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Dent Acres boat ramp closes for winter season

AHSAHKA, Idaho – The boat ramp at Dent Acres is closed for the winter season, Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, natural resource management officials at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir announced.

The ramp will reopen in the spring, date to be determined depending on weather conditions, said Dworshak Park Ranger Deb Norton.

Boaters can still use the boat ramps at Big Eddy and Bruce's Eddy. The tailrace area below the dam is also open to the fishing public, said Norton. "The curvy, sloped roads here can be hazardous during freezing weather conditions, so visitors should take extra care when driving to the visitor center and recreation areas."

The boat ramps can be very slick from water dripping off vessels onto the ramp approach and parking lot, then freezing, she added.

Big Eddy – open year-round, with no specific hours of operation. *Facilities:* day-use area, swim beach, playground, restrooms, marina, boat ramp, picnic areas and sun shelters. *Getting there:* drive 6 miles west of Orofino, Idaho, on Highway 7; turn right onto View Point Road and follow signs for about 3 miles to Big Eddy; located at North Fork Clearwater River Mile 3, West River Bank.

Bruces Eddy – open year-round, with no specific hours of operation during summer. *Facilities:* day-use area, restrooms and two boat ramps. *Getting there:* drive 5 miles west of Orofino, Idaho, on Highway 7; pass Dworshak National Fish Hatchery; turn right just before the bridge at Ahsahka and go 2 miles uphill on the "A" Road to Bruces Eddy; located at North Fork Clearwater River Mile 2, South River Bank.

As always, safety is the Corps' greatest concern. All Idaho State boating, hunting and fishing regulations apply to visitors at Dworshak Reservoir. Boaters at Dworshak must ensure properly fitted personal flotation devices (life jackets) are on board for each person – children 14 and younger are required to wear PFDs when traveling in boats up to 19 feet in length. When boating on the reservoir, please use caution because lake levels can rapidly change. Always be aware of the symptoms of hypothermia and wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. For updated water level and boat ramp information, call (800) 321-3198. For regional reservoir, water level, and flow information, visits the Walla Walla District's Web site at <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil>. Information is also available by calling (208) 476-1261, and local travelers on U.S. Hwy. 12 can get information by tuning their car radios to AM-1610.

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