



Hemlock Lake

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Hemlock or "Straight Run" Lake is classified as an infertile lake meaning that the fish don't grow very fast. Fishing is allowed on the lake and you'll find panfish, bass and maybe even an occasional norther pike. Usually every two years the lake is stocked with walleye fingerlings.

- 1 Park in the lot on the western edge of the park then walk the The Wood Duck Trail. Keep your eyes and ears open and you might be lucky enough to see beavers or evidence of the animals like their lodges in the water or teeth marks at the base of trees. In the spring and summer you can enjoy a wide variety of wildflowers and birds.
- 2 The name of Hemlock Lake was derived from the native hemlock trees that dot the surrounding hillsides. The lake is fed by Straight Run, a small stream, and by numerous underground springs and seeps.
- 3 The Lake was developed when a dam was created in 1969-1970. Over the years recreational facilities were added many of which were completed by 1970.



- 4 The highest point of the dam is 40' and the embankment is 675 feet long. The normal pool level of the lake surface area is 59 acres and the deepest point is 33'.
- 5 The waters from Hemlock Lake flow into the Little Mahoning Creek to the Allegheny River and then eventually into the Gulf of Mexico.
- 6 The original name of Hemlock Lake was Straight Run Dam. Even though the lake is known as Hemlock Lake, in 2007 the name was officially changed to Straight Run Lake.

In 2012 Indiana County signed another 25 year lease with the park property owner, the PA Fish & Boat Commission. Indiana County Parks & Trails maintains the grounds and the facilities while the PA Fish & Boat Commission maintain the dam and the fishery. **Boating is restricted to hand propelled or electric motors only. Camping is prohibited in the park.**

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