

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2023 LAKE REPORT Delaware 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 Delaware Lake.

LAKE DESCRIPTION

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

State: Ohio
Watershed: Scioto

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2023

- 3 recreation areas
- 187 picnic sites
- 217 camping sites
- 9 playgrounds
- 1 swimming areas
- 10 trails
- 7 trail miles
- 2 fishing docks and piers
- 3 boat ramps
- 190 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2023

- 8,800 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2023

- 439,549 in total
- 91,612 picnickers
- 46,279 campers/overnight visitors
- 117,419 swimmers
- 57,353 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 85,513 boaters
- 140,194 sightseers
- 57,574 anglers
- 24,497 special event attendees
- 18,550 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:

- \$ 19,935,390 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 14,626,971 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 92 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 5,132,875 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 8,037,265 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 3,004,892 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 26,739,235 in total sales
- 156 jobs
- \$ 9,075,224 in labor income
- \$ 14,919,373 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

- 6,403 land acres
- 1,300 water acres
- 35 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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