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Dworshak Dam and Reservoir offers July 4 outdoor fun

AHSAHKA, Idaho – Dworshak Dam and Reservoir offers summer outdoor fun during the July 4 holiday.

The reservoir is full and all campgrounds and boat ramps are open for use, said Deb Norton, a Walla Walla District park ranger at the dam. “Bass and kokanee fishing have been great – try your luck here, maybe even set a new record!”

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites visitors to come use the recreation facilities at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, but it's important to remember to leave some things behind, according to Corps park and recreation officials. Fireworks of any kind are prohibited in all the Corps' parks and on its lands across the District. Restrictions aren't intended to limit visitors' ability to celebrate but rather to help all visitors have an incident-free occasion.

The Corps and law enforcement officials will be patrolling facilities through the holiday, according to Mike Deitrick, Corps park manager at Dworshak. “If we find people lighting or in possession of fireworks on Corps property, we'll ask them to remove the items immediately to resolve the situation,” said Deitrick. “The last thing we want to have to do is end up writing citations for someone.”

Ultimately, Corps recreation officials hope visitors will recognize and appreciate that safety is everybody's responsibility.

In addition, the reserving of mini-camp sites along the Dworshak Reservoir shoreline is prohibited. Early placement of camping equipment at mini-camp sites in an attempt to save a spot for the July 4 holiday can result in the removal of the camping equipment or a citation if personal gear is left unattended for an extended period.

Please enjoy the reservoir safely this weekend, by taking the following precautions:

- Changing weather conditions can create unsafe situations on open water. Know the weather and have a float plan.
- Keep life jackets on children while on or around the water.
- Don't let small children out of your sight.
- Check the serviceability of your boat.
- Ensure proper fitting, accessible and serviceable life vests are available for each occupant on your boat. Better yet, wear them.
- Before proceeding at higher speeds, familiarize yourself with the area you will be boating as there may be floating woody debris or rocks, stumps and shallow areas not visible from the surface.
- When boating on the reservoir, please use caution because lake levels can change quickly – anchor your boat in water deep enough to avoid beaching and leave enough slack in your anchorline to avoid sinking should lake levels fluctuate up or down.

The Dworshak Dam Visitor Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The Visitor Center offers a variety of interpretive displays and movies about Dworshak and the history of the area, including the film, “Last of the Log Drives.”

For more information, visitors are welcome to call the Corps of Engineers at (800) 321-3198, the Visitor's Center at (208) 476-1255. Reservations for Dent Acres can be made at (877) 444-6777 or at www.recreation.gov. Information about Dworshak and other Corps recreation opportunities is available on Walla Walla District's Web site at www.nww.usace.army.mil.

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