

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2019 LAKE REPORT MISSISSINEWA 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 Mississinewa Lake.

LAKE DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Mississinewa Lake
USACE District: Louisville District
USACE Division: Great Lakes & Ohio River

State: Indiana
Watershed: Wabash

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2019

- 8 recreation areas
- 284 picnic sites
- 464 camping sites
- 7 playgrounds
- 1 swimming areas
- 8 trails
- 13 trail miles
- 5 fishing docks and piers
- 6 boat ramps
- 103 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2019

- 1,317 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2019

- 584,452 in total
- 81,823 picnickers
- 187,524 campers/overnight visitors
- 111,782 swimmers
- 53,948 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 98,925 boaters
- 134,047 sightseers
- 68,846 anglers
- 18,572 special event attendees
- 20,552 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:

- \$ 21,248,047 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 13,529,939 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 184 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 4,313,796 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 6,381,756 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 3,834,991 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 18,560,915 in total sales
- 227 jobs
- \$ 5,762,077 in labor income
- \$ 8,989,452 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

- 11,892 land acres
- 3,180 water acres
- 59 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/>

