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## Corps to Increase Day Use Fees in 2003

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will increase recreation day use fees effective Jan. 1, 2003. Fees for the issuance of special event permits will also increase for the 2003 recreation season.

Over 375 million Americans visit Corps lakes for recreation purposes each year. One quarter of them come to fish. Others come to camp, hike, hunt and view wildlife.

"The Corps operates these facilities for the use of all Americans", said Maj. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "These fees will help us sustain the quality of our facilities for the enjoyment of our visitors."

Recreation use fees collected are used to help offset operating and maintenance costs at Corps facilities, to assure public demand for high quality recreation opportunities is met.

The new day use fee schedule for Corps operated recreation facilities is as follows:

- A fee of \$1 per person, up to \$4 per vehicle, will be charged at developed swimming beaches, and a fee of \$3 will be charged for boat launching at ramps that have additional amenities. The current fee is a maximum of \$3 per vehicle at beaches and \$2 for boat launchings
- A maximum fee of \$4 per vehicle per day may be charged for the use of all day use recreation facilities within a park. The current fee is \$3 per vehicle.
- An annual pass may be purchased for \$30 to permit the holder and accompanying passengers to use all day use facilities at Corps-operated parks for the calendar year. A second annual pass may be purchased at the reduced rate of \$15.00. The current fee is \$25 for an annual pass and \$5 for a second pass.
- Golden Age and Golden Access passports will be honored. Holders will receive a 50 percent discount on all recreation use fees.
- There will be no fee for children 12 years old or younger.
- The basic fee to issue a special events permit will be \$50. The current fee is \$25.

In addition to the fee changes, the Corps is conducting a stringent review to ensure Corps recreation use fees are comparable to those charged by other providers for similar facilities and services in the local area. This is being done to assure unfair competition with private industry is avoided and may result in increased camping fees at some locations.

The Corps charges fees under the authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act for recreation sites, facilities and services provided at government expense.

Additional information about the Corps' recreation program can be found at <http://www.usace.army.mil/recreation/>