



# Red Rock Dam, Lake Red Rock, Iowa

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**Location**

Lake Red Rock, Iowa

**State(s)**

IA

**Congressional District(s)**

IA-2, IA-3

**Status**

Project in operation.



**Description**

Lake Red Rock is a multiple purpose project providing primary benefits in flood control and low-flow augmentation, with secondary benefits in recreation, and environmental stewardship. The dam is located on the Des Moines River approximately 35 miles southeast of Des Moines, Iowa. Storage volume at full flood pool is 1,436,400 acre-feet. The lake's normal (conservation) pool level is 15,250 acres which makes it Iowa's largest lake. The Project's watershed totals 12,320 square miles. The project includes: Lake Red Rock Dam with Spillway that includes five Tainter Gates, fourteen sluice gates, and stilling basin; Southeast Des Moines and Pleasant Hill Remedial Works and Pump Station; Community of Carlisle Remedial Works; City of Avon Remedial Works and Pump Station; and Roberts Creek Subimpoundment. Cumulative nominal damages prevented since the project's inception (1969) = \$642,935,000. Over 50,000 acres of directly managed lands and waters are included in the project. 29 Recreation Areas with 641 campsites. FY15 recreation fee receipts were \$514,000. Lake Red Rock's regional FY15 economic impact is \$13,231,000 from 773,000 visitors.

**Summarized Project Costs**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Budget for FY2017            | \$4,711,000 |
| House Allocation for FY2017  | TBD         |
| Senate Allocation for FY2017 | TBD         |
| FY 2016 Allocation           | \$4,725,000 |

**Additional Project Information**

These numbers represent an illustrative distribution of operation and maintenance activities subject to revision during the course of the year, and therefore individual project estimates should not be considered as budget amounts.

**Major Work Item (This Fiscal Year)**



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Funds are used for routine operation and maintenance of the flood control infrastructure; minimal operation and maintenance of day-use and overnight recreation areas and facilities; and minimal annual stewardship activities to protect the health, sustainability and integrity of the public lands associated with the project.

**Major Work Item (Next Fiscal Year)**

Budgeted funds will be used for operation and maintenance of flood control infrastructure, and operation and maintenance of recreation/visitation areas.

**Authority Details**

Flood Control Act of 1938; Public Law 75-761

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