

KENTUCKY DAM – Construction of Kentucky Dam began in 1938 and was completed in August 2004. The dam has a generating capacity of 184 megawatts. It is 206 feet high and stretches 8,233 feet across the Tennessee River.

The Great Depression took an economic toll not only on Calvert City, but also on all of Western Kentucky. Businessman and civic leader Luther Draffen, as president of the Lower Tennessee Valley Association (LTVA), lobbied intensively to have a hydroelectric dam built on the lower Tennessee River. In January 1937, Mother Nature dramatically demonstrated a need for the dam, which was to have three objectives – flood control, enhanced navigation and production of hydroelectric power. The heavens opened, and it rained for 19 days without letup. The Tennessee and Ohio rivers and their tributaries overflowed their banks to the extent most people had never seen before.

Once the flood waters abated, Draffen and LTVA resumed their single-minded goal of getting the dam built. Congress appropriated \$2.613 million for construction in 1938 and immediately started building a self-contained village for the expected influx of needed workers. Many of the cottages on site were floated up from Tennessee's Pickwick Dam construction site.

When the dam was completed, the village was converted to Kentucky Dam Village State Park and has been a tourist destination since the 1950s. The park encompasses 1351 acres and is one of the state's more popular state parks featuring a convention center, 18-hole golf course, and of course, KY Dam Village Airport. Shuttles are available from the airport to Kentucky Dam Village State Park for lodging and dining.

LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES – LBL was designated as a national recreation area in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy. It is full of historic sites dating back to the pre-Civil War days. Remains of iron furnaces, heritage sites that was once called "Between the Rivers" because of its location between the Tennessee and the Cumberland River. It has over 300 miles of natural shoreline, 200 miles of paved roads, 500 miles of trails, and 170,000 acres of forests and open lands. This family-friendly recreation area offers one of the largest blocks of undeveloped forest in the eastern United States. It's a site to see on land, but even more beautiful from a bird's eye view.

CALVERT CITY, KENTUCKY – Whether you're looking for outdoor adventure or peace and quiet, we've got just the thing. Blending a rich history with a stable economy and a healthy quality of life, Calvert City is an excellent place to live, work, and VACATION. Don't take our word for it, experience yourself! You'll find two of the top golf courses in Kentucky just miles from the airport, opportunities to fish for your dinner, biking trails, hiking trails, and some delicious local cuisine that will leave you full yet begging for dessert! Check out our list of events www.calvertcityky.gov happening and go on over and like us on Facebook and Instagram too!