

simple pleasures



peaceful settings for all...

Tucked between Garrett County, MD, and Mineral County, WV, Jennings Randolph Lake stretches along 5.5 miles of spectacular countryside on the North Branch of the Potomac River. The area is renowned for its unspoiled wilderness and natural beauty.

hikers unite!

High Timber Trail is a 3/4-mile tree identification trail, which connects to the Sunset trail offering panoramic views of the dam and breathtaking sunsets.

The lake provides a sanctuary for countless birds, animals and fish where nature comes first and having fun is a close second.



healthy exhilaration...

Your frontier for fun, Jennings Randolph Lake paints a landscape filled with activity. The palette offers fishing, white water rafting, hiking, kayaking swimming, camping, 3-D archery, boating... all in a setting of respect for our wilderness and the importance of maintaining it. Paddle quietly in your canoe or kayak or go for the thrill of whitewater in April or May.



water safety

As a leading water-based recreation provider, safety is our business.

- Swim with a buddy...
- Watch your children...
- Wear life jackets...
- Boating & drinking don't mix.

camping... country style!

The awe-inspiring hills of West Virginia urge visitors to camp on a carpet of green grass. Yes, grass! Meticulously kept, the sites are close to amenities, yet quiet enough to listen to nature's songs at night.

Imagine camping on the banks of one of the finest trout streams in the country! Cabins sleeping six to ten people and primitive camp sites are available along the banks of the North Branch in the Barnum Recreation Area. To make reservations for rentals contact the Mineral County Parks and Recreation Commission, at 304-788-5732.



archery range

We now provide a 3-D Archery Course that has approximately 30 archery targets near the pavilion in the Robert W. Craig Campground. We also offer approximately 4 ADA accessible crossbow targets at the beginning of the archery course. The crossbow targets are on a paved surface connected to the parking lot to ensure wheelchair accessibility. If you enjoy bow hunting or recreational target shooting then you will enjoy the easy meandering trail through the woods to the targets. All targets have a beginner and advanced pin where you will be shooting through trees, targets placed on logs and around crevices. We offer a wide variety of targets including deer, bear, alligator, big horn sheep, wild boars and even a T-Rex! All participants must bring their own bow and be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18.

ahh... the trout

Scenic, diverse, bountiful...a fisherman's dream. Watch your fly rod bend in half as you pull in a 6lb. brown trout, rainbow trout or walleye.

Or lure them in from your boat; the record-breaking catches of 4 different species caught out of the lake and the dam must have relatives! At Jennings Randolph Lake we are committed to water quality and continue to enhance aquatic life through controlled dam operations.



fish facts

The lake is primarily stocked with trout but also has large and small mouth bass, and walleye which the West Virginia and Maryland DNR has provided for fisherman to enjoy! In addition, the West Virginia DNR stocks the Kalbaugh Pond located in the campground for your fishing enjoyment!



fun in the sun...

Enjoy a cool refreshing swim at Shaw Beach during those dog days of summer. Or, relax on one of the redwood benches and cool off with a lakeside breeze while watching the kids having fun on the playground equipment or building sand castles on the beach. Restrooms with changing areas are close to the beach if you change your mind and want to take a dip in the lake. Pack a picnic lunch and eat under the shade of a tree or on one of the picnic tables.

