

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2016 LAKE REPORT CONCHAS 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 Conchas Lake.

LAKE DESCRIPTION

Project Name: Conchas Lake
USACE District: Albuquerque District
USACE Division: South Pacific

State: New Mexico
Congressional Districts: NM03
Watershed: Upper Canadian

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2016

- 8 recreation areas
- 35 picnic sites
- 124 camping sites
- 2 playgrounds
- 0 swimming areas
- 1 trails
- 0 trail miles
- 0 fishing docks
- 8 boat ramps
- 54 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2016

- 14,115 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-trips) in FY 2016

- 127,567 in total
- 10,527 picnickers
- 15,222 campers
- 26,490 swimmers
- 15,018 water skiers
- 25,891 boaters
- 67,449 sightseers
- 29,108 anglers
- 0 hunters
- 38,710 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 2016

Visitation per year resulted in:

- \$ 4,239,262 in visitor spending within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 2,266,310 in sales within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- 40 jobs within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 795,096 in labor income within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 1,031,776 in value added within 30 miles of the USACE lake
- \$ 839,214 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 2,993,587 in total sales
- 47 jobs
- \$ 966,714 in labor income
- \$ 1,381,467 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 2016

- 3,016 land acres
- 1,022 water acres
- 5 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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