

# VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

## USACE RECREATION 2023 LAKE REPORT Dillon 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 Dillon Lake.

### LAKE DESCRIPTION

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

**State:** Ohio  
**Watershed:** Muskingum

### SOCIAL BENEFITS

#### Facilities in FY 2023

- 4 recreation areas
- 235 picnic sites
- 195 camping sites
- 5 playgrounds
- 2 swimming areas
- 8 trails
- 0 trail miles
- 1 fishing docks and piers
- 4 boat ramps
- 70 marina slips

#### Public Outreach in FY 2023

- 1,704 public outreach contacts

#### Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2023

- 3,121,725 in total
- 678,528 picnickers
- 939,761 campers/overnight visitors
- 1,090,007 swimmers
- 366,283 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 594,969 boaters
- 483,458 sightseers
- 268,758 anglers
- 179,986 special event attendees
- 81,217 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:

- \$ 155,662,645 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 122,029,586 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 929 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 36,945,655 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 58,682,379 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 26,720,976 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 185,723,206 in total sales
- 1,326 jobs
- \$ 54,748,506 in labor income
- \$ 90,510,945 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

- 6,224 land acres
- 1,560 water acres
- 25 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  
<https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Value-to-the-Nation/>

