

Laurel Lake Wildlife Management Area



LAUREL LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, a 12,581-acre state recreational and wildlife management area, is located seven miles northeast of Lenore, West Virginia. Laurel Lake originated in 1960 when 75 acres of land were leased from Cotiga Development Company for the construction of a 29-acre lake. In recent years, additional lease agreements were obtained that expanded the area to its present size.

Slopes are steep and the valleys and ridges of Laurel Lake are narrow. Dogwood and rhododendron — the state flower — are common and add softness during spring months. The abundance of Eastern Hemlock provides a refreshing green to the terrain during winter months, while the tangles of blackberry, autumn olive and grapevine offer cover and food for wildlife and a challenge to hunters. Oak, hickory, poplar and maple are the predominant species of hardwood.

The forest surrounding the lake is full of predators such as fox, owl and raptors. Snakes, frogs, turtles and salamanders remain camouflaged throughout the lake and forest areas. Mollusks, crustaceans and arachnids play a big role in the lake ecology. Plants such as blackberry and dandelion provide food to numerous species that inhabit the Laurel Lake area.

THINGS TO DO

Laurel Lake

- Fishing (state license required)

Swimming

- Outdoor pool
- Open Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Visit website for open days and hours

Hiking

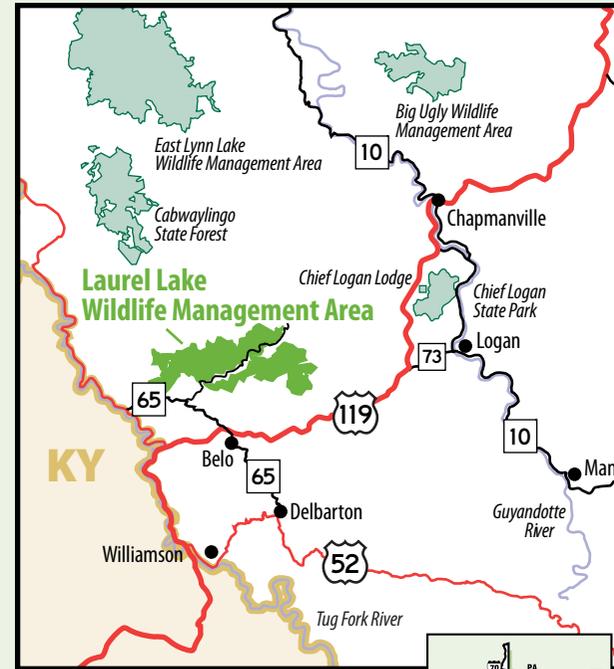
- Two hiking trails

Picnicking

- Picnic area with seven reservable shelters

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Beech Fork State Park
- Big Ugly Wildlife Management Area
- Cabwaylingo State Forest
- Chief Logan State Park
- Chief Logan Lodge and Conference Center
- East Lynn Lake Wildlife Management Area
- Panther Wildlife Management Area



LOCATION

Northbound and southbound, take U.S. Route 119 to Belo, then turn north on state Route 65 to Lenore. Turn right onto county Route 3/5 and follow this road for approximately seven miles to the lake.



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www.laurellakewma.com

A multiple-use facility managed by the Parks and Recreation and the Wildlife Resources sections of the Division of Natural Resources.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Hunting

- Prospects include whitetail deer, bear, turkey, raccoon, grouse and squirrel
- State license required
- www.wvhunt.com

Fishing

- 29-acre lake
- Gravel boat ramp
- Maximum depth of 30 feet; average depth of 10 feet
- Warm water fishery for largemouth bass, channel catfish (stocked each June), rainbow trout (stocked once each month February – May)
- Night fishing using worms or chicken livers is a popular method for taking channel catfish
- Fish attractors have been placed in the lake and their locations are designated with signs on shore
- Trail surrounding lake provides bank fishing access
- Electric motors only
- State license required
- www.wvfish.com



largemouth bass



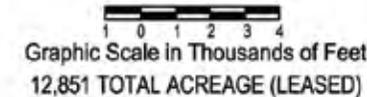
channel catfish



rainbow trout



VICINITY MAP



12,851 TOTAL ACREAGE (LEASED)

LEGEND

- PAVED ROAD
- — — IMPROVED ROAD
- — — UNIMPROVED ROAD
- - - - JEEP TRAIL
- - - - PARK BOUNDARY
- - - - STREAM
- GAS WELL
- - - - PIPELINE

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