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Corps announces autumn recreation opportunities on lower Snake River

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – Autumn can be a wonderful time to enjoy U.S. Army Corps of Engineer recreation facilities on the lower Snake River, operated by Walla Walla District's Ice Harbor and Lower Granite Natural Resource Management offices.

Outdoors enthusiasts can enjoy scenic river views while taking advantage of picnicking, camping, fishing, boating and hunting opportunities. Some developed camping areas will reduce services to primitive camping as freezing temperatures have potential to damage plumbing systems for flush toilet and potable water facilities. "Primitive camping" means no hook-ups, flush toilets, potable water or showers – just portable or vault toilets.

It's also a time to remember safety whenever playing in, on or near the water. Here are a few safety tips District park rangers hope visitors will remember while having fun at Corps lakes and recreation facilities: when boating, wear properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life preservers; and don't consume intoxicants when operating recreational vessels. Boaters must ensure personal floatation devices are on board for each person – children 12 and younger are required to wear PFDs when in a boat. State boating, hunting and fishing regulations apply to visitors at Corps sites. Hunting on Corps property is allowed in designated areas only. Some areas have local restrictions on open fires, so remember to check with park managers and rangers when visiting. Colder temperatures increase the risk of hypothermia occurring when exposed to cold and/or damp weather conditions for long periods of time or when swimming in cold water. Hypothermia results when a person experiences a critical lowering of core body temperature, so stay warm and dry while enjoying autumn outdoor recreation opportunities.

While visiting these public recreation areas, make the experience a safe and happy one for everybody by following a few rules, because safety is everyone's responsibility. Recreation areas associated with the Corps's four dams on the lower Snake River are listed as follows:

Contact information unless stated otherwise: Ice Harbor Natural Resources Management. Telephone: (509) 547-2048. Email: IceHarborParks&Recreation@usace.army.mil.

Hood Park – open April 1 to Sept. 30 park gates will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. *Facilities:* restrooms, developed camping, day-use, boat ramp. After Sept. 30, the boat ramp will remain open. *Getting there:* travel 3 miles south of Pasco, Wash., on U.S. Highway 12, turn east at junction of Highway 124, park is immediately on the left; located at Snake River Mile 2.5, on the south riverbank.

Ice Harbor Dam – open April 1 to Oct. 31 – Visitor Center/Fish Viewing Room is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Facilities (year round):* day-use and boat ramp Visitor Center parking is located outside the complex, and visitors must pass the guard station to enter. Visitors will not be allowed to bring the following items inside the visitor center (power house): backpacks, purses or bags of any sort (including diaper bags), cameras, cell phones and other electronic devices. All adults must carry photo identification with them at all times and will be required to wear a visitor pass that is easily visible while in the center. There is no visitor access to other areas of the dam. *Getting there:* travel 5.5 miles east of Burbank, Wash., on Highway 124, then 2.5 miles north on Monument Drive; located at Snake River Mile 9.7.

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Charbonneau Park – April 1 to Oct. 31 park gates will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. *Facilities:* restrooms, developed camping, day-use, boat ramp and marina. After Oct. 31, park will revert to primitive camping. *Getting there:* travel 8.3 miles east of Burbank, Wash., on Highway 124, then 2 miles north on Sun Harbor Drive; located at Snake River Mile 11, on the south riverbank.

Levey Park – open May 1 to Sept. 9, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. *Facilities:* restrooms, swimming, picnicking, boat ramp. *Getting there:* travel 10.5 miles east of Pasco, Wash., on Pasco-Kahlotus Road, then 1 mile south on Levey Road; located at Snake River Mile 13, on the north riverbank.

Big Flat – open year round; no specific hours of operation. *Facilities:* day-use area and boat ramp. *Getting there:* travel 11.1 miles east of Pasco, Wash., on Pasco-Kahlotus Road, then one-half mile south on Dalton Lake Road; located at Snake River Mile 15, on the north riverbank.

Fishhook Park – open May 1 to Sept. 9, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. *Facilities:* restrooms, swimming, developed camping, picnicking, boat ramp. *Getting there:* travel 18 miles east of Burbank, Wash., on Highway 124, then 4 miles north on Fishhook Park Road; located at Snake River Mile 18, on the south riverbank.

Lake Emma – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use area, fishing, primitive camping. *Getting there:* from Pasco-Kahlotus Highway West, take Murphy Road for 3 miles, then south on Page Road for 1 mile; located at Snake River Mile 19, on the north riverbank.

Lost Island (Votaw) Habitat Management Unit – open year round – pedestrian access only – parking lot located outside fence. *Facilities:* day-use, hunting, fishing. *Getting there:* travel 18.5 miles east of Pasco, Wash., on Pasco-Kahlotus Road, then 3 miles south on McClenny Road and 2 miles south on Votaw Road; located at Snake River Mile 23, on the north riverbank.

Hollebeke Habitat Management Unit – open year round – pedestrian access only – parking lot located outside fence. *Facilities:* day-use, hunting, fishing. *Getting there:* travel 19 miles east of Burbank, Wash., on Highway 124, then 6 miles north on Rice Road; located at Snake River Mile 25, on the south riverbank.

Walker Habitat Management Unit – open year round - pedestrian access only – parking lot located outside fence. *Facilities:* day-use, hunting, fishing, primitive camping. *Getting there:* travel 26 miles east of Burbank, Wash., on Highway 124, then 8.6 miles on Lyons Ferry Road to Clyde, Wash., left turn and travel 4 miles northwest on Lower Monumental Road, and 9.2 miles west on Wooden Road; located at Snake River Mile 30, on the south riverbank.

Windust Park – open April 1 to Sept. 30. *Facilities:* camping, day-use, swimming area, flush toilets, potable water. boat ramp; after Sept. 30, park will revert to primitive camping. . Windust boat launch will remain open throughout Winter season. *Getting there:* travel 30 miles northeast of Pasco, Wash., on Pasco-Kahlotus Road, and 5.2 miles southeast on Burr Canyon Road; located at Snake River Mile 39, on the north riverbank.

Matthews Day-use Area – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp, primitive camping, fishing. *Getting there:* travel 26 miles east of Burbank, Wash., on Highway 124, then 8.6 miles north on Lyons Ferry Road to Clyde, Wash., and take a left turn on Lower Monumental Road and travel 15.2 miles north, then turn left 1 mile before the dam, and go 1 mile east to Matthews; located at Snake River Mile 41, on the south riverbank.

Devils Bench – open year round. *Facilities:* primitive camping, day-use and boat ramp. *Getting there:* travel 6 miles south of Kahlotus, Wash., on Devil's Canyon Road; located at Snake River Mile 42, on the north riverbank.

Lower Monumental Dam – open year round from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For dam crossing information, call 1-888-DAMINFO (326-4636). *Facilities:* day-use and tie-up boat dock. *Getting there:* travel 41.5 miles northeast of Pasco, Wash., on Pasco-Kahlotus Road to Kahlotus, Wash., then 6 miles south on Devil's Canyon Road; located at Snake River Mile 42. (or take P-K Highway to Burr Canyon Road, 9 miles to the dam).

Ayer Boat Basin – open year round. *Facilities:* primitive camping, day-use and boat ramp. *Getting there:* travel 26 miles east of Burbank, Wash., on Highway 124, then 24 miles north. Left on Lyons Ferry Road through Clyde and take Pleasant View to Ayer; located at Snake River Mile 51, on the south riverbank.

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Contact information for parks below unless stated otherwise: Lower Granite Natural Resources Management. Telephone: (509) 751-0240. Email: ClarkstonNaturalResources@usace.army.mil.

Lyons Ferry Marina (operated by Columbia County, contact managers at (509) 399-8020) – open year round, mornings to evenings, restaurant closed Tuesdays. *Facilities:* developed camping, day-use, restaurant, store, boat ramp and marina (moorage, fuel and propane). *Getting there:* travel 7 miles northwest of Starbuck, Wash., on Highway 261; located at Snake River Mile 59, on the south riverbank.

Lyons Ferry Park (operated by Columbia County, contact managers at (509) 399-8020) – open year round: day-use area open Memorial Weekend through Oct. 1; primitive camping during winter season. *Facilities:* restrooms, swimming, developed camping, picnicking, hiking, canoeing/kayaking, fishing, boat ramp. *Getting there:* travel 8 miles northwest of Starbuck, Wash., on Highway 261; located at Snake River Mile 59, on the north riverbank, adjacent to the mouth of the Palouse River.

Texas Rapids – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, primitive camping and boat ramp. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 6 miles northeast of Starbuck, Wash., on Little Goose Dam Road, located 4 miles west of Little Goose Dam; located at Snake River Mile 66, on the south riverbank.

Riparia – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use and primitive camping. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 14 miles southwest of Hay, Wash., on Little Goose Dam Road; located at Snake River Mile 67, on the north riverbank.

Little Goose Dam – visitor facilities open year round from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. For dam crossing information, call 1-888-DAMINFO (326-4636). For tours contact (509) 843-1493 ext. 211 or 262. *Facilities:* visitor center, fish-viewing room, day-use, fishing, primitive camping on the north and south shores west of the dam. *Getting there:* travel 10 miles northeast of Starbuck, Wash., on Little Goose Dam Road; located at Snake River Mile 70.

Little Goose Landing – open year round. *Facilities:* primitive camping, day-use and boat ramp. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 11 miles northeast of Starbuck, Wash., on Little Goose Dam Road, located 1 mile east of Little Goose Dam, at Snake River Mile 71, on the south riverbank.

Central Ferry Park (Operated by Northwest Land Management, (509) 758-8613 or www.clm-services.com/snakeriv.html) – day-use area is closed for the winter season; park closes Oct. 31 at 2 p.m., reopens May 1. *Facilities:* developed camping, day-use, swimming area and boat ramp. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through Oct. 10. *Getting there:* travel 11.5 miles north of Dodge, Wash., on Highway 127; located at Snake River Mile 83, on the north riverbank.

Willow Landing – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp and primitive camping. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 1 mile south of Central Ferry State Park on Highway 127, 4 miles east on Deadman Road, then 5 miles north on Hasting Hill Road; located at Snake River Mile 88, on the south riverbank.

Lambi Creek – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, primitive camping. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through Oct. 10. *Getting there:* travel 4 miles west of Lower Granite Dam on Kirby-Mayview Road; located at Snake River Mile 101, on the south riverbank.

Illia Dunes – open year round from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. *Facilities:* day-use. Open fires prohibited year round. *Getting there:* travel 3 miles west of Lower Granite Dam on Kirby-Mayview Road; located at Snake River Mile 102, on the south riverbank.

Illia Landing – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp and dock, primitive camping. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 3 miles west of Lower Granite Dam on Almota Ferry Road; located at Snake River Mile 103, on the south riverbank.

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Boyer Park and Marina (operated by Port of Whitman County, (509) 397-3208; on-site manager: (509) 397-6569) – Motel by reservation only. Restaurant and convenience store closed Mondays and Tuesdays; open noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays; open noon to 2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. on Fridays; open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. *Facilities:* developed and primitive camping, day-use, boat ramp and marina. *Getting there:* travel 2 miles west of Lower Granite Dam on the north shore road; located at Snake River Mile 105.5, on the north riverbank.

Offield Landing – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, primitive camping and boating. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 1 mile east of Lower Granite Dam; located at Snake River Mile 108, on the south riverbank.

Lower Granite Dam – the visitor center is open year round, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For dam crossing information, call 1-888-DAMINFO (326-4636). For tours contact (509) 843-1493 ext. 211 or 262. *Facilities:* visitor center with fish-viewing room, day-use, fishing, primitive camping on the north and south shores west of the dam. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through Oct. 10. *Getting there:* From state highway 127, turn east just south of the Snake River on Lower Deadman Creek Road, proceed 35 miles following the directional signs to Lower Granite Dam; located at Snake River Mile 110.

Wawawai County Park (operated by Whitman County, (509) 397-6238; on-site ranger: (509) 334-3774) – open year round (water available April 15 to Oct. 15). *Facilities:* developed camping with no hookups and day-use area, volleyball court, playground, hiking trails and interpretive trails. Day use portion of the park is open 7 a.m. to dusk daily. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 31 miles northwest of Lewiston, Idaho, on State Highway 193, or 16 miles southwest of Pullman, Washington, on Wawawai-Pullman; located at Snake River Mile 110.5, on the north riverbank.

Wawawai Landing – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp and primitive camping. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 28 miles west of Lewiston, Idaho, on the north shore of Snake River Road, or 19 miles southwest of Pullman, Washington, on Wawawai Road; located at Snake River Mile 111, on the north riverbank.

Blyton Landing – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp and primitive camping. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 20 miles west of Lewiston, Idaho, on North Shore Snake River Road; located at Snake River Mile 119 on the north riverbank.

Nisqually John Landing – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use, boat ramp and primitive camping. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 15 miles west of Lewiston, Idaho, on North Shore Snake River Road; located at Snake River Mile 123, on the north riverbank.

Chief Timothy Park (Operated by Northwest Land Management, (509) 758-8613 or www.clm-services.com/snakeriv.html) – call or visit NLM's Web site for opening and closing dates. *Facilities:* developed camping, day-use and boat ramp. Open fires prohibited from June 10 through October 10. *Getting there:* travel 8 miles west of Clarkston, Washington, on U.S. Highway 12; located at Snake River Mile 132, on the south riverbank.

Hells Canyon Resort (operated by Port of Clarkston, Wash., (509) 758-5272; for marina, call: (509) 758-6963) – open year round during daylight hours. *Facilities:* boat ramp. *Getting there:* located at west end of Clarkston, Wash., near the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and 15th Street, at Snake River Mile 138, on the south riverbank.

Lewiston Levee Parkway – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use with 13 miles of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers National Recreation Trail. *Getting there:* runs parallel to Snake River Avenue in Lewiston, Idaho; located at Snake River Mile 140-146, on the east river bank, Clearwater River Mile 0-2, on the south river bank and Clearwater River Mile 2-7, on the north riverbank.

Greenbelt Trail – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use area with 7 miles of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers National Recreation Trail. *Getting there:* paths run parallel to Snake River Avenue in Clarkston, Washington; located at Snake River Mile 140-147, on the west riverbank.

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Greenbelt Ramp – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use and boat ramp. *Getting there:* located just north of the Interstate Blue Bridge in Clarkston, Wash, at Snake River Mile 140, on the west riverbank. The trail runs south along Snake River one-half mile to the Southway Bridge.

Southway Ramp (operated by Nez Perce County, (208) 799-3089) – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use and boat ramp. *Getting there:* located just south of Lewiston, Idaho, on Snake River Avenue, at Snake River Mile 141, on the east riverbank.

Swallows Park – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use and boat ramp. *Getting there:* travel 1 mile south of Clarkston, Wash., on Highway 129; located at Snake River Mile 142, on the west riverbank.

Hells Gate State Park (operated by State of Idaho, (209) 799-5015) – open year round; winter hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact park manager for schedule changes. *Facilities:* developed camping, cabins, day-use, boat ramps, marina, interpretive center and museum. *Getting there:* travel 5 miles south of Lewiston, Idaho, on Snake River Avenue; located at Snake River Mile 143, on the east riverbank.

Chief Looking Glass Park – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use. *Getting there:* travel 5 miles south of Clarkston, Wash., on Highway 129; located in the city of Asotin, Wash., Snake River Mile 146, on the west riverbank.

Clearwater Park (operated by city of Lewiston, Idaho, (208) 746-2313) – open year round. *Facilities:* day-use. *Getting there:* located adjacent to Memorial Bridge in Lewiston, Idaho, at Clearwater River Mile 2, on the north riverbank.

North Lewiston Ramp (operated by Nez Perce County) –for open and closure dates call (208) 799-3089. *Facilities:* day-use and boat ramp. *Getting there:* travel 1.7 miles east of Memorial Bridge on U.S. Highway 12; located at Clearwater River Mile 3.5, on the north riverbank.

Make it a safe and happy holiday weekend for everybody. For more information about Walla Walla District's outdoor recreation opportunities, check out their Web site at: www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/ .

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