

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Philadelphia District, Northern Area**

# **PHOTO CONTEST 2025 CALENDAR**

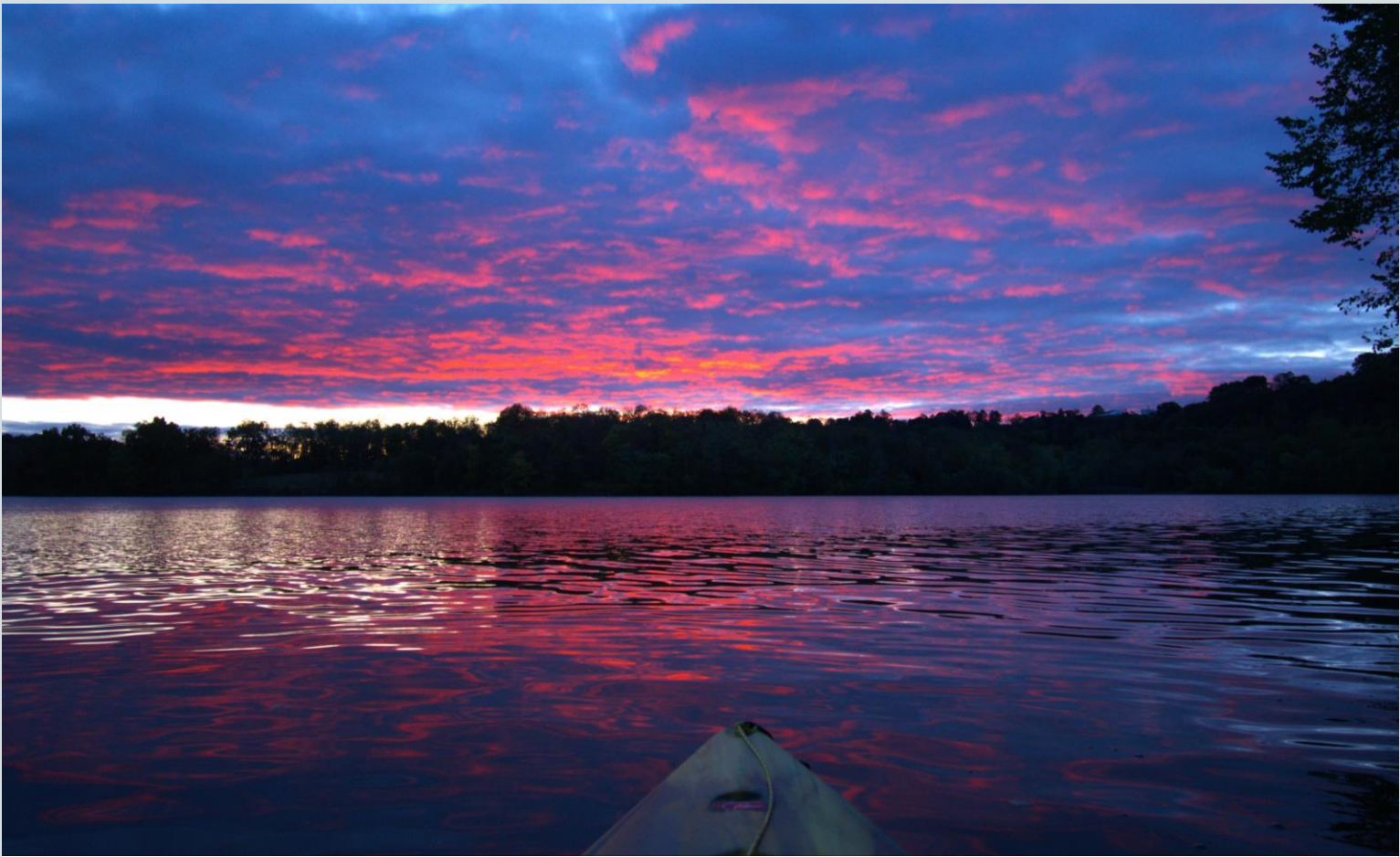


In 2024, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District ran a social media-based photo contest for the public. Participants were encouraged to submit their best photos of the District's 5 dams in Eastern Pennsylvania: Blue Marsh Lake, Beltzville Dam, Francis E. Walter Dam, Prompton Dam, General Edgar Jadwin Dam and adjacent state park areas. Participants from across the region submitted photos. Then, the District invited the public to vote for their favorite photographs from each season.

We are pleased to present this downloadable calendar featuring the top images, based off of votes to include all 5 dam locations. Thank you to all of the talented photographers for submitting photos and to the participants who voted!



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# JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  New Year's Day	2	3	4
5  National Bird Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21  National Squirrel Appreciation Day	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29  Chinese New Year	30	31	

Boating is a year-round activity, especially when milder winter seasons produce little to no ice on the lake. Remember, November 1st – April 30th is Mandatory Life Jacket Wear Season in Pennsylvania for all non-motorized boats. Cold water

temperatures increase your risk of drowning from cold water shock and immersion. Always wear a life jacket and the proper attire greatly reduces your chances of drowning.





# FEBRUARY 2025

Black History Month

Bald Eagles build some of the largest bird nests and often reuse nest sites from year to year like this mated pair at F.E. Walter Dam and Reservoir. Nests average about 5-6 ft wide and 2-4 feet tall, but the largest on record was 9.5 ft wide and 20 ft tall in St. Petersburg, Florida!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  <i>National Get Up Day</i>
2  <i>Groundhog Day</i> <i>World Wetland Day</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11  <i>International Day of Women and Girls in Science</i>	12	13	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17  <i>President's Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22  <i>National Walking the Dog Day</i>
23	24  <i>Invasive Species Awareness Week</i>	25	26	27	28  <i>Ramadan Begins</i>	





MARCH 2025

Women's History Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Read Across America Day	World Wildlife Day					International Women's Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Savings Begins			National Girl Scout Day			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	St. Patrick's Day			Spring Equinox		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 World Meteorological Day	31					
Take a walk in the Park Day						Ramadan Ends

Spring Category, A Section of Trail along Wild Creek Trail, Beltzville Dam and Reservoir, Photo by Stacey Hines





# APRIL 2025

Keep America Beautiful Month  
National Volunteer Month

The State Hill Boat Launch Overlook at Blue Marsh Lake is a popular spot for visitors to take the vast views of the Tulpehocken Creek valley views. On clear days, visitors can see the ridges of the Appalachian Mountains as they traverse the region.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		April Fools Day				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						Passover Begins
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Look Up at the Sky Day	Tax Day			Good Friday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday		Earth Day	National Picnic Day		Arbor Day	
27	28	29	30			



# MAY 2025

National Water Safety Awareness Month  
National Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Stand up paddleboarding is a popular spring and summertime activity at all of the Northern Area Reservoirs. Remember your required safety equipment, a life jacket, a noise making device such as a whistle, and light during early morning and evening paddling activities!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Cinco de Mayo					World Migratory Bird Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day					National Endangered Species Day	National Safe Boating Week
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				International Day for Biological Diversity		Armed Forces Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day					National Dam Safety Awareness Day





# JUNE 2025

National Safety Month  
National Rivers Month  
Pride Month

Sunflower fields planted for enhanced dove habitat and hunting activities have become a popular summer photo opportunity at Blue Marsh Lake. The PA Game Commission manages the fields and rotates them through different areas each year.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				World Environment Day	D-Day	National Trails Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						National Get Outdoors Day Army Birthday, Flag Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day	USACE Founding - 250th Anniversary		National Go Fishing Day	Juneteenth	June Solstice American Eagle Day	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Summer Category, *Sunflower Field Sunset*, Blue Marsh Lake, Photo by Sally Copeland



# JULY 2025

National Lake Appreciation Month

Double-crested Cormorants are commonly seen at all of the Northern Area reservoirs. Even though they appear as dull, dark birds, if you were to look inside their mouths you would be surprised by its bright blue color!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  <i>Prompton Dam Commissioned 1960</i>	2	3	4  <i>Independence Day</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15  <i>Blue Marsh Lake Dam Commissioned 1979</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21  <i>Philadelphia District Established 1866</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31  <i>World Ranger Day</i>		





# AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					National Mountain Climbing Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Coast Guard Birthday					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		General E. Jadwin Dam Commissioned 1959				
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Women's Equality Day				

Stormy skies contrast against the bright sunflowers at Blue Marsh Lake. Afternoon rainstorms are common in the summer time and are precluded by heavier cloud cover as the storm front develops.



SEPTEMBER 2025

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day			National Wildlife Day		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			World Suicide Prevention Day	Patriot Day		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Beltzville Dam Commissioned 1971	Air Force Birthday		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Autumnal Equinox					National Public Lands Day
28	29	30				
World Rivers Day						

Sunrises are just as beautiful as the sunsets captured at Blue Marsh Lake. As air temperatures begin to warm, fog is created over the colder water during the fall season.





# OCTOBER 2025

Tank Hollow Overlook within State Gamelands 141 offers spectacular views of the Lehigh River south of the F.E. Walter Dam. F.E. Walter Dam regulates water releases to prevent flooding in downstream areas, as well as providing large releases to enhance white-water recreational opportunities on the river.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Yom Kippur Begins</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>World Habitat Day</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction, Navy Birthday, Indigenous People's Day, Columbus Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>National Bat Week</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	

Fall Category, *Tank Hollow Overlook*, Lehigh Gorge State Park/Francis E. Walter Dam, Photo by Brent Burke



NOVEMBER 2025

Native American Heritage Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Daylight Savings Ends						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Marine Corps Birthday	Veteran's Day				National Recycling Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	National Hiking Day					
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Thanksgiving	Native American Heritage Day	

Electromagnetic storms on the sun during early fall of 2024 offered multiple opportunities for Pennsylvania residents to witness rare aurora borealis events. The colors seen are dependent on the energy of the electrons as they collide with atmospheric gasses. Green light is emitted by high-energy electrons while low-energy electrons produce red light.





# DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					World Soil Day	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pearl Harbor Day				International Mountain Day		National Guard Birthday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Hanukkah Begins						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
December Solstice			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins	
28	29	30	31			
			New Year's Eve			

Did you know, that snow is the most reflective natural surface on Earth? It's ability to reflect over 90% of sunlight allowing increased visibility

during low light conditions. Even with cloud cover, light in the early and late hours of the day allows for enhanced landscape views while recreating.