

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2019 LAKE REPORT J. EDWARD ROUSH 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 J. Edward Roush Lake.

LAKE DESCRIPTION

Project Name: J. Edward Roush Lake
USACE District: Louisville District
USACE Division: Great Lakes & Ohio River

State: Indiana
Watershed: Wabash

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2019

- 7 recreation areas
- 30 picnic sites
- 61 camping sites
- 4 playgrounds
- 0 swimming areas
- 0 trails
- 0 trail miles
- 4 fishing docks and piers
- 1 boat ramps
- 0 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2019

- 9,691 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2019

- 208,750 in total
- 31,863 picnickers
- 13,707 campers/overnight visitors
- 32,522 swimmers
- 55,284 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 15,072 boaters
- 67,598 sightseers
- 23,296 anglers
- 9,303 special event attendees
- 10,624 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 2019

Visitation per year resulted in:

- \$ 8,206,185 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 4,915,855 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 68 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 1,707,269 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 2,472,367 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 1,582,245 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 7,671,331 in total sales
- 88 jobs
- \$ 2,550,127 in labor income
- \$ 3,999,822 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 2019

- 7,728 land acres
- 900 water acres
- 18 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/>

