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FONTANA LAKE

Construction of Fontana Dam in Western North Carolina was completed in 1944 creating one of the most scenic lakes anywhere--Fontana Lake. Its primary purpose was for the rapid generation of hydroelectric power to drive the manufacture of the World War II war machines. Additionally, the lake is used for flood control. Nestled between the Great Smoky Mountains and the Nantahala National Forest, the lake comprises a surface area of about 10,600 acres at full pool elevation of 1708 feet above sea level. The lake boasts a 248 mile shoreline over its 29 mile length extending from Bryson City to Fontana Village.

Fontana Lake is drained down in the Winter by 80-100 feet to provide storage space for winter rains and snow. In Spring, when the flood danger has passed the lake is allowed to refill. The winter drain can cause a retreat of the water line by as much as 4-5 miles, as in the Nantahala Gorge.

A large assortment of game fish and panfish thrive in Fontana and its feeder streams. As a rule the best fishing occurs in the Spring and early Fall around the shoreline and brushpiles. In the Summer fish are more likely to be found in deep water. Largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing is excellent. Also available are walleye, pike, sunfish,crappie, white bass, tiger musky, muskellunge, trout of all types, and channel and flathead catfish.

The lake is plenty large enough to provide recreational opportunities for canoes, sailboats, motor boats, wave runners, and pontoons. Many types of water activities can be enjoyed including skiing, scuba diving, fishing, and, on a stretch of the Nantahalla River, some of the best whitewater rating anywhere. Many trails crisscross the area including the Appalachian Trail which extends from Georgia, across Fontana Dam and on to Maine.

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In Fontana Dam, TVA and North Carolina state regulations apply to Lodging and Fishing as come from Announcing federal agencies. Always verify your Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) and remember that Hypothermia can be fatal in cold water, even in warm weather.

Navigation daymarks identify the main navigation channel. They conform to the standard lateral system for marking channels with (red) on the right (starboard) bank colored green, and (green) on the left descending bank colored red. They are reflectorized and show the river miles numbered upstream from the dam or from the point where the main river channel

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To Cherokee 9 miles

To Bryson & Asheville

Fox

MAP SYMBOLS

- Canoe Access
- Boat Ramp
- Ramp/Facility Index #
- Campsite
- Campsite Index #
- Gasoline
- Daymarks
- Mile Markers
- Water Hazard above 1680'
- Lake Bottom between 1680' and 1708'
- Lake Bottom between 1640' and 1680'
- Lake Bottom below 1640'

	Recreation Areas & Facilities	Area Code 704	Boat Ramp	Canoe Ramp	Boater Facilities (Docks)	Storage (Wet/Dry) (Docks)	Pump Out Station	Boat Rental	Boat Slips	Fishing/Hunting Licenses	Bait & Tackle	Ice	Groceries/Snacks	Restaurant / Snack Bar	Lodging	Picnic Area	Swimming Area	Camping	RV	Electrical Hookup	Sewer Hookup	Dump Station	Showers
1	Alarka Dock		■													■			■				
2	Almond Boat & RV Pk.	488-6423	■		G	W		■	■	■	■	■			■	■			■	■	■		
3	Cable Cove Campground		■																■				
4	Canoe Access #1			■																			
5	Canoe Access #2			■																			
6	Fontana Village Resort	498-2211	■	■	■	W		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
7	Greasy Branch Boat Dock		■													■								
8	Rhinehart & White Dock		■																					
9	Thomas Panther Creek Boat Dock	479-3704	■		G	W		■	■		■	■												
10	Tsali Campground and Fishing Access		■													■			■					
12	Bear Creek Campsite		■																■					
13	Chambers Creek Campsite		■																■					
14	Goldmine Branch Campsite		■																■					
15	Hicks Branch Campsite		■																■					
16	Kirkland Creek Campsite		■																■					
17	Lost Cove Campsite		■																■					
18	Lower Forney Campsite		■																■					
19	Lower Noland Campsite		■																■					
20	Proctor Campsite		■																■					
21	Smoky Mountain Meadows Campground	488-3302														■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
22	Tumbling Water Campground	479-3814									■					■			■	■	■	■	■	■

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