

Finn Creek Watershed Dam No. 34

Wiley Post Memorial Lake
McClain County, Oklahoma



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This is one of 2,107 examples of how local, state and federal government agencies have worked together to utilize the Natural Resources Conservation Service Watershed Program to address natural resource needs and improve the quality of life for thousands of Oklahomans.*

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Finn Creek Watershed Dam No. 34, known locally as Wiley Post Memorial Lake, was constructed in 1972 by the City of Maysville and the McClain County Conservation District with the assistance of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed Program.

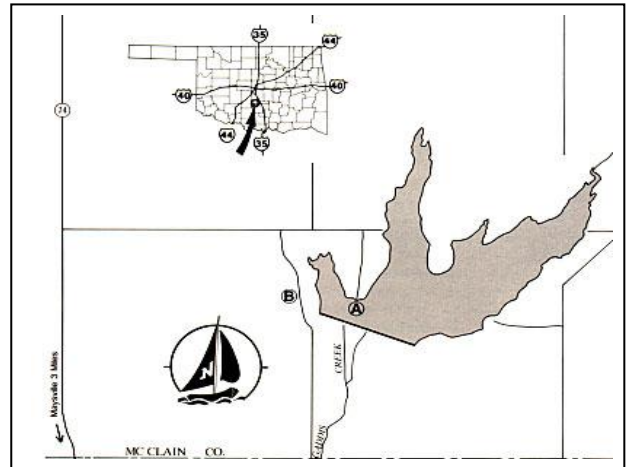
The dam was built as a multi-purpose structure to provide flood control, a municipal water supply for the City of Maysville and recreational areas. The city paid for 1,885 acre feet of water storage above that needed for flood control for municipal water storage

The 300 surface acre lake has five miles of shoreline and recreational facilities include a boat ramp, fishing dock, picnic area and playground.

Finn Creek Dam No. 34 is one of 35 flood control dams constructed in the Finn Creek Watershed, all of which are in McClain County.

Benefits of the 35 Flood Control Dams in the Finn Creek Watershed Project

- Provides \$1.5 million in average annual benefits from reduced flood damages
- Provides flood protection for over 200 farms and ranches
- Provides flood protection for county roads and bridges, highways and railroads
- Sedimentation is reduced by 96,000 tons of soil annually
- 500 acres of wetlands have been created or enhanced
- Created fish and wildlife habitat



The Finn Creek Watershed Project is one of 129 projects in Oklahoma that have been planned and implemented by local people with assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

*2,107 NRCS-assisted flood control dams have been constructed in 61 Oklahoma counties. These watershed projects, that also include thousands of conservation practices, provide over \$81 million in average annual benefits.

For additional information about watershed projects in the state visit the Oklahoma Conservation Commission website at: <http://conservation.ok.gov> or visit your local conservation district and NRCS office.



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