

Glenn Cunningham Lake

Located in North Central Omaha, Lake Cunningham gets its name from former Omaha mayor and U.S. Congressman, Glenn C. Cunningham. The lake, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1977, was built for both flood control and recreational purposes. Today, Cunningham Lake covers 390 acres, with the surrounding parkland stretching out more than 1,050 acres.

Lake Closures

If you've been to the lake over the past two years, chances are you saw as much mud as you did water. Unfortunately, it's not the first time the city has had to drain the lake. In 2006, the city drained Cunningham Lake during a reconstruction. Omaha and the Army Corps of Engineers again drained the lake in 2017 in an attempt to control a dual zebra mussel and common carp infestation.



The city drew Cunningham Lake down again in 2019 in another attempt to deal with these two invasive species. The most recent update regarding the lake came from the Army Corps of Engineers in [May 2020](#). Per this update, the Corps of Engineers expects the lake to reach a full conservation pool by early this spring – 2021.

Things to Do

When filled and open to the public, Lake Cunningham is the perfect place to spend the day with your family or friends. The lake allows for a ton of recreational opportunities, including:

- Camping
- No-wake Boating
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Bicycling
- Picnicking
- Horseback riding
- Horseshoes and bocce ball



In addition to the lake itself and all the possible water activities, one of the biggest draws of Cunningham Lake are the numerous multipurpose trails, including a nature/equestrian path in the surrounding park.

Additionally, a recent renovation to the lake brought more and improved campgrounds and RV camp pads. These improvements make Lake Cunningham ideal for those looking to spend a night in nature or have some quiet, family-friendly fun without traveling hours outside of the city.

Entrances

There are four main entrances to Lake Cunningham and its campground. They are located at State Highway 36, State Street, 96th Street, and Rainwood Road.

FAQs

What kind of fish are in the lake?

The non-invasive species that call Cunningham Lake home include Bluegill, Bass, Catfish, Bullhead, Walleye, Crappie, and Northern Pike.

Are there public restrooms?

Yes, a restroom/shower house is available for campers and guests of the lake.

What are the prices for camping/equipment rental?

Prices for Lake Cunningham aren't available online. You can contact the lake at (402) 444-5900 or the campgrounds at (402) 444-4628.