

Sweet Arrow Lake County Park

Pine Grove & Washington Townships

BACKGROUND: The lake was originally built and owned by the Union Canal Water Supply in the 19th century to support the local lumber and coal industry. In 1862, the dam was destroyed by a flood and later rebuilt by the East Penn Electric Company in the 1920s. Pennsylvania Power & Light (PP&L) acquired the property from East Penn Electric and later sold the property to the Borough of Pine Grove in 1972. In 2001, the Schuylkill County Board of Commissioners purchased the property to be used as part of the Schuylkill County Parks and Recreation.



INFORMATION: The entire property is comprised of 183.5 acres (123.5 acres of land and 60 acres of water). The trails vary from easy to more difficult. There are paved surface walkways, gravel trails, natural trails, and a boardwalk. The Berger Dam Trail is a two mile natural trail with various trails shooting off from it. The trails have numerous benches, walking bridges, and signs. The park is pet-friendly (including horses). There is a clubhouse with running water, plumbing, and electricity that has a beautiful view of the lake. The clubhouse is used throughout the year for weddings, reunions, and parties. The park also has restrooms with running water and power, gazebos, pavilions, walking bridges, children's playground, amphitheatre, drinking fountains, boat ramp, parking lots, and handicapped accessible areas. Park hours are dawn to dusk.

CONTACT: Call Schuylkill County Parks and Recreation (Schuylkill Conservation District) at 570-622-3742 Ext. 5 or go to www.sweetarrowlakepark.com for more information.

AREA ATTRACTIONS: A waterfall can be viewed from the walking bridge below the dam. The lake is stocked with trout, bass, perch, pan fish, pickerel, and muskellunge. Nature lovers will enjoy the numerous bird, wildflower, and tree species throughout the park. Other points of interest include a bait shop, ice cream shop, Pine Grove Theatre, Red Lion Café Restaurant, and Northern Swatara Creek. Food, drinks, and gas are available in Pine Grove.



GPS COORDINATES:

Lat 40°34'27.60" N Lon 76°21'33.10" W

RECOMMENDED GEAR: Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Non-motorized or electric motor boats only on the lake. PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.