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## **Carlyle Lake Update**

**Carlyle Lake** - As of 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 18, 2011, the pool elevation of Carlyle Lake is 453.63 feet NGVD, with a release of approximately 3,640 cubic feet per second (cfs). Yesterday's inflow was 950 cfs. The target pool elevation is 445.0 feet NGVD.

Due to the elevated pool, recreation opportunities at the lake are impacted. Dam West, Boulder, McNair and Dam East Spillway Campgrounds are open; however, the entire Coles Creek Recreation Area remains closed. As the pool level continues to recede, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working to reopen facilities as quickly as possible. In addition, several private campgrounds around the lake remain open. Eldon Hazlet State Park is open and has numerous campsites available. The Dam West, Dam East, Apache and Boulder High Water Boat Ramps are open along with Horseshoe Island, Keyesport, General Dean and the City of Carlyle Boat Ramps.

Other areas closed due to the elevated pool include several township roads around the lake, the Lakeview fishing pier, and Dam West, McNair and Coles Creek Beaches.

Due to the water level, many breakwaters and other facilities have been overtopped by water and caution should be used when boating near these and other submerged structures. Boaters should become familiar with the location of these structures before launching and must stay clear of all inundated recreation areas and beaches. Boaters should also watch for floating logs and other debris.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers offers educational programs in the campgrounds and beaches every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday throughout the recreation season. Presentations are free and open to the public.

Friday, July 22:

- 7:30 p.m. West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground – Endangered Species
- 7:30 p.m. Brewster Creek Amphitheater, Boulder Campground – Noisy Neighbors
- 7:30 p.m. McNair Campground – Surviving the Wild

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Saturday, July 23:

2:30 p.m. Dam West Day Use - Water Safety Games

3:30 p.m. Keyesport Beach – Water Safety Games

8:00 p.m. West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground – Surviving the Wild

8:00 p.m. Brewster Creek Amphitheater, Boulder Campground – Endangered Species

8:00 p.m. McNair Campground –Noisy Neighbors

Sunday, July 24:

10:00 a.m. Carlyle Lake Dam Tour – Starts at the East Spillway steps

2:00 p.m. Dam West Day Use – Water Safety Games

3:00 p.m. Keyesport Beach – Water Safety Games

The Carlyle Lake Visitor Center is open every day, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Visitor Center has exhibits, an informational video on Carlyle Lake, a gift shop, and brochures to help you plan your stay at Carlyle Lake.

Life jackets are available at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center through the “Life Jacket Loan Program”. For a \$5.00 deposit, a life jacket can be borrowed for the day. When the life jacket is returned in good condition, the deposit will be refunded. Please remember to always wear your life jacket when in, on, or around the water. Life jacket Loaner stations are also available at Keyesport, Dam West, McNair, and Coles Creek beaches and boat ramps.

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).