

WELCOME TO LAKE WALLENPAUPACK . . .



Stunning Lake Wallenpaupack, a man-made lake built in 1926 covering 5,700 acres and 13 miles in length with 52-miles of uninterrupted shoreline. Its activities are as endless as its shoreline and are sure to please the whole family as you play the day away. The lake has six public recreation areas featuring hundreds of acres of forest lands, wildlife, walking trails, campsites and boat slips. Outfitters also offer kayaks, water skiing, parasailing, wakeboarding, jet skies or boats to help you make the most of your experience.

Location

Pike / Wayne counties, Pennsylvania, USA

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Type	Reservoir
Primary inflows	Wallenpaupack Creek ¹
Primary outflows	Lackawaxen River
Basin counties	United States
Max length	13 mi (21 km)¹
Max. width	1 mi (1.6 km)¹
Surface area	9 sq mi (23 km²)¹
Average depth	30 ft (9.1 m)
Max. depth	60 ft (18m)¹
Shore length¹	52 mi (84 km)¹
Surface elevation	1,185 ft (361 m)¹

| ¹ Shore length is not a well-defined measure. |

Lenape Indians named the area " Wallenpaupack" which means "The Stream of Swift and Slow Water." William Penn later owned the land and then deeded it to his son, who then gave it to James Wilson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

In order to create the lake, the dam was constructed on Wallenpaupack Creek at Wilsonville. The land of Wilsonville and the surrounding area in the valley was purchased by PPL from about 100 owners at about \$20 an acre and most of the property was razed or moved. Some houses remained, and as the valley was flooded the water was so clear that one could see the houses under the water. Seventeen miles of roads and telephone poles were rerouted, and Purdytown cemetery¹ had to be relocated. The former town of Wilsonville now lies under the water near the dam.²

Lake Wallenpaupack is a center of recreation for the surrounding communities, providing boating, swimming and fishing access in the summertime, as well as ice skating and ice

fishing in the winter. Its wooded shoreline also provides opportunities for hiking and viewing wildlife. Lake fish include smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, rock bass, bluegill, walleye, muskellunge, northern pike, pickerel, rainbow trout, brown trout, lake trout, catfish and yellow perch. Striped bass and hybrid striped bass have been stocked in the lake. The lake is 13 miles (21 km) long, has 52 miles (84 km) of shoreline, and is about 60 feet (18 m) deep at its maximum depth.

POPULAR CULTURE

- Lake Wallenpaupack was featured as a retreat location in the popular tv show *The Office* in the eleventh episode of the second season, *Booze Cruise*.
- The lake is the setting of the book *Baked Beans for Breakfast* (1970) by Ruth Chew.

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EXTERNAL LINKS

- Lake Wallenpaupack History (<http://www.pplweb.com/ppl-generation/~-/media/PPLWeb/Generation/Docs/PPL%20Wallenpaupack/LakeWallyHistoryBrochure20100706.pdf>)
- History of the creek and lake (<http://www.hawleywallenpaupackcc.com/history>)
- Lake Wallenpaupack Water Quality (<http://www.wallenpaupackwatershed.org/?link=Water%20Quality>)

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