

Location

Brookville Lake is located in Franklin and Union counties on the East Fork of the Whitewater River. The Dam is about one-half mile above Brookville, Indiana, 77 miles southeast of Indianapolis, and 36 miles northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Purpose

Brookville Lake was authorized under the Flood Control Act of 1938. Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers designed, built, and operates the project for flood control in the Whitewater Valley to reduce flood flows in the Ohio River.

During the fall and winter months, when excessive rainfall is likely, the lake is kept at a relatively low level referred to as winter pool. Should heavy rains occur, surface water runoff is stored in the lake until the swollen streams and rivers below the dam have receded and can handle the release of the stored water without damage to lives nor property.

The Corps also developed the lake for municipal and industrial water supply. The State of Indiana has contracted with the Corps for water supply storage.

Benefits

Construction began in November 1965, and the project became operational in January 1974. Brookville Lake has prevented over \$39 million in flood damages and provided over \$411 million in visitor recreation expenditures. The project was built at a cost of \$45,402,865. In addition to flood protection and recreation, Corps lakes provide immeasurable benefits to the local economy.

Partnerships & Recreation Facilities

The recreation facilities at the lake are operated and maintained by the State of Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), with the exception of the Dam, Tailwater and Overlook Recreation Areas, which the Corps operates and maintains. Recreation facilities include beaches, boat ramps, campgrounds, fishing piers, an 18-hole golf course, hiking trails, lodging, marinas, picnic areas, playgrounds, restaurant, shooting & archery ranges and a tailwater trout fishing area.



Rolling hills, lush vegetation and sparkling water greet visitors to Brookville Lake. The reservoir also safeguards downstream communities and has reduced flood damages in these areas.



If you like to canoe, Indiana’s largest canoe race, Canoe fest, is held once a year starting at the Tailwater Recreation Area.



Brookville Lake’s downstream area attracts trout fishing enthusiasts.

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Brookville Lake
Indiana



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Emergency Telephone Numbers
Dial 9-1-1 while in Fayette, Franklin and Union counties.

Campground Information/Reservations
Phone: 866-622-6746 or
www.camp.IN.gov.

Department of Natural Resources Office
14108 State Road 101
Brookville, IN 47012
Phone: 765-647-2657 or 765-647-2658
www.in.gov/dnr
Indiana Office of Tourism Development
One North Capitol, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: 800-677-9300
www.visitindianatourism.com

Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
10064 Overlook Rd.
Brookville, IN 47012
Phone: 765-647-6701
www.hrl.usace.army.mil
Public Affairs Office
U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville
P.O. Box 59
Louisville, KY 40201-0059
Phone: 502-315-6766
www.hrl.usace.army.mil/media

Life jackets prevent serious injury or death, but will only work when worn properly.

be deadly for anyone on the water.
and the effects of the sun, wind, and glare, alcohol can
combination with motion and engine noise of the boat
fatigue, and affects coordination and balance. In
50 percent of fatal boating accidents. Alcohol induces
Alcohol is believed to be a factor in more than
fishermen.

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Share the Water Safely
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boating. Keep your distance from other boats and
fishermen.

While in the park, please be considerate of the
rights of others. Should your visit to the lake be
disturbed by violators of this basic principle, do
not hesitate to report it to any park ranger on duty.

Notice
Hunting, fishing and trapping are permitted in
accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws
or regulations.

Be sure not to miss Canoe fest – the largest canoe
race in Indiana.

Recreation Area.
Annual Jr. Sportsmen Fishing Derby in our Tailwater
weekend, the Brookville Lake Anglers Club hosts the

Annual Events
Since 1984, on the Saturday of Father’s Day
weekend, the Brookville Lake Anglers Club hosts the

Also nearby, the State of Indiana’s Department
of Natural Resources provide two State Recreation
Areas and Whitewater Memorial State Park. These sites
provide many enjoyable areas for recreation activities.

Canal is still in operation under the direction of the
Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Visitors
can ride on a canal boat, lock through an original lock
chamber of the old canal, and visit an operating grist
mill which is powered by the flow of water through
the canal. The Metamora community takes pride in its

Points of Interest
In Metamora, a 14-mile portion of the Whitewater
Canal was the most important means of transportation
of the period.

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the cultural and political center of Indiana called
period of 1825 to 1840, every Governor of Indiana called
Brookville his home. However, following the transfer
of the State Land Office from Brookville to Indianapolis
in the 1820’s, the growth and development of the
Whitewater Valley slowed.

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was settled in earnest. Attracted by the pure abundant
water and the rich, level, river bottoms, ideally suited
for farming, a constant stream of settlers found their
way up the Whitewater Valley from Kentucky and Ohio.
Many of the family names of the early pioneers have
been permanently fixed to the landmarks and cities
of the area, including the towns of Connersville and
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The earliest settlers of the region encountered
several Native American tribes, notably the Miami, the
Delawares, and the Illinois. The hills and valleys along
the Whitewater River were favorite resorts for hunting.
However, the tribes abandoned their claims on much of
the region as early as 1795, following the signing of the
Treaty of Greenville.

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Area History and Features
Brookville Lake lies in the heart of the Whitewater
River Valley. This area has long been acknowledged as
one of the most picturesque and historically significant
in the State of Indiana.

Brookville Lake

Indiana

Operating Levels

Pool	Elevation (Feet mean sea level)	Area (Acres)	Length (Miles)
Winter	740	4,510	15
Summer	748	5,260	16.4
Total Storage	775	7,790	20.8

Dam

Type	Earth fill
Maximum height	181 feet
Length	2,800 feet
Drainage area above dam	379 square miles
Total Project Acreage	17,337 Acres

- FISHING (IDLE ZONE)
- APPROXIMATE PROJECT BOUNDARY
- CORPS OPERATIONS AREA
- WATERFOWL RESTING AREA (CLOSED OCT. THRU FEB.) (IDLE ZONE)
- RESTRICTED AREAS- NO BOATS ALLOWED



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Your Safety - Our Concern

Remember These Rules

- OVERTAKING PASSING: Boat being passed has the right-of-way. KEEP CLEAR.
- MEETING HEAD-ON: Keep to the right.
- CROSSING: Boat on right has right-of-way. Slow down & permit it to pass.

← PORT STARBOARD →

RIGHT-OF-WAY TO
BOATS IN YOUR
DANGER ZONE:



DANGER ZONE
(Dead Ahead to
2 points abaft
your starboard
beam.)

Uniform Waterways Markers

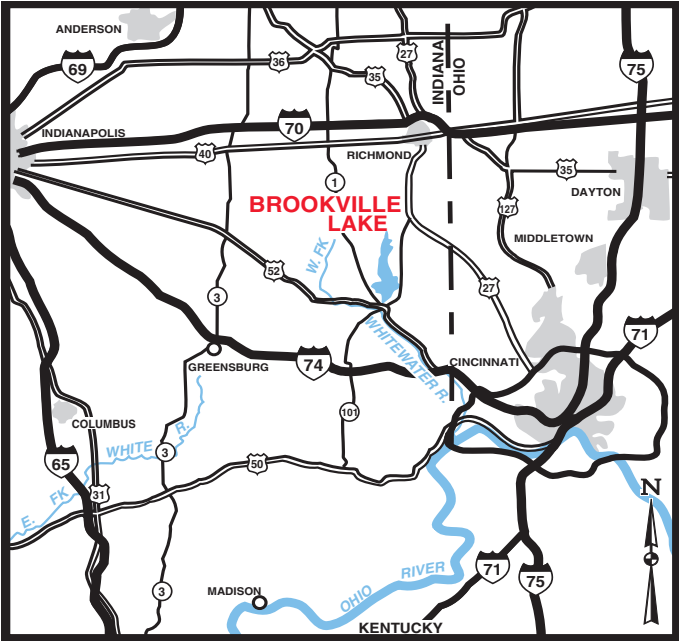


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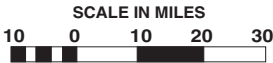
INFORMATION

DANGER

KEEP OUT



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RECREATION SITES AND FACILITIES

Brookville Lake	Archery / Shooting Range	Bath House	Beach	Boat Ramp	Boat Rental	Camping (Developed)	Drinking Water	Fishing Platform	Golf Course	Marina	Nature / Hiking Trail	Overlook	Picknicking	Playground	Restrooms	Restaurant/ Snack Bar	Showers
Bonwell Ramp																	
Dunlapsville Ramp																	
Egypt Hollow Ramp																	
Fairfield Marina																	
Fairfield Ramp																	
Garr Hill Ramp																	
Hanna Creek Ramp																	
Mounds S.R. A.																	
Overlook Recreation Area																	
Quakertown S.R.A.																	
Sagamore Resort																	
Silver Creek Ramp																	
Tailwater Recreation Area																	
Treaty Line Ramp																	

● IDNR Fee Area

