

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2022 LAKE REPORT Cowanesque 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 Cowanesque Lake.

LAKE DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Cowanesque Lake
USACE District: Baltimore District
USACE Division: North Atlantic

State: Pennsylvania
Watershed: Susquehanna

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2022

- 9 recreation areas
- 30 picnic sites
- 99 camping sites
- 3 playgrounds
- 2 swimming areas
- 4 trails
- 3 trail miles
- 1 fishing docks and piers
- 3 boat ramps
- 0 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2022

- 2,966 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2022

- 131,810 in total
- 23,150 picnickers
- 24,894 campers/overnight visitors
- 38,182 swimmers
- 30,888 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 19,560 boaters
- 20,429 sightseers
- 12,780 anglers
- 4,135 special event attendees
- 5,193 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 2022

Visitation per year resulted in:

- \$ 6,935,725 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 4,299,854 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 37 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 1,481,073 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 2,227,728 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 1,422,054 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 6,532,817 in total sales
- 52 jobs
- \$ 2,197,734 in labor income
- \$ 3,408,926 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.

[How these numbers were calculated.](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Resources in FY 2022

- 1,649 land acres
- 1,085 water acres
- 17 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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