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## Army Corps seeks volunteers to restore America's public lands

### Registration is underway for National Public Lands Day events Sept. 22 & 29

The US Army Corps of Engineers will host National Public Lands Day events at various lakes throughout the Pittsburgh District during the month of September. District projects with planned events include Shenango River Lake, Berlin Lake, Mosquito Creek Lake, Crooked Creek Lake, MJ Kirwan Dam & Reservoir, Mahoning Creek Lake, Stonewall Jackson Lake, Tionesta Lake, Tygart Lake and Youghiogeny River Lake.

National Public Lands Day keeps the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the "tree army" that worked from 1933-1942 to preserve and protect America's natural heritage and is important because it educates Americans about critical environmental and natural resource issues and the need for shared stewardship of these valued, irreplaceable lands; builds partnerships between the public sector and the local community based upon mutual interests in the enhancement and restoration of America's public lands; and improves public lands for outdoor recreation, with volunteers assisting land managers in hands-on work. Read more about this special day at <http://www.publiclandsday.org/about>.

In 2011, nearly 500 volunteers came to Pittsburgh District recreation projects and provided 1,890 hours of work valued at more than \$43,000. Please contact our park rangers listed below if you or your group would like to volunteer.

## Local Events:

### Saturday - Sept. 22

#### **MOSQUITO CREEK LAKE**

Possible projects will include improvement of the Route 305 Watchable Wildlife Trail involving trimming brush, swing installment, flower and tree plantings, and litter pick-up. At 10:00 am on the morning of Sept. 22, there will be a meeting at the Lakeview Recreation Area to register and organize the day's events (call office for directions). The work day will last approximately three hours and will be followed by a picnic at the Lakeview Shelter. Please come out and help us improve your local public lands! Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. For more information, call Park Ranger Eric Schreckengost.

Event Date and Time: Saturday, September 22, 2012 - 10:00am - 5:00pm

Contact Name: Eric Schreckengost

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<https://www.facebook.com/MosquitoCreekLake>

## **Saturday - Sept. 29**

### **- CROOKED CREEK LAKE**

The Geocache "Cache In, Trash Out" event is returning this year at Crooked Creek. Therefore participants will pick up litter while looking for 10 geocaches that are hidden throughout the park. In addition to geocaching there will be demonstrations on how to use GPS units, and informational tables from Healthy Armstrong, the PA Fish and Boat Commission, and National Public Lands Day. Refreshments will be provided.

Event Date and Time: Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 9:00am - 3:00pm

Contact Name: April Hawkey

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<https://www.facebook.com/CrookedCreekLake>

### **- MJ KIRWAN DAM & RESERVOIR**

Pick up litter along the shoreline, landscape the visitor center and restore wildlife blind.

Event Date and Time: Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 8:00am - 12:00pm

Contact Name: Julie Stone

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Contact Phone Number: (330) 358-2622

<http://www.facebook.com/MJKirwanDam>

### **MAHONING CREEK LAKE**

Build and install catfish spawning boxes in the lake.

Event Date and Time: Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 12:00am - 3:30pm

Contact Name: Ranger Pegg

Contact Email: [Grover.m.Pegg@usace.army.mil](mailto:Grover.m.Pegg@usace.army.mil)

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<http://www.facebook.com/MahoningUSACE>

### **- STONEWALL JACKSON LAKE**

Projects include planting trees and flowers, trail maintenance, fishing pier maintenance, and trash pick-up. We will provide volunteers with gloves and tools if volunteers are unable to provide their own. Another effort will be with a local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troop who will be installing interpretive signs along the Friendship Trail, planting trees, and doing some beautification projects in the downstream area.

Event Date and Time: Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 9:00am - 1:00pm

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#### - TIONESTA LAKE

Volunteers, local civic/conservation/recreation organizations, colleges and university clubs will be performing invasive vegetation removal (Multiflora Rose, Autumn Olive, Japanese Knotweed), maintain and clear trails, place lake fish habitat and pick up litter throughout the project. A free barbecue for volunteers will follow the work projects. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for such tasks (no shorts, flip-flops, etc.) Volunteers who wish to bring appropriate tools for listed activities are appreciated. Please contact Tionesta Lake for further information or to express interest.

Event Date and Time: Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 8:30am - 3:00pm

Contact Name: Josh Bridge  
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#### - TYGART LAKE

Trail maintenance.

Event Date and Time: Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 9:00am - 1:00pm

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#### - YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER LAKE

Clean up the shoreline. Water, latex gloves and trash bags are available to volunteers at the Spillway Recreation Area near the dam.

Event Date and Time: Saturday, September 29, 2012 - 9:00am - 3:00pm

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