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St. Louis District

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## Corps waives day use fees for Vets on Veterans Day

St. Louis – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will waive day use fees for veterans, active, reserve and guard service members and their families at its recreation areas in the St. Louis District and nationwide on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11.

"Our intent is to honor and support the men and women who have served our nation in the armed services," Major General Don T. Riley, the Corps' Director of Civil Works, said. "We chose this occasion to encourage our veterans and those on active duty to enjoy our parks and realize the benefits of outdoor recreation activities."

This waiver includes boat launch ramp and swim beach fees. However, fees for camping and camping related services as well as fees for specialized facilities, such as picnic shelters, will not be waived.

The Corps is one of the largest providers of outdoor recreation, operating 2,625 recreation areas at 423 projects (mostly lakes) and leasing an additional 1,867 sites to state or local park and recreation authorities or private interests.

The Corps hosts about 371 million visits each year at its lakes, beaches and other areas, and estimates that 25 million Americans (one in ten) visit a Corps project at least once a year to recreate. Of those totals, 16 million visits were hosted in the St. Louis District last year alone.

Contact information for the St. Louis District lakes participating in this waiver is below:

### Illinois:

Carlyle Lake            618-594-2484

Lake Shelbyville    217-774-3951

Rend Lake            618-724-2493

### Missouri:

Mark Twain Lake    573-735-4097

Wappapello Lake    573-222-8562

Additional information available online at <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Recreation/>

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