serene vistas and relaxed atmosphere of Woodcock Creek Lake.  
Woodcock's pleasant surroundings are an ideal setting for outdoor and recreational opportunities. The Corps of Engineers provides many exceptional facilities that enhance visits to the lake.  
An access roadway offers visitors a view of the lake while crossing the dam. Nearly a mile in length, fitness buffs can enjoy a scenic walk, jog or run along the top of the dam.  
The National Park Service designates Bossard Nature Trail as a National Recreation Trail in the National Trail System. As a result, nature enthusiasts have the opportunity to make exciting discoveries on our self-guided nature trail and perhaps stop to observe wildlife from one of two observation spots located along the trail. Approximately a thousand feet of the trail's pathway is paved and easily accessible.  
An overlook on the north shore provides visitors with a scenic area to take photographs or relax and enjoy the day. A picnic area downstream of the dam offers a beautiful setting for picnicking, fishing, playground fun, and relaxation.

# RECREATION

## WOODCOCK CREEK LAKE

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# 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 due to fluctuating lake levels. Boaters should be watchful for these hazards, because of these floating and underwater threats, diving is discouraged.

## Personal Flotation Device (PFD)

When boating, wearing your Personal Flotation Device is the best protection against drowning. U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs are required if you are less than 13 years old or a non-swimmer. PFDs are also required on boats less than 16 feet in length, canoes, and kayaks. Know the rules before you go out on the water.

## Boaters

The fire potential is generally high during the recreation season. Help prevent forest fires by obeying the No Open Fire regulation in effect.

## Fire Protection

## 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 is a major cause of death in recreational boating accidents.

## Alcoholic Beverages

Regulations prohibit alcohol on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-managed lakes, lands, and waters. Visitors can find rules and regulations concerning the use of the reservoir in Title 36, Chapter III of the Code of Federal Regulations and are on display throughout the recreation areas of the site.

## Anglers

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

## Conditions

## Be Alert to Changing Weather/Lake

