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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Will Waive Day Use Fees June 22 and 23

WASHINGTON, D.C – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will join other federal agencies in waiving day use fees at its recreation areas nationwide during the weekend of June 22 and 23.

This is in support of the President's Healthier US Initiative, which the White House announced on June 12. The President's initiative places emphasis on the important role the Nation's parks and public lands play in making the lives of all Americans healthier, both mentally and physically.

In waiving day use fees this weekend, the Corps encourages all Americans to walk, hike, swim or just enjoy our Nation's public lands and waters to improve their health and fitness.

"Americans seek out the beauty and variety of our Nation's public lands to enhance their active lifestyles. We welcome all visitors to enjoy our parks and realize the health and fitness benefits that result from engaging in outdoor recreation activities." Major General Robert H. Griffin, Director of Civil Works, said.

In Virginia, the Wilmington District invites folks to come out and enjoy Philpott Lake, near Bassett, Virginia and John H. Kerr Lake, which straddles the Virginia-North Carolina border, on the Roanoke River. Visitors are also welcome to W. Kerr Scott Lake, near Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and to the federal day-use areas at B. Everett Jordan Lake and Falls Lake, in the Raleigh-Durham areas. Be aware that state parks on our lakes are not part of the 'Fee-free' event.

The Corps is one of our nation's largest providers of outdoor recreation, operating more than 2,500 recreation areas at 456 projects (mostly lakes) and leasing an additional 1,800 sites to state or local park and recreation authorities or private interests. The Corps hosts about 375 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.

Additional information about the Corps' recreation program is available at <http://www.usace.army.mil/recreation>

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