

Project Data

LOCATION

Bull Shoals Dam is on the White River seven miles north of Cotter, Arkansas. There are 6,036 square miles of drainage area above the dam.

PURPOSE

The lake is one of four multiple-purpose projects constructed in the upper White River Basin for flood control and power generation. It also offers many excellent recreational opportunities.

CONSTRUCTION

The dam was started in 1947 and completed in 1951. The powerhouse and switchyard were completed in 1953, with commercial generation having begun in 1952. With installation of the final two generating units in December 1963, construction was completed at a cost of about \$86 million.

DAM

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| Length, feet..... | 2,256 |
| Max. height above streambed, ft. | 256 |
| Concrete, cubic yards..... | 2.1 million |
| Length of spillway, feet..... | 808 |
| Spillway gates (17), size in feet | 40 X 29 |
| Outlet conduits (16), size in feet | 4 X 9 |
| Elevations, feet above MSL | |
| Top of dam..... | 713 |
| Spillway crest..... | 667 |

LAKE

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| Elevations, feet above MSL: | |
| Top of flood control pool | 695 |
| Top of conservation pool..... | 654 |
| Surface area of lake, acres: | |
| At top of flood control pool..... | 71,240 |
| At top of conservation pool..... | 45,440 |
| Storage capacities, acre feet: | |
| Flood control..... | 2.36 million |
| Power drawdown & dead..... | 3.4 million |
| Total..... | 5.76 million |
| Shoreline length, miles: | |
| At top of flood control pool..... | 1,050 |
| At top of conservation pool..... | 740 |

POWER DEVELOPMENT

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| Generating units, number | 8 |
| Rated capacity, each unit, kilowatts: | |
| Four units at..... | 42,750 |
| Four units at..... | 47,500 |
| Installed capacity, kilowatts..... | 361,000 |

General Information

Hunting and fishing are regulated by state and federal laws. State licenses are required.

Prior to construction on, alteration or modification of public lands and waters, the Mountain Home Project Office must be contacted.

Please leave the area in a better condition than you found it. Avoid damaging trees and plants and properly dispose of all refuse. Take only photographs and memories; leave only footprints.

Inquiries regarding the project and its use are welcomed by the Operations Project Manager at the Mountain Home Project Office. Copies of the rules and regulations governing public use of this lake as published in Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327 of the Code of Federal Regulations may be obtained from the Project Office.

Reservations

Campsite reservations can be made online at...
Recreation.gov

Be prepared with the following details:
State, Lake name, Park name, Camping dates, Vehicle information and Credit Card information for payment.

For more information contact:

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www.swl.usace.army.mil/parks/bullshoals/
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Bull Shoals Lake



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