



Visit

# Hyco Lake

a  
Person, Caswell County  
Treasure

Featuring:  
Boating  
Camping  
Picnicking  
Cottages  
Community Building  
Amphitheater  
Boat Storage  
Fishing  
Swimming  
Natural Beauty  
Walking, Bike Trails

Located in Person County  
10 miles West of Roxboro, NC  
on NC Highway No. 57 North

**General:** Hyco Lake was constructed in the early sixties by Carolina Power & Light Company (now *Progress Energy*) as a cooling reservoir for their steam electric generating units.

The lake covers 3,750 acres and has a shoreline of 160 miles. There are three main rivers that feed into the lake. The reservoir filled in early 1965 and since that time has provided numerous recreational activities for a large catchment of outdoor enthusiasts from both Person, Caswell and surrounding counties.

The Person-Caswell Lake Authority was created by a special act of the NC State Legislature for the express purpose of developing and controlling activities on the lake and sixty five acres set aside for a recreational park. Thirty acres was added in 2000 to be developed into a Natural Learning Area with walking trails and informational signs.

Federal and State Grants as well as funds generated by user fees have been used to develop and manage the Park and Natural Area, and monitor boating activity on the Lake.

**BOAT STORAGE FACILITY:** A covered, gated storage facility equipped with thirty six bays for inside storage and unlimited outside storage. Fees are \$450.00 per month for inside storage and \$360.00 for outside storage. Patrons who store boats in this facility are given a key that will permit access at any time.

**BOATING:** Boating fees are \$15.00 per day for a Daily Permit, and \$50.00 for an Annual Permit that expires on December 31st of each year. Annual Permit holders have free access to the Park. There are six launch ramps to provide easy access to launch boats, and a large parking area is available to park vehicles with boat trailers.

**CAMPING:** There are 81 camp sites, 63 for RVs, and 18 primitive sites. The camping area has both 30 amp and 50 amp service. Sites with 30 amp service rent for \$20.00 per night. Sites with 50 amp service rent for \$25.00 per night. A monthly rate is available for \$400.00 per site for 30 amp and \$525.00 for 50 amp service. Primitive sites are \$15.00 per night. A dump station is available for patrons and a central bath house serves the camping area. Smaller sewage containers for RV hookup is available from local sanitation companies.

**PICNICKING:** There are three covered picnic shelters that will accommodate large groups. These can be rented for \$25.00 and are available by reservation. Each shelter has electric service and water. There are many grills and tables throughout the Park that are available on a first come first serve basis.

**PARK HOURS:** The park is equipped with an electronic gate and can be accessed twenty four hours per day. Gate fees are \$5.00 per car.

**COTTAGES:** There are seven cottages available for rent at a charge of \$50.00 per night with a \$50.00 returnable deposit. The cottages feature a full size bed and two bunk beds, a small table, a refrigerator and a heat pump for heating and cooling. Cottages can be reserved by placing a deposit with staff. All cottages overlook the lake and have an adjacent bath house and showers.



**AMPHITHEATER:** An amphitheater is available for rent by anyone promoting musical events. The facility has a stage and large viewing area for patrons. Call for rental information.



**COMMUNITY BUILDING:** This building can be rented for \$150.00 during the day or \$150.00 during the evening hours. The charge for all day rental is \$300.00. A returnable deposit of \$150.00 is also required. The building will accommodate approximately 200 persons. Tables and chairs are available, and a full kitchen including private rest rooms.



**NATURAL LEARNING AREA:** A thirty acre site adjacent to the sixty five acre park has been developed with both paved and soft walking trails, interpretive signs, a class room gazebo, a Scout Camp, and viewing decks overlooking the lake. The area is handicap accessible for both wheel chair and scooter patrons. The Natural Area features free access and a large parking area.



**PRIVATE HOMES:** Approximately 1,200 homes have been constructed around the lake, and many are occupied year round. One attractive feature of Hyco Lake is little or no fluctuation of the water level except for evaporation. Availability for lots and homes can be obtained by calling any of several realtors in the Roxboro area. Prospective buyers of homes and/or lots should insist that the seller identify property lines and point out the exact location of the water front area adjacent to the property in question.

Prospective buyers should also be aware there is a ten foot elevation strip between the water and private property known as the control strip (below 420 foot contour line). The area must be leased from the Lake Authority before this area can be accessed. Current leases rates are \$75.00 per year for the first 100 feet of shoreline, and \$.05 per foot for each additional foot of shoreline. A one time fee of \$300.00 is charged to transfer the property to a new owner.

The Lake Authority imposes a set of Guidelines that govern the lake, shoreline and other activities. These Guidelines are strictly enforced by the Board and Rangers.



**GOVERNING BODY:** Control of the lake, park and natural area is vested in a five member board appointed by commissioners in both Person and Caswell county. A Secretary and Attorney are also elected as board members.

A friendly staff of Certified Rangers and maintenance staff monitor activities on and around the lake and park area, and offer assistance to patrons visiting the park. A full time Ranger lives on site in the park and provides security to campers and patrons.

**HISTORY:** The Hyco River region is rich in history and won early prominence for its tobacco production. One of the States first cigarette factories operated for a time at nearby Milton.

A major stagecoach line skirted the lake area to the North and was used to transport tobacco to coastal Virginia markets.

The 800 acre Cunningham Plantation, known as "Waverly," and the 1,200 acre McGehee Plantation, known as "Woodburne," accounted for much of the early economy of the area.

The old McGehee's Mill, built in the late 1700's ground meal and flour for markets to the North as far as Richmond, VA.



Prepared and Distributed by  
Person-Caswell Lake Authority

P.O. Box 343

Roxboro, NC 27573-0343

Tel: 336-599-4343

Fax: 336-599-4363

May 2009