

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2023 LAKE REPORT Deer Creek Lake

Natural and recreational resources at USACE lakes provide social, economic and environmental benefits for all Americans. The following information highlights some of the benefits related to USACE's role in managing natural and recreational resources in Deer Creek Lake.

LAKE DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Deer Creek Lake
USACE District: Huntington
USACE Division: Great Lakes and Ohio River

State: Ohio
Watershed: Scioto

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2023

- 3 recreation areas
- 39 picnic sites
- 238 camping sites
- 6 playgrounds
- 3 swimming areas
- 10 trails
- 23 trail miles
- 2 fishing docks and piers
- 2 boat ramps
- 206 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2023

- 10,650 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2023

- 1,528,445 in total
- 374,483 picnickers
- 322,006 campers/overnight visitors
- 559,953 swimmers
- 221,526 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 300,556 boaters
- 252,768 sightseers
- 159,917 anglers
- 106,407 special event attendees
- 50,008 others

Benefits in Perspective

By providing opportunities for active recreation, USACE lakes help combat one of the most significant of the nation's health problems: lack of physical activity.

Recreational programs and activities at USACE lakes also help strengthen family ties and friendships; provide opportunities for children to develop personal skills, social values, and self-esteem; and increase water safety.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Economic Data in FY 2023

Visitation per year resulted in:

- \$ 80,703,895 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 75,647,414 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 389 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 23,781,293 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 39,523,282 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 9,032,676 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 129,366,990 in total sales
- 660 jobs
- \$ 41,099,100 in labor income
- \$ 69,851,052 in value added (wages & salaries, payroll benefits, profits, rents, and indirect business taxes)

Benefits in Perspective

The money spent by visitors to USACE lakes on trip expenses adds to the local and national economies by supporting jobs and generating income. Visitor spending represents a sizable component of the economy in many communities around USACE lakes. Price level is 2023.

[How these numbers were calculated.](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Resources in FY 2023

- 5,946 land acres
- 1,277 water acres
- 19 shoreline miles

Benefits in Perspective

Recreation experiences increase motivation to learn more about the environment; understanding and awareness of environmental issues; and sensitivity to the environment.



Source: US Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources
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