

DEEP CREEK LAKE

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MARYLAND

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Deep Creek Lake Facts

Coordinates 39.5095354°N
79.3911531°W

Lake type Reservoir

Primary inflows Deep Creek

Shoreline..... 65 miles

Area of lake... approx. 3,900 acres

Average depth 26.5 feet

Maximum depth..... 75 feet

Surface elevation 2,461 feet



Located in Garrett County, Maryland, Deep Creek Lake is the largest freshwater lake in the state of Maryland. Like all lakes in Maryland, it is man-made. Ground was broken on November 1, 1923 with the purpose to provide hydroelectric power for the Pennsylvania Electric Power Corp. of Johnstown, PA. The outcome provided many opportunities for growth and development of the area as a destination for relaxation plus outdoor sports and entertainment.

Deep Creek Lake is home to a wide variety of freshwater fish, aquatic birds and countless variety of other wildlife. Swimming, fishing, and boating were early activities on the lake, as well as ice skating, ice fishing and ice boat sailing in the winter months.

Water skiing, jet skis, paddle boards and other water sports

have become popular over time. There are plenty of other activities around the lake for those who like to keep they're

feet close to the ground. Hiking, biking, golf, snow-mobles, and cross-country skiing are available for all, with the Wisp Resort close-by to offer downhill skiing, snow boarding, a mountain coaster, a canopy tour and many other activities for visitors and residents.

While the area became popular as a destination for recreation, the development of services such as lodging, food and shopping expanded to meet the needs of visitors to the area. Rental properties, from cabins to 9-bedroom luxury homes, are available for those visiting for a short

time, while repeat visitors often decide to invest in a second home in this scenic locale. Restaurants for fine dining, as well as restaurants for simple food and fun can be found around the lake, along with plenty of shopping for those looking for items from antique to unique. For a visit, a vacation, or a lifetime — Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's four season destination.



Centrally located between several metropolitan areas, Deep Creek Lake is approximately:

- 2 hours from Pittsburgh, PA, Hagerstown, MD, and Winchester, VA
- 3 to 3.5 hours from Washington, DC, Baltimore, MD, and Charleston, WV
- 4 to 4.5 hours from Wilmington, DE, Richmond, VA, and Cleveland and Columbus, OH
- 5 to 5.5 hours from Philadelphia, PA, and Cincinnati, OH