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## **Campgrounds, Beaches and Day Use Areas open at Carlyle Lake for Memorial Day Weekend**

**Carlyle Lake** –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working to re-open areas that were closed due to flooding as quickly as possible. The Dam West, McNair, Dam East, and Boulder Campgrounds are all open with sites available on a first-come-first-serve-basis. Eldon Hazlet State Park is also open and has sites available on a first-come-first-serve basis and will be honoring campsite reservations. Coles Creek Campground is tentatively scheduled to re-open the week of June 13. The Keyesport, Horseshoe Island, Apache, Dam West, Dam East, and Boulder Boat Ramps are available for boat launching. Keyesport, Dam West, and McNair Beaches will be open on Friday May 27. Coles Creek Beach is tentatively scheduled to open on June 8.

The Carlyle Lake multi-use trail is accessible for hiking, walking and biking from the Dam West Day Use Area to Saddle Dam III, offering a 17 mile roundtrip. Also, the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center is open Saturday and Sunday during the month of May from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Willow Pond Fitness Trail located south of the visitor center offers a unique outdoor fitness opportunity for Carlyle Lake visitors. The fitness trail is a 1/5 mile trail that is concrete and encompasses an old farm pond that is home to many different species of wildlife. The serenity of this area adds to the enjoyment of getting fit.

Join Park Rangers on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening for interpretive programs that are free and fun for all ages.

### Friday, May 27:

- 8:00 p.m. West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground – Wacky Water Safety
- 8:00 p.m. Brewster Creek Amphitheater, Boulder Campground – Stinky and the Bandit

### Saturday, May 28:

- 2:30 p.m. McNair Beach – Water Safety Games
  - 2:30 p.m. Dam West Beach - Water Safety Games
  - 3:30 p.m. Coles Creek Beach – Water Safety Games
  - 3:30 p.m. Keyesport Beach – Water Safety Games
  - 8:00 p.m. West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground – Stinky and the Bandit
  - 8:00 p.m. Brewster Creek Amphitheater, Boulder Campground – Wacky Water Safety
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Sunday, May 29:

- 2:30 p.m. McNair Beach – Water Safety Games
- 2:30 p.m. Dam West Beach – Water Safety Games
- 3:30 p.m. Coles Creek Beach – Water Safety Games
- 3:30 p.m. Keyesport Beach – Water Safety Games
- 8:00 p.m. West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground – Scavenger Hunt
- 8:00 p.m. Brewster Creek Amphitheater, Boulder Campground – Scavenger Hunt

Monday, May 30:

- 10:00 a.m. Tour of the Carlyle Lake Dam – Begins at the East Spillway Steps
- 2:30 p.m. McNair Beach – Water Safety Games
- 2:30 p.m. Dam West Beach – Water Safety Games
- 3:30 p.m. Coles Creek Beach – Water Safety Games
- 3:30 p.m. Keyesport Beach – Water Safety Games

While at Carlyle Lake, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center which will be open every day beginning May 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Visitor Center has exhibits, an informational video on Carlyle Lake, gift shop, and brochures to help you plan your stay at Carlyle Lake. Also, if you do not own life jackets for your children, life jackets are available at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center through the “Life Jacket Loan Program”.

Please remember to always wear your life jacket when in, on, or around the water. Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend out at Carlyle Lake.

For more information contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or e-mail us at [carlylelake@usace.army.mil](mailto:carlylelake@usace.army.mil).