

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Philadelphia District, Northern Area
PHOTO CONTEST 2021 CALENDAR**



Winner Overall, *Sunset In Glass Ball*, Beltzville Dam & Reservoir, Photo by Stacey Hines

In 2020, 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. Water 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 12 images. Thank you to all of the talented photographers for submitting photos and to the participants who voted!



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January 2021

The Visitor Center at Blue Marsh Lake provides a viewing platform for the dam & control tower, lake, and Dry Brooks Day Use Area.

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

Winter Category, *Winter Morning*, Blue Marsh Lake, Photo by Jocelyn Pannabecker



February 2021

Black History Month

Thistles left to stand over the winter months provide valuable food resources for overwintering bird species and habitat for a variety of insects.

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

Winter Category, Snow Capped Thistles, Blue Marsh Lake, Photo by Lauren Stauffer



March 2021

Women's History Month

Bald eagles require habitat with large water and forest resources to provide them with fish for food and trees for building their nests. Exclusive to North America, bald eagles can be found at all of the Northern Area Dam & Reservoir Projects.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Read Across America Day</i>	3 <i>World Wildlife Day</i>	4	5	6
7	8 <i>International Women's Day</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>National Girl Scout Day</i>	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>March Equinox</i>
21 <i>International Day of Forests</i>	22 <i>World Water Day</i>	23 <i>World Meteorological Day</i>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 <i>Take A Walk In The Park Day</i>	31			

Spring Category, *Eagle In A Tree*, Prompton Dam & Reservoir, Photo by Sarah Hine



April 2021

Keep America Beautiful Month
National Volunteer Month

Waterfalls occur where water flows over a vertical drop or a series of steep drops along the course of a stream or river.

These features can be found while hiking the 26 miles of hiking trails developed by PA DCNR's Prompton State Park.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				April Fool's Day	Good Friday	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Sunday						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Ramadan Begins		Look Up At The Sky Day			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Earth Day Volunteer Appreciation Day	National Picnic Day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					Arbor Day	

Spring Category, The Cliff Trail, Prompton Dam & Reservoir, Photo by Sandra Shafer Dulay



May 2021

National Water Safety Awareness Month
National Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Blue Marsh Lake provides ample fishing and boating opportunities on 1,150 acres of water, and has three powerboat launches and multiple paddle craft launching locations available for access to the lake.

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

Spring Category, Dry Brooks Boat Launch, Blue Marsh Lake, Photo by Zachary Shenk



June 2021

National Safety Month
National Rivers Month
Pride Month

Sunsets are caused by atmospheric particles refracting light through the atmosphere. The colors reflecting off the lake surface makes sunset viewing that much more spectacular at Blue Marsh Lake.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>World Bicycle Day</i>	4	5 <i>National Trails Day World Environment Day</i>
6 <i>D-Day</i>	7	8 <i>World Oceans Day</i>	9	10 <i>Francis E. Walter Dam Commissioned 1961</i>	11	12 <i>National Get Outdoors Day</i>
13	14 <i>Flag Day Army Birthday</i>	15	16 <i>Army Corps of Engineers Birthday</i>	17	18 <i>National Go Fishing Day</i>	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>
20 <i>Father's Day American Eagle Day June Solstice</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Summer Category, Blue Marsh Lake, Photo by Jason Binder



July 2021

Monarch butterflies conduct cross-continental journeys upwards of 3,000 miles every year to overwintering locations. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects conduct environmental stewardship initiatives to help provide habitat resources for these incredible insects and a variety of other pollinator species.

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

Summer Category, *Butterfly*, Beltzville Dam & Reservoir, Photo by Stacey Hines



August 2021

A high point in the basin landscape creates an island within Blue Marsh Lake. Once the location of a rock quarry for Glen Gery Shale Brick Corporation, the land was left to revert back to nature and now houses a variety of wildlife including turkeys, deer, and migratory bird species.

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



September 2021

National Hispanic Heritage Month

The period of daytime shortly after sunrise and before sunset is known as the golden hour, or the 'magic hour', by photographers and cinematographers. The softer light creates beautiful landscapes, like this one captured at Beltzville Dam and Reservoir.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Photographer's Note — "I purchased the glass ball about 2 years ago and I started incorporating it into my photography. I want to have a different style of photos and this was a way I found I could allow people to view nature, events, etc. in a way they never thought possible. This particular photo was taken during a sunset at Beltzville State Park, by the boat launch area. The skies were entering the golden hour and the reflection on the water made me pull out my glass ball and start capturing the changing skies." - Stacey Hines			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Labor Day	Rosh Hashana			World Suicide Prevention Day	Patriot Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Yom Kippur	Beltzville Dam Commissioned 1971	Air Force Birthday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			September Equinox			National Public Lands Day National Hunting & Fishing Day
26	27	28	29	30		
World Rivers Day						

Fall Category, Sunset In A Glass Ball, Beltzville Dam & Reservoir, Photo by Stacey Hines



October 2021

Lake fog forms when warm, moist air flows over relatively colder waters. It is a common occurrence as the morning sun warms the air over the cold waters of the reservoirs, and can be seen by early risers who visit Beltzville Lake and the other Northern Area Projects.

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

Fall Category, Autumn Morning, Beltzville Dam & Reservoir, Photo by Stacey Hines



November 2021

Native America Indian Heritage Month

The vibrant red color of fall foliage on oak trees is caused by the presence of anthocyanin pigments that are revealed as the trees slow down photosynthesis in preparation for the winter season. This reduces the amount of chlorophyll pigments that give leaves their green color and lets other hidden colors shine through.

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

Fall Category, Old Oak Tree, Beltzville Dam & Reservoir, Photo by Stacey Hines



December 2021

Measuring 60 feet in length and constructed with steel I-beams for sustainability, Powder Mill Creek Bridge is one of the few bridges along the 30 mile Main Multi-Use Trail that allows visitors to cross a lake inlet.

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

Winter Category, Winter at Powder Mill Creek Bridge, Blue Marsh Lake, Photo by Amanda Aulenbach