

Fishtrap Lake, Pike County

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Fishtrap Lake, with a surface area of 1,130 acres, provides for fishing and boating. The surrounding recreational area affords biking, hiking, and camping. Fishtrap Lake Dam, completed in 1968, protects the valley of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River from flooding. It is situated about 6 miles east of Pikeville near the small community of Millard, and is the highest dam in eastern Kentucky. Built of native rock on a clay waterproof core, the dam is 195 feet high and 1,000 feet long. The job required moving 5 million cubic yards of rock and earth. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages the dam and lake, in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Photo courtesy of the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.