

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2021 LAKE REPORT BELTON 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 Belton Lake.

LAKE DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Belton Lake
USACE District: Fort Worth District
USACE Division: Southwestern

State: Texas
Watershed: Lower Brazos

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2021

- 26 recreation areas
- 121 picnic sites
- 208 camping sites
- 7 playgrounds
- 3 swimming areas
- 3 trails
- 16 trail miles
- 6 fishing docks and piers
- 18 boat ramps
- 522 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2021

- 110 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2021

- 1,084,124 in total
- 172,105 picnickers
- 424,185 campers/overnight visitors
- 406,267 swimmers
- 248,932 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 17,485 boaters
- 127,092 sightseers
- 128,971 anglers
- 600,904 special event attendees
- 239,215 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 2021

Visitation per year resulted in:

- \$ 44,711,499 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 33,604,521 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 272 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 10,420,563 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 16,514,815 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 9,614,101 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 53,115,879 in total sales
- 418 jobs
- \$ 16,427,503 in labor income
- \$ 26,489,035 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 2021

- 11,510 land acres
- 12,290 water acres
- 136 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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