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## Corps of Engineers offers spring recreation opportunities on Boise River

**WALLA WALLA, Wash.** – Outdoors enthusiasts can enjoy spring at recreation facilities operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Corps recreation planners invite the public to "play it safe" while having some warm-weather fun. Although above-water temperatures are becoming warmer, springtime water temperatures can be cold enough to cause swimmers to develop hypothermia – a severe lowering of core body temperature. State boating, hunting and fishing regulations apply to visitors at Corps sites. Hunting on Corps property is allowed in designated areas only. Boaters should ensure personal floatation devices are on board for each person – children 12 and younger are required to wear PFDs when in a boat.

Recreation areas associated with Walla Walla District's Lucky Peak Dam on the Boise River are scheduled to open as follows:

**Contact information unless stated otherwise:** Lucky Peak Dam and Lake. Telephone: (208) 343-0671. Email: LuckyPeakLake@usace.army.mil.

**All Lucky Peak parks** are open. However, the current lake level does not allow convenient access to "boat-in" sites. Dam officials expect the lake to be near-full by Memorial Day, depending upon spring snowmelt and runoff levels.

**Lucky Peak State Park** (operated by the State of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, (208) 334-4199) – \$4 entrance fee per vehicle payable to IDPR open year-round, during daylight hours. *Facilities:* day-use. *Getting there:* travel 10.9 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on Highway 21, proceed 1.1 miles west of Lucky Peak Dam; located at Boise River Mile 63, on the north riverbank.

**Foote Park/Lytle Gulch** – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, hiking/biking trail. *Getting there:* travel 12.5 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, then turn right on road over dam, proceed 0.9 mile to the park.; located at Boise River Mile 63.5, on the south riverbank.

**Lucky Peak Dam Office** – open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Facilities:* day-use, visitor center, restrooms, viewpoint just east of the dam. *Getting there:* travel 11 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on Highway 21, take a right turn, and go 1 mile on access road; located at Boise River Mile 63.5, on the north riverbank.

**Turner Gulch** – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp. \$3 boat launch fee, payable to USACE. *Getting there:* travel 12 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, turn right on road over the dam and proceed 1 mile to the park; located at Boise River Mile 64, on the south riverbank.

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**Barclay Bay** – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp. \$3 boat launch fee payable to USACE. Barclay Bay Beach is under construction for access improvement. No lifeguard on duty - swim at your own risk. No pets allowed in beach area. No glass containers allowed. No garbage services available: you pack it in, you pack it out! *Getting there:* travel 12 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21. Turn right on road over the dam, and proceed 0.7 mile to the park; located at Boise River Mile 64, on the south riverbank.

**Spring Shores Marina** (operated by the State of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, (208) 336-9505) – open year-round, during daylight hours \$4 entrance fee per vehicle payable to IDPR. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, marina, restrooms. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21. Take a right turn and go 1.1 miles east on Arrowrock Dam Road; located at Boise River Mile 70.5, on the north riverbank.

**Macks Creek** – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, day shelters, tie-up dock, limited tent camping ( 3-day limit), placing of items to "reserve" a site is prohibited. Pets must remain leashed at all times. No garbage services: you pack it in, you pack it out! Recreational vehicles prohibited. Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Little Macks Creek RV Camp Site: approximately 8 rustic RV sites available on a first come-first served basis, placing of items to "reserve" at a site is prohibited. Pets must remain leashed at all times. No garbage services available: you pack it in, you pack it out! Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Park host scheduled to be on site. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, take a right turn and proceed 4.5 miles east on Arrowrock Dam Road; located at Boise River Mile 73, on the north riverbank.

For more information on Corps parks, visit [www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/).