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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to resume collection of day use recreation fees October 1

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today that it will resume the collection of fees at its day use recreation areas beginning October 1. Fee collections were suspended earlier this year when recreation areas were closed due to COVID-19 precautions.

USACE collects fees at its day use swimming beaches and boat launches. Fees are also collected for camping and for a Special Use Permit, which covers events, facilities and activities. For more information on recreation fees and passes visit <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/visitors/pdfs/discount-chart.pdf>.

USACE began the gradual reopening of its lake and river projects in April. Visitors are encouraged to contact USACE lake and river projects before visiting to ensure recreation areas are open. The status of USACE-managed campgrounds, boat ramps, swimming beaches and other sites is available at <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/visitors/status.cfm>.

While visiting USACE recreation areas, visitors are encouraged to practice social distancing and other COVID-19 safety precautions required and recommended by local, state and federal authorities, to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC guidance on visiting parks and recreation facilities can be found online at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/visitors.html>.

USACE is one of the nation's leading federal providers of outdoor and water-based recreation, hosting millions of visits annually to its more than 400 lake and river projects. It's estimated that 90 percent of the USACE-operated recreation areas are within 50 miles of metropolitan areas, offering diverse outdoor activities for all ages close to home.

To discover a USACE recreation site nearest you, please visit www.corpslakes.us, or www.recreation.gov.

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