

NEWS RELEASE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BUILDING STRONG®

For Immediate Release: 26 March 2014
Release No.: 14-24

Contact: Phil Manhart (217) 774-3951 Phil.J.Manhart@usace.army.mil

Lake Shelbyville 2014 Recreation Season Kickoff

Lake Shelbyville – The 2014 camping season will begin with the early opening of Area 5 at the Forrest W. "Bo" Wood Campground on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. These campsites (114 – 141) are available on a first come, first served basis and sites will be paid for using the honor vault system until Thursday, April 17, 2014. From May 8 to May 14, prior to the official opening date, Lone Point Campground is offering FREE first come, first served camping. Lone Point Campground will host an Open House on May 9 and May 10. There will be activities for all ages, inflatable bounce houses, bands, and more!

Campground Season Dates and Fees

Coon Creek Campground

• Open: May 1—October 13

• Camping Fee: \$18-\$24 per site per night

Forrest W. "Bo" Wood Campground

• Open: April 17—October 26

• Camping Fee: \$18-\$24 per site per night

Lithia Springs Campground

• Open: April 17—October 26

• Camping Fee: \$18-\$24 per site per night

Lone Point Campground

• Open: May 15—September 2

• Camping Fee: \$16-\$24 per site per night

Opossum Creek

Open: May 15—September 2

• Camping Fee: \$16-\$24 per site per night

Reservations for group camping and individual sites at Lake Shelbyville, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) campgrounds can be made by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777, online at www.recreation.gov, or in person at the campground fee booth when open.

Public Beach Season Dates and Fees

Sullivan Beach, Wilborn Creek Beach, and Dam West Beach

- Open: May 24—September 7
- Day use fee: \$1.00 per person per day, not to exceed \$4.00 per vehicle
- Children under 13 are FREE
- Public beaches are free for USACE Lake Shelbyville campers (must properly display vehicle tag)
 -more-

Annual passes for public swimming beaches and boat launches are available for \$30.00/year. Annual passes can be purchased Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m to 4:30 p.m. at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office, at USACE campground fee booths when open, and Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the West Okaw Wildlife Management Area Office near Bethany, IL.

Picnic Shelters

Dam West Large Group Shelter

- Reservable through USACE Lake Shelbyville Project Office at (217)774-3951 ext. 3
- \$50 non-refundable reservation fee

Dam West Ramp Point

- Reservable online through <u>www.recreation.gov</u> or by calling 1-877-444-6777
- \$30 non-refundable reservation fee

Other Lake Shelbyville Picnic Shelters

• First come, first served (cannot be reserved)

Project Office and Visitor Center Hours

Project Office

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visitor Center

Until April 30

• Monday—Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

May 1—Labor Day

- Sunday—Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday—Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Labor Day—Columbus Day

Monday—Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tours of the Dam are available on Saturdays and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. from Memorial Day Weekend until Labor Day Weekend. Tours are open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Lake Shelbyville will be hosting several special events and weekend campground programs this year. Check out our facebook page: www.facebook.com/LakeShelbyvilleUSACE to stay informed on happenings around the lake. For additional information or to get a copy of the 2014 Lake Shelbyville Park Information Guide, contact the Lake Shelbyville Project Office at 217-774-3951.