

# FONTANA LAKE

US Hwy.	Back Road Paved
NC Hwy.	Town Road Paved
Forest Road/Gravel	Gate
Camp Sites/Camping	Power Lines
Waterfalls	Mtn. Summit/Elevation
Boat Ramp/Launch	

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Fish in Fontana Lake include smallmouth and largemouth bass, walleye, bluebill, muskellunge and lake trout.

Fontana Lake was formed with the construction of Fontana Dam which was completed in November of 1944. The lake is some 17 miles in length and comprised of more than 10,000 acres. The shoreline is 238 miles long with the entire north shore part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Fontana Dam, at 480 feet high, is the tallest dam in the Eastern US. Its construction required the purchase of 68,000 acres and displaced 1,300 families, more than 1,000 graves and 60 miles of roadway. An agreement with Swain County promised that a road along the northshore would be built to allow access to cemeteries, but the road was never built. A 7 mile stretch west of Bryson City is today known as the "The Road to Nowhere".

