

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BUILDING STRONG®

For Immediate Release: 26 January 2016 Release No.: 16-15

Contact: Phil Manhart (217) 774-3951 ext. 7010 Phil.J.Manhart@usace.army.mil

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces changes in recreation day use fees beginning Jan. 1, 2016

Lake Shelbyville – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced that beginning Jan. 1, 2016, the recreation day use fees charged for boat launches and swimming beaches managed by USACE across the country will change to a simpler fee structure. The fee for a USACE annual pass as well as special use permits will also change. These fees were last changed in 2002.

USACE conducted a national review of its fee structure earlier this year and determined that fee changes are needed to ensure USACE fees remain comparable and fair to those charged by other local providers for similar facilities and services.

The day use fee structure at USACE-managed facilities beginning in January will be as follows:

- Minimum day use fee of \$5.00 will be charged per private non-commercial vehicle.
- Minimum day use fee of \$2.00 per adult for walk-in or bike-in.
- Minimum day use fee of \$20.00 will be charged per bus or commercial vehicle.
- Children under the age of 16 are not charged a day use fee.
- USACE Annual Day Use pass may be purchase for \$40.00 and is valid for one calendar year from date of purchase.
- America the Beautiful Pass holder are not charged a day use fee.

Payment of the day use fee entitles the user to launch a boat or use any developed swimming beach at a USACE-operated recreation area for that day.

A USACE annual day use pass and the Interagency America the Beautiful (ATB) pass will permit the holder and accompanying passengers the daily use of facilities managed by USACE. The public will be able to obtain the USACE annual day use pass and the ATB pass at more than 240 USACE projects across the country including the Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center.

USACE is the nation's largest federal provider of outdoor recreation, managing more than 400 lake and river projects in 43 states and hosting more than 370 million visits per year. With 90 percent of these recreation areas within 50 miles of metropolitan areas they provide a diverse range of outdoor activities close to home and to people of all ages.

For information on the new fee structure, visitors should contact the Lake Shelbyville Project Office (217) 774-3951.