



# Beech Fork Lake

## Enjoy the Beech Fork Lake area!

It is our intent for you to enjoy the wonderful recreation activities associated with the Beech Fork Lake project and to be able to accurately plan your next outing at one of West Virginia's most popular destinations.

Please note that the State Park, Wildlife Management Area, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operate separately the designated recreational facilities and property surrounding the lake. To avoid confusion and for your safety, it is important to know which area of the lake you are visiting and the regulations pertaining to each area. Common instances of confusion are often related with picnic shelter reservations, camping, swimming, and gun range and hunting.

Picnic shelters are located at both the Dam and Recreation Area operated by the Army Corps and also at Beech Fork State Park. Reservations for these facilities are handled by the respective areas.

Camping is located only at Beech Fork State Park.

The operation of the gun range is by the Wildlife Section of the Division of Natural Resources. Hunting is only permitted in designated areas within the Wildlife Management Area.

An Olympic-size swimming pool is located at Beech Fork State Park. Lake swimming is not permitted at the state park. The swimming beach is at the recreation area operated by the Army Corps, which is lake swimming in designated areas.

## Beech Fork State Park Seasonal boat launch

*[not to be confused with Beech Fork Dam and Recreation Area]*

Boat Launch is seasonal and operational from April when lake fills to summer pool to November when the lake is brought down to winter pool. Pedal boats, canoes, kayaks, and licensed jon boats (jon boats are ready for a small motor or include oars for rowing) may be rented from the seasonal boat launch area within the state park. The boat rental is available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Pontoons and all boats with 10 h.p. or less may launch from access points at Beech Fork State Park, but only when the water is at summer pool, creating only seasonal launch opportunities at the state park.

**Beech Fork State Park**  
**304-528-5794**  
**[www.beechforksp.com](http://www.beechforksp.com)**

## Beech Fork Dam and Recreation Area Year-round boat launch

*[operated by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, not Beech Fork State Park]*

Beech Fork State Park should not be confused with the Beech Fork Dam and Recreation Area operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers near Lavalette, WV. This area is located 22 miles from the state park and does not have overnight facilities. This Recreation area includes a marina with motorized boat and pontoon rental, year-round boat launch ramp, swimming beach, and picnic areas.

**Beech Fork Dam and Recreation Area**  
**304-525-4831**  
**[www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/lakes/BBF/](http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/lakes/BBF/)**

**Beech Fork Marina**  
**304-522-9374**

## About Beech Fork Lake managing sections and agencies

- The Parks and Recreation Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) manages the area and facilities within the designated area of Beech Fork State Park. The state park office is located at the state park campground near the Barboursville, WV, side of the lake. There is no entrance fee to visit Beech Fork State Park. There are use fees for swimming, cabin and campsite rentals, and picnic shelter reservations.
- The Wildlife Resources Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) manages the area and facilities within the designated area of Beech Fork Wildlife Management Area. Hunting or fishing requires a valid WV license. License purchase is available online at: **[www.wvdnr.gov](http://www.wvdnr.gov)**. Contact information for the wildlife management area is **304-675-0871**.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages the area and facilities within the designated area of the Beech Fork Dam and Recreation Area. The Army Corps office is located at the dam near the Lavalette, WV, side of the lake. There are fees associated with boat launching, swimming and shelter rental.