

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2022 LAKE REPORT Whitney Point 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 Whitney Point Lake.

LAKE DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Whitney Point Lake
USACE District: Baltimore District
USACE Division: North Atlantic

State: New York
Watershed: Susquehanna

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2022

- 1 recreation areas
- 150 picnic sites
- 0 camping sites
- 2 playgrounds
- 1 swimming areas
- 1 trails
- 2 trail miles
- 0 fishing docks and piers
- 1 boat ramps
- 0 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2022

Public outreach data is not available.

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2022

- 145,773 in total
- 25,885 picnickers
- 0 campers/overnight visitors
- 80,020 swimmers
- 11,574 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 2,116 boaters
- 48,206 sightseers
- 9,458 anglers
- 0 special event attendees
- 6,222 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:

- \$ 7,338,548 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 4,534,076 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 40 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 1,562,049 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 2,246,643 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 1,310,500 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 6,852,966 in total sales
- 54 jobs
- \$ 2,237,441 in labor income
- \$ 3,463,943 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

- 3,378 land acres
- 1,200 water acres
- 11 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/>

