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Army Corps of Engineers waives day use fees at recreation areas on Veterans Day

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced today that it will waive day use fees for veterans, active and reserve component service members, and their families at the more than 2,800 USACE-operated recreation areas nationwide on Veterans Day, November 11.

The fee waiver requires only verbal confirmation of service. The waiver covers fees for boat launch ramps and swimming beaches. The waiver does not apply to camping and camping-related services, or fees for specialized facilities such as group picnic shelters. Other agencies that manage recreation areas on USACE lands are encouraged, but not required, to offer the waiver in the areas that they manage.

“To honor the nation’s veterans, we will continue our Veterans Day tradition of inviting veterans, active and reserve service members, and their families to visit one of the thousands of USACE recreation sites throughout the country, free of day use charges,” said Maj. Gen. Ed Jackson, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

“We encourage people of all ages to get outdoors this Veterans Day and enjoy a day of fun and relaxation while participating in the wide variety of activities that are available at our many recreation areas,” added Jackson.

USACE is the nation’s largest federal provider of outdoor and water-based recreation hosting more than 370 million visits annually to its more than 400 lakes 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 <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/visitors.cfm>.

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