

## Values & Roles

Providing places for people and water to meet.



Providing recreation opportunities that are **safe and accessible** and educating the public on how to play in, on and around the water.

**Protecting resources** for present and future generations to use and enjoy.



Supporting **healthy communities** through access to outdoor activities for the community, military and general public.

Being an **attractive partner** that communities and stakeholders want to collaborate with in the delivery of quality services for the public.



Continuing to maintain a **geographic distribution** of recreation opportunities throughout the country.

*“We are proud of the long history of recreation services that the Corps has provided to the public. In order to continue to do that in a quality manner in the future, we must be flexible and adaptable. This plan provides our managers, districts and regions the guidance to move in the right direction”*

— Mike Enschede,  
Chief of Operations,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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# National Recreation Strategy



*Transforming the Corps Recreation Program*



**US Army Corps of Engineers®**

# *The Corps Is the Nation's Largest Provider of Water Based Recreation Resources*

## RECREATION BY THE NUMBERS

- 370 million visits annually to recreation areas on Corps lakes and rivers\*
- 4,254 recreation areas located at 422 Corps lakes and rivers in 43 states\*
- 90% of Corps recreation lakes/ivers are within 50 miles of a metro area
- 12 million acres of land and water managed for recreation and environmental conservation
- 60,813 volunteers worked more than 1.5 million hours providing service valued at over \$30 million\*
- 1,872 recreation areas/facilities on Corps lakes are managed by others; 63% of these are state or local parks\*

\*FY09 statistical information

*Providing safe, quality outdoor recreation opportunities for the public*

## WE WILL FOCUS ON...

- Providing public access to Corps lands, lakes, and rivers while managing and protecting the public's lands and waters
- Providing places and opportunities for people to pursue active recreation and healthy lifestyles
- Supporting the wellness and readiness of our military and their families
- Engaging current and potential partners and volunteers to ensure quality and safe outdoor recreation opportunities
- Maintaining, strengthening and developing highly qualified park rangers and other Recreation Program staff
- Investing wisely in our recreation facilities and opportunities so that we continue to serve the needs of present and future generations

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