

Year	Lake Roland Historcial Time Line
1801	Bellona Gunpowder Works purchases land for operations and starts making gunpowder
1812	Tyson family starts mining chromium in Bare Hills and serpentine area of Lake Roland
1812	Bellona Gunpowder Works blows up first time
1812	Bellona Gunpowder Works provides gunpowder for War of 1812
1831	Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad (eventually becomes North Central) reaches site of future dam
1846	Bellona Gunpowder Works blows up again
1848	Nearby graining mill blows up
1853	Baltimore Water Company buys land from Bellona Gunpowder Company to build reservoir
1854	Post office opens at Relay House
1857	Baltimore City purchases water rights
1857	Eagle Mill land purchased for building reservoir
1858	Construction of reservoir begins
1861	Gatehouse completed and water begins flowing over the dam
1861	Gatehouse keeper's cottage completed, fence and road built, rip-rap added on shoreline
1861	Southern symphozizers unscrewed steel girders of bridge and threw them into the lake, Union soldiers had to rebuild the bridge
1862	Relay House-Hollins Station opens to the public
1862	Post office closes at Relay House
1869	Relay House burns down
1869	Bollman bridge built after historic flood washed out original bridge

1873	Engineers become concerned with the amount of siltation in reservoir
1874	Dredging of sediment from reservoir on periodic basis begins
1876	Relay House bought, fixed up and renamed Hollins Station
1912	Reservoir rendered nearly obsolete due to sediment causing muddy water and clogging filters
1912	No water taken from reservoir due to typhoid fever in Towson
1915	Water supply service ended at Lake Roland as Loch Raven dam completed
1918	Idea suggested to use reservoir and dam for mill or industry
1926	Hollins station (originally Relay station) closes
1933	Hollins Station burns down
1937	Idea suggested to develop property as a park, Leakin (former mayor) name is suggested
1942	Bollman Bridge sold for scrap to be used for WWII purposes
1944	Robert E. Lee name is announced after city received \$80,000 from Mrs. White and Mr. Ferguson
1946	Reservoir is 60% of original size, 25 foot depth is reduced to 15 feet
1947	Plane lands on Lake Roland after developing engine problems
1952	Pedestrian bridge built to replace Bollman Bridge scrapped in 1940's
1953	Sewer line laid across bottom of lake bed, more silt dredged from lake
1955	Lake drained in order to build a boathouse
1959	Rail service west of Rockland terminated

1961	Rail service from Hollins to Rockland terminated
1962	Remaing tracks used to support streetcar museum but street cars vandalized that year
1964	1st pavillion built, water line added for water fountain
1967	Derelict street cars rescued by founders of Falls Road trolley car museum
1972	Baltimore County agrees to ask Baltimore City for title of the park
1974	Study shows that much of the silt is a result of building the Baltimore beltway and Jones Falls expressway
1978	Baltimore City determines it is too costly to dredge the lake
1983	Robert E. Lee Park Conservancy formed
1992	Park listed in National Register of Historic Places
2008	Baltimore County will lease, repair and maintain Robert E. Lee Park
2010	Lake Roland Nature Council formed (formerly the Robert E. Lee Park Nature Council)
2011	Renovated park reopens
2015	Park renamed Lake Roland
2017	Lake Roland Nature Center completed and opens to the public