# YOUR DATA – HOW IT'S BEING USED & WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

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### First - Where does the Data come from?

## Lake and PSA Facility Data







### What about Reservation Data?

Reservable Sites are shared among Recreation.gov and CorpsLakes.us







## Why does the Data matter?

- General public uses these sites
- Consistency is a necessity!
- Sharing data! Sites other than CorpsLakes.us and Recreation.gov use this data
- RIDB Recreation Information Database
- Application Programming Interface (API) available for others to integrate our data into their apps and websites





### What is an API?

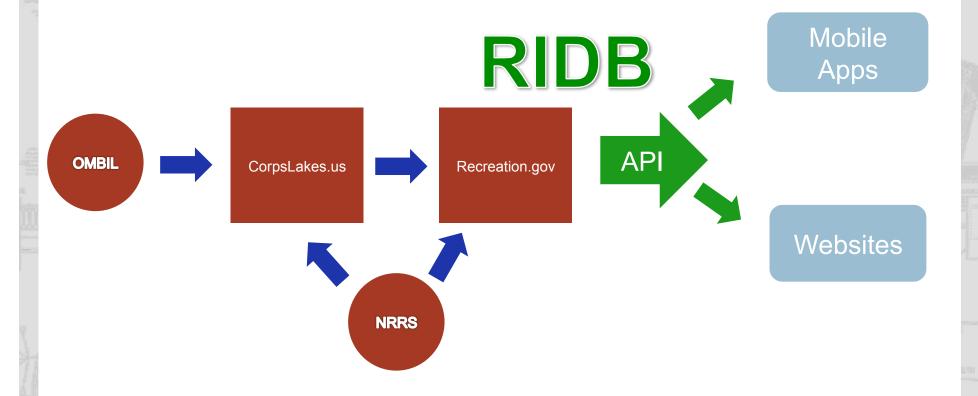
- Application Programming Interface (API)
- API is a set of clearly defined methods of communication between various software components
- RIDB (Recreation Information Database) API
- Must register to use API





## Why does the Data matter?

RIDB contains all data from Recreation.gov



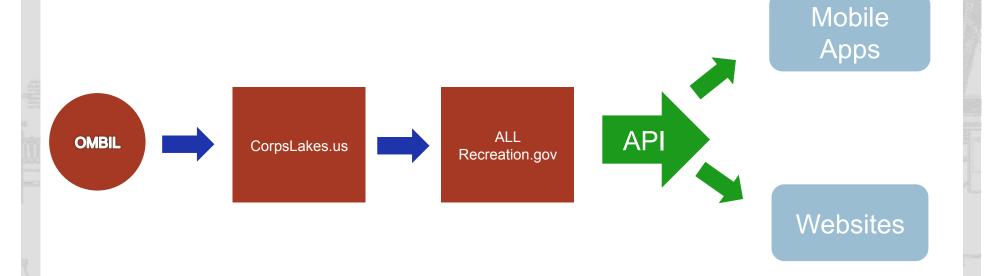
- Over 2,600 registrations
- Over 1.7 million requests for the data via API





### **RIDB 2.0**

## RIDB 2.0 contains **ALL** data **IN** Recreation.gov







### **OMBIL Update - October**

- Lake & PSA descriptions
- Lake & PSA directions
- Phone numbers
- Facilities
- Lake & PSA Coordinates

Recreation Area	Camping Camping	II Lodging	Showers	Boat Ramps	Marina Marina	Fishing Facilities	Picnic	Playground	Swimming Area	Trails
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Butler Creek				X			A GS			
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See Print Friendly Version for complete listing.

X Exists at lake

#### Camping

E Electric Campsites

Non-electric Campsites

T Pull Through Campsites

G Group Camping

D Dump Station

#### Fishing

- C Fish Cleaning Stations
- D Fishing Docks
- P Fishing Piers

#### Pienie

- A Picnic Area
- G Group Picnic
- GS Group Picnic Shelter

#### Swimming

BE Beach

P Swimming Pool

#### Trails

- B Bike Trails \*
- Q Equestrian Trails
- H Hiking Trails
- I Hiking Trails Interpretive
- R Off Road Vehicle Trails
- F Fitness Trails
- W Water Trails
- S Snow Mobile Trails
- CC Cross Country Skiing Trails
- M Multipurpose Trails





### www.CorpsLakes.us



ecosystem management principles, while providing quality public outdoor recreation experiences to serve the needs of present and future generations. This site is your gateway to recreation opportunities at Corps lands and waters. Welcome to the Corps Lakes Gateway and please be sure to see our National Recreation Strategy!

On The Go

Corps Lakes Corps Lakes on Your Phone! Get all Corps Lakes information while on

Submit an event

#### Social Media Join us on Facebook

Instagram

Volunteer.Gov

Partnerships Corps Foundation

Become a Partner

Natural Resources Management

Educational Resources

 Office of Boating Safety Corps Education Center

White House for Kids

National Water Safety Program

- Pinterest
- VouTube

#### Happenings Around the Lake ....

Recreation.Gov - Stories About our Lakes

· Honoring Important Women in Conservation History - Deborah Debby Chenoweth



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers!

View Brochure by State

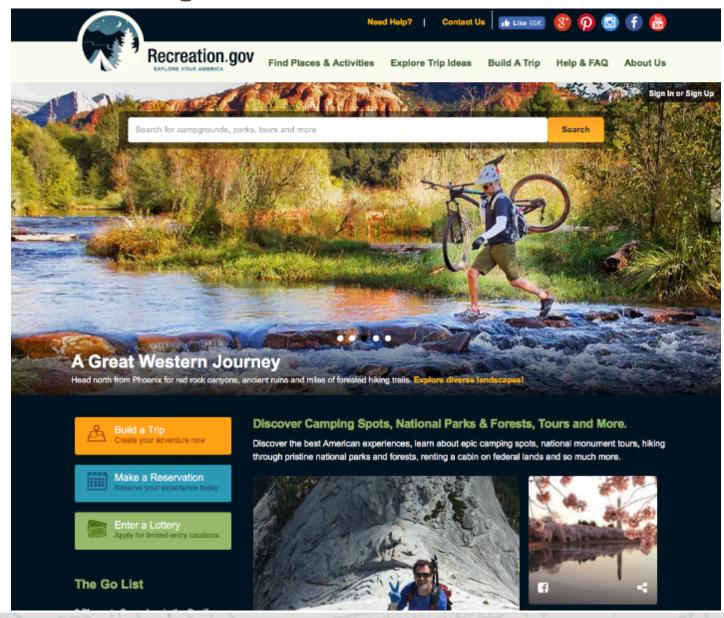
Corps Lakes Photo Album

Corps Lakes Photo album Click on the photo album to view the Corps Album.



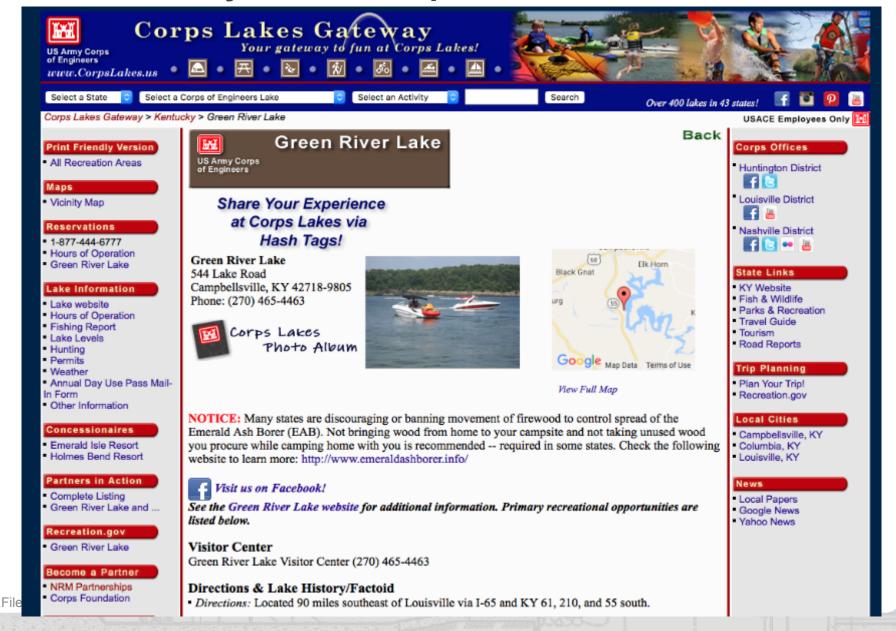
View the new designed Recreation.gov site!

## www.Recreation.gov



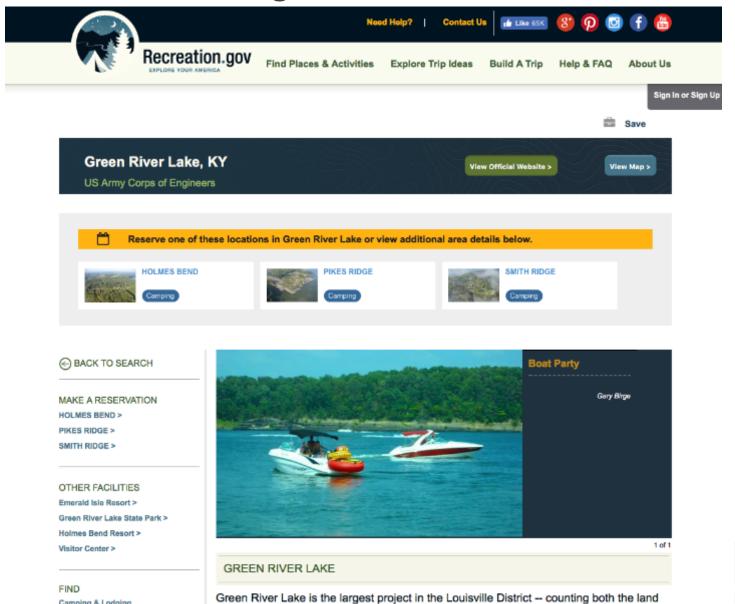


### So, where is my data on CorpsLakes.us?



## What about Recreation.gov?

Camping & Lodging





## **Data gathered from OMBIL**

- **Descriptions**
- Directions
- Coordinates
- Address
- Phone number
- PSAs
- **Facilities**
- Concessionaires

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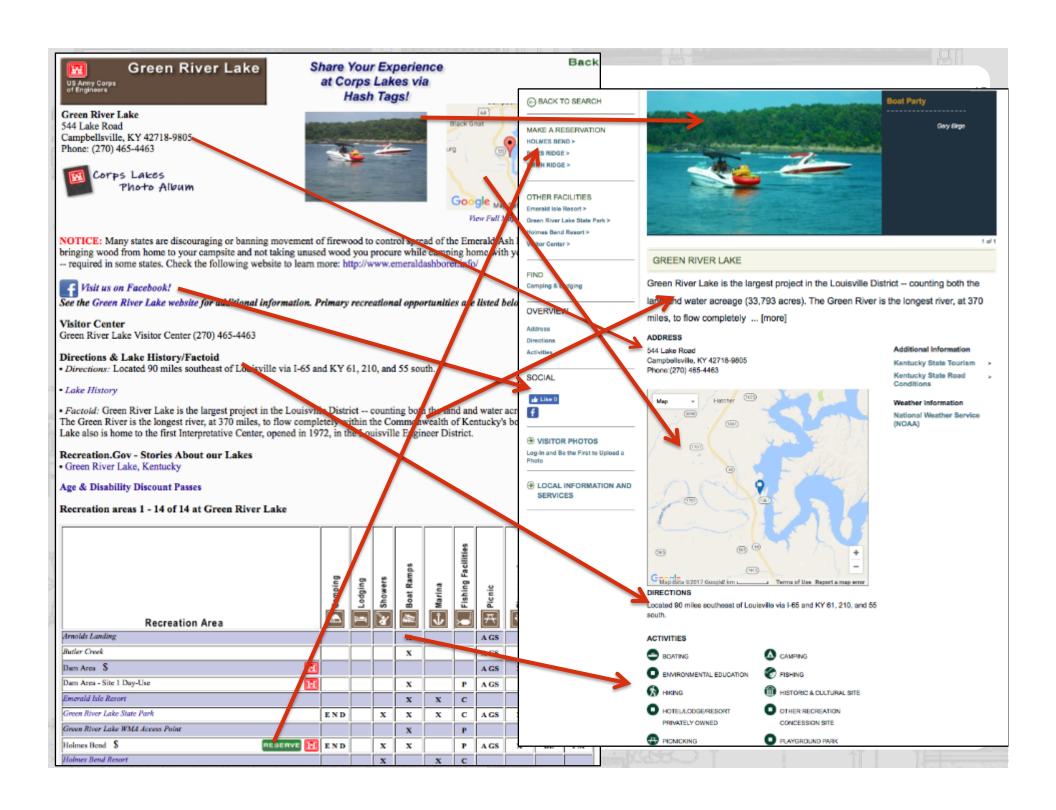
## Data provided outside of OMBIL

- Links to lake levels, permits, fishing reports, maps
- Social media links
- Concessionaire links
- Virtual tours
- Photos









### **Benefits other than Data!**

- Corps Lakes Photo Album
- Recreation.gov Stories
- Recreation.gov Go Lists







## **Corps Lakes Photo Album**









Build a Trip Create your adventure now



Make a Reservation

Reserve your experience today



Enter a Lottery
Apply for limited-entry locations

### The Go List

8 Places to Snowshoe in the Pacific Northwest

Shipwrecks and Underwater Graveyards

Spring Things to Do in Washington, D.C.

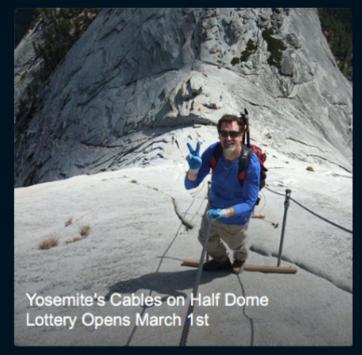
13 Popular Spring Break Destinations

View all Go Lists



### Discover Camping Spots, National Parks & Forests, Tours and More.

Discover the best American experiences, learn about epic camping spots, national monument tours, hiking through pristine national parks and forests, renting a cabin on federal lands and so much more.









Tips for Preparing Your Boats for the Season



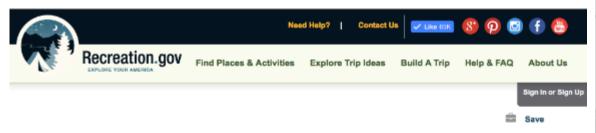






### **Recreation.gov Stories**

- Tell your story
- Highlight events
- Water safety



#### Explore Articles

### Spotlight: Green River Lake, Kentucky

A serene setting for boating, fishing, horseback riding and hiking

By Daniel Jackson U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

#### What You'll Find

With 33,793 acres (13,675 ha) to discover, <u>Green River Lake's</u> numerous beaches, campgrounds, hiking trails and pionic areas offer something for everyone. The area is renowned by both scientists and nature enthusiasts as one of the most bio-diverse rivers in the U.S.—endangered mussels and other species thrive here.

If you have a hankering to fish or ride the trails, you've come to the right place. Anglers come to the 8,200-acre (3,318 ha) lake to fish for muskie, a rarity in Kentucky and for crapple. Equestrian enthusiasts can ride to several miles of horse trails (PDF) built by local riding groups. Both of these activities are perfect for an afternoon, weekend or week-long outling!



Green River Lake, Kentucky from above (USACE)

#### Getting There

Green River Lake is located in Adair and Taylor counties and is 90 miles south of Louisville near the college town of Campbellsville. The dam, located on the Green River, is an 11-mile (17 km) drive from the cities of Campbellsville and Columbia. Use these <u>directions</u> to access the lake from either interstate 65 or Interstate 75.





### Some of the Published Stories

- Alabama Scenic River Trail
- Bartram Trail at Thurmond Lake
- Canyon Lake Volunteers Honor Wounded Warriors
- Green River Lake, Kentucky
- Honoring Important Women in Conservation History Debby Chenoweth
- Ice Harbor Lock and Dam
- National Fishing and Boating Week
- Riverlands Audubon Center and National Great Rivers Museum
- Veterans National Recreation Trail at Coralville Lake
- Wintertime Bald Eagle Watches





# Have a Story for Recreation.gov?

Contact Virginia (Ginny) Dickerson







### Recreation.gov Go Lists

- Quick lists to inspire exploration
- USACE Lists
  - Summer Fun at Lakes
  - 10 Lakes that May Surprise You
  - Five Town to Bike Trails

#### Summer Fun at Lakes



There is nothing more refreshing on a hot summer day than cooling off in a lake. There are lakes scattered across the country that offer a variety of experiences to take the heat off when temperatures soar. Here is a list of more than a dozen lakes in just as many states that feature plenty of amenities to please everyone in the crowd, not to mention provide scenic backdrops to enhance your water experience.





## So how can all of this help me?

- Promote your lake!
- Good data in OMBIL = accurate information to public
- Good information helps public plan their weekend or vacation





# So how can all of this help me?

Photos show how awesome our lakes are!







### What do we need to do?

- Update data
  - OMBIL is open now!
  - Webinars
    - Thursday 10:00 & 2:00 CDT; Friday 11:00 CDT
- Provide coordinates for PSA entrances, Campsites, restrooms, etc.
- Photos





## How do I update my Data or add Photos?

### **Database of Record**

- OMBIL Update facility and general data
- NRRS reservable facility data

## Additional Content (photos, urls, etc)

- Email CorpsLakes@usace.army.mil
- Contact Virginia (Ginny) Dickerson





### **Coordinate Data Call**

- November after OMBIL update complete
- Excel files from BAH
  - Contains NRRS ids to help field identify units
  - Instructions will be sent with excel files
- Want coordinates of campsites, restrooms, hookups
- Also requesting photos of campsites
- 1 January suspense to Ginny Dickerson





### WANT TO LEARN MORE? - GATEWAY WEBINARS

- Gateway 101 (completed & posted)
- Recreation (completed & posted)
- NRM Community Forum (completed & posted)
- Your Data How it's being used and why important - Presented: 4 Oct 2017

# **COMING IN FY 18:**

- \* SmartBooks
- \* Visitor Page
- \* Environmental Stewardship
- \* Submissions



