

Okfuskee Tribs Watershed Dam No. S-1

Okmulgee 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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The Okfuskee Tribs Watershed Dam No. S-1 (known as Dripping Springs Lake) is located eight miles southwest of Okmulgee. The dam was constructed in 1976 by the City of Okmulgee and the Okmulgee County Conservation District with the assistance of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program.

The 78-foot high dam, located in Dripping Springs State Park, was constructed for flood control, recreation, and as a water supply for the City of Okmulgee. The lake has a surface area of 1,000 acres and a detention storage of 7,992 acre-feet of water. The city paid for an additional 14,977 acre-feet of water storage during construction for municipal water and for 596 acre-feet for recreation.

Two campgrounds located at the lake offer 76 semi-modern RV sites and 17 primitive tent sites. ADA accessible restrooms and showers, a lighted boat ramp, a playground and pavilions are available. The lake was designated Oklahoma's first "Trophy Bass Lake" and has an abundant stand of timber still in the water, which make an ideal habitat for trophy bass.

The dam is one of 29 dams constructed in the Okfuskee Tribs Watershed Project (five dams are in Okmulgee County and 24 dams are in Okfuskee County).

These 29 dams provide over \$1.5 million in average annual benefits from reduced flood damages, reduced erosion and sedimentation, and recreational and water supply benefits. The dams provide flood protection for over 550 farms and ranches; have created or enhanced 500 acres of wetlands; and reduce sedimentation by 80,000 tons of soil annually.

If the five remaining planned dams in the project were constructed, they would provide an additional \$311,000 in annual benefits.



Dam No. S-1 provides flood control, a water supply for Okmulgee and recreational areas that used by thousands of people each year.



The Okfuskee Tribs 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 and 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.