

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS; CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Day Use Fee-Free Dates in Calendar Year 2026 for All Visitors to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Managed Recreation Areas

1. This memorandum reiterates the Corps Fee Free Days throughout calendar year 2026. This initiative was first instituted on Veteran's Day 2006 with the intent to support and honor the men and women who have served the Nation in the armed services.
2. Fee Free Days for CY26 include:
  - President's Day: 16 February 2026.
  - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Birthday: 16 June 2026.
  - Independence Day Weekend: 3-5 July 2026.
  - National Public Lands Day: 26 September 2026.
  - Veteran's Day: 11 November 2026.
3. Accordingly, all day use fees for all visitors to Corps managed recreation areas will be waived on the dates listed above. This waiver covers boat launch ramp and swim beach fees. This waiver does not apply to camping and camping-related services, or fees for specialized facilities such as group picnic shelters.
4. Other agencies that manage recreation areas located on Corps lands are encouraged, but not required, to comply with this schedule to waive fees in the areas that they manage.
5. The memo dated 18 April 2013, subject: Recreation Use Fee Waiver for Military, April 2013, remains in effect. This memo and other details can be found at the following website: <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/usefees/waiver.cfm>
6. The point of contact for the recreation use fee program is Ryan Hartwig, who may be reached via Teams or at [ryan.d.hartwig@usace.army.mil](mailto:ryan.d.hartwig@usace.army.mil).

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