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NEW RECREATION USER FEES AT JOHN H KERR

(BOYDTON, VA) Beginning March 1, 2016 fees at the US Army Corps of Engineers Day Use parks and some camping fees at Kerr (Buggs Island) Lake will change. The fee changes are part of a nationwide effort to bring the Corps' user fees in line with state and private facilities, as well unify the Corps fee program.

The following changes are simplified and outlined for you below:

(1) **Day Use Fees** increase from \$4 per vehicle to \$5. This fee includes area boat ramps, swim beaches, picnic areas, etc.

(2) There is no longer a **50% discount for Day Use!** If you have a Golden Age, Golden Access, America the Beautiful Senior, or an America the Beautiful Access **you get in Day Use FREE!!**

(3) The **Corps Annual Pass** (valid at Corps parks nationwide) has increased from \$30 to \$40. *(There is no half-price discount, as those eligible for the discount now get in Day Use FREE!)*

(4) **Picnic Shelters** have increased from \$35 to \$50 at most Corps parks. The Old Picnic Area at Kerr Dam is \$100 per day. The Osage Shelter at North Bend Park is \$75 per day. *No discounts apply!*

(5) Some **Fishing Tournament Permits and other Special Event permits** increased from \$50 to \$75. *(All activities require a permit; however, some may be a minimal or no charge. Contact the Visitor Assistance Center at number below for information.)*

(6) The **Visitor Pass for North Bend, Rudd's Creek, Longwood and Buffalo Campgrounds is \$4.** You can use your Golden Age/Access or ATB Senior/Access and pay **\$2.** *You can no longer use a Corps Annual Pass for free visits to your camping friends.*

(7) The **group camping fees** at North Bend have increased: Piney Woods is \$125 per night; Mays Chapel Group is \$100 per night. *No discounts apply!*

(8) There are many new passes available! **America the Beautiful Annual Pass** (free entry at any Federal Agency park) is \$80 and is available for purchase on-line or from the Corps.

(9) The popular **"Every Kid in a Park"** pass is available for 4th graders and their families, **FREE!** Please visit www.everykidinapark.gov then contact **Ranger Juanita** at the number below.

(10) There are other passes available to our Military. Call for more information.

KERR VISITOR ASSISTANCE CENTER (434) 738-6143. Ask for any Park Ranger.