

# TEMPE TOWN LAKE

on the rio salado

FACT SHEET

## STATS



- Concept for lake created in 1966 at Arizona State University
- Opened Nov. 7, 1999
- 220 surface acres – 2 miles long
- 800-1,200 feet wide
- Average depth 12.5 feet, ranging from 7 to 19 feet
- Construction costs: \$45,532,196
- Private developers are absorbing \$26.9 million of these costs

## WATER



- Capacity is about 3,000 acre-feet or 977 million gallons
- Water to keep the lake full comes from reclaimed water, recharge and recovery and water exchanges
- Water quality is maintained by keeping the water well mixed, proper aeration and chemical controls
- The lake does not lose water to seepage, thanks to a recovery system that pumps water back into the lake
- Evaporation costs Town Lake about the same amount of water used by two golf courses each year or consumed by an 1,000-acre alfalfa field

## FLOOD CONTROL



- Town Lake can sustain more than the impact of a 100-year flood event
- In the event of a 100-year flood, the eight inflatable dams that create Town Lake would be lowered and water would remain within the river channel
- Each dam is 240 feet long, 16 feet tall on the west end of Town Lake and 5 feet tall on the east end of the lake
- Each of the eight dam bladders weighs more than 40 tons
- It only takes about 45 minutes to inflate or deflate the dam system

## TEMPE BEACH PARK



- Tempe's oldest park, built in 1931
- Completely renovated in 1999 in conjunction with Town Lake construction
- Offers 25 acres of recreation space for everyone
- Special event venue, Cox Splash Playground, historic baseball field
- Splash Playground at Tempe Beach Park tells the story of how rain becomes part of rivers or used by society by allowing children to play in water elements
- Play with slides, a waterfall and water cannons that shoot 20 feet of spray
- No more than about 2 inches of water accumulates in the playground
- Attendants on duty
- Free! Open April through September

## PATHS



- More than 5 miles of paths around the lake for skating, running, bicycling and walking
- Crossing the lake can be accomplished using the Mill Avenue or Rural Road bridges
- Many non-profit groups use these paths each year for 5K and 10K races and triathlons

## BOATING



- More than 2,000 rowers use Town Lake each year. Take a class and be one of them.
- Sail, row a dragon boat or outrigger canoe with one of the many other boating clubs.
- Visitors may bring their own boats to Town Lake after purchasing a permit
- Boat storage is available at Town Lake Marina for a fee.

## FISHING



- More than a dozen varieties of fish swim in Town Lake, including bass, sunfish and catfish -- and Town Lake has among the best catch rates in the state
- Thousands of rainbow trout are stocked in cooler months
- Fishing is permitted with a standard Arizona Fishing license available at sporting goods stores

## PUBLIC PROJECTS



- The Tempe Center for the Arts houses local performing artists as well as draw national acts. The \$65 million TCA has several venues with up to 600 seats
- Town Lake Marina includes five lanes of boat launches, boat storage, parking, a safe harbor and a park for concerts and events such as Music at the Marina and triathlons A Welcome Center and Boat House is planned adjacent to Town Lake Marina
- A pedestrian bridge at the west end of Town Lake is in the design phase

## PRIVATE PROJECTS



- Hayden Ferry Lakeside – Includes a Le Meridien Hotel, three Class A office towers, four luxury condominium buildings and retail and restaurant space
- Marina Heights – A mixed use project for Class A office, residential and hotel opportunities on the south shore of Town Lake
- The Pier at Town Lake – A \$1 billion mixed use development adjacent to Karsten Golf Course with retail, restaurant, office and residential opportunities
- Onyx Tower – 26-story luxury residential development
- Northshore -- A WestStone Communities mid-rise condominium project
- Grigio – Five star apartment living with concierge services
- Namwest Tempe – Residential living on the north shore of Town Lake
- Playa del Norte – A mixed use project with an Aloft hotel, office and restaurant space
- Please call Nancy Ryan for details on Town Lake projects at 480 350-8096

## BUSINESS



- Companies located on Town Lake include Smith Barney, KPMG, McCarthy Construction, SunCor and many others.
- Visit [www.tempe.gov/business](http://www.tempe.gov/business) for project information, maps and demographics.
- To locate a business, call Sheri Wakefield-Saenz at 480 350-8812