



the 7 Wonders of Osage County

Federal Lakes

Pomona Lake

Melvorn Lake

Two lakes make one wonder

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How many counties in the nation have two federal reservoirs located completely within their boundaries? The answer is up for debate.

The Osage County Web site, www.osageco.org, says the county is one of two counties in the U.S. with such an honor. However, according to the City of Osage City's Web site, www.osagecity.com, Osage County is the only county that enjoys such a distinction. Though an answer to the question has not been forthcoming from the Army Corps of Engineers, research indicates counties in California, Wyoming and Oklahoma may possibly make this claim.

Regardless of claims promoting Osage County's uniqueness, students who chose the lakes as one of the county's Seven Wonders probably did not care about how many counties are on the two-reservoir list. It's likely the students chose the reservoirs for all they offer ... truly a wondrous facet of Osage County.

Pomona Lake

David Green, operations manager of Pomona Lake, said he and his staff are "very honored" to have the lake selected as one of the Seven Wonders of Osage County. He thinks one thing that makes Pomona Lake special is that it's "a great place to relax, which is good for both visitors and residents of Osage County."

And, there are a lot of places to relax and unwind at Pomona Lake - seven parks surround the lake. Six of the parks (Carbolyn, Outlet, Michigan Valley, Wolf Creek, 110-Mile, and Cedar) are operated by the Corps of Engineers. The seventh park, Pomona State Park, is operated by the state.

In addition to the seven parks, the area offers two marinas, 4,000 acres of



water and 6,500 acres of land for outdoor recreation activities. People flock to Pomona Lake for fishing, boating, swimming, camping, picnicking, and other fun activities it provides.

Carbolyn Park is located on the west side of the lake just off of U.S. Highway 75. The campground has a total of 29 sites - 26 electric and three primitive. The park offers a boat ramp, a dump station, shower houses, and a playground.

On the north side of the lake are two free campgrounds open all year. Cedar Park has eight primitive campsites, with access to a rock-base boat ramp. 110-Mile Park offers 25 campsites, with access to a concrete-base boat ramp, courtesy dock and two water hydrants.

110-Mile Park also has two trails: Witch's Broom Nature Trail is a short walking trail (about a 20-minute walk), while horses, bikers, and hikers use the 33-mile long Blackhawk Trail. The park's horse camp may be reserved

through the project office.

Wolf Creek Park is located a few miles west of Pomona Dam Road on the north side of the lake. Facilities include 44 electric sites, 43 primitive sites, shower house, a group camp available for reservation, playground and dump station.

Michigan Valley Park, next to the dam on the north side of the lake, offers 57 sites with water and electric hookups and 38 primitive sites. The campground has a swim beach and is adjacent to North Shore Marina and boat ramp. All campsites are within easy walking distance of lakeshore fishing. The campground includes two shower houses, a dump station, two group picnic shelters, a basketball court and an accessible fishing dock.

Outlet Park, located below the dam on the south side of the lake, offers 36 electric and water sites.

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