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## Corps waives recreation area day-use fees on Veterans Day

**WALLA WALLA, Wash.** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will waive day-use fees for veterans and active, Reserve and National Guard service members and their families at its recreation areas nationwide on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

"It is our intent to honor and support the men and women who have served our nation in the armed services," said Steve Stockton, director of Civil Works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "We chose this occasion to encourage our veterans, active duty personnel and their families to come enjoy one of the more than 2,400 Corps-operated recreation sites nationwide. Whether you like to walk, jog, bike, hunt, fish, swim, boat, bird watch or study nature, we invite you to visit a Corps lake near you."

In the Walla Walla District, veterans will find the no-fee Veterans Day benefits at the following Corps-operated recreation areas:

- Swallows Park, along the Snake River near Clarkston, Wash. – 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.
- Greenbelt Ramp, along the Snake River near Clarkston, Wash. – 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.
- Turner Gulch – boat ramp open year-round. Once parking lot is full, please use Barclay Bay parking lot. Do not park on pavement or any environmental feature. Facilities: day-use, boat ramp, restrooms and controlled dog off-leash area. Getting there: travel 12.5 miles east of Boise, Idaho, on State Highway 21, then turn right on road over dam, proceed across dam and follow park signage.

On Nov. 11, day-use fees will be waived for veterans, active, reserve and guard service members and their families visiting Corps-managed recreation areas. This waiver includes boat launch ramp and swim beach fees. However, fees for camping and camping related services as well as fees for specialized facilities, such as picnic shelters, will not be waived.

The Corps is the largest federal provider of outdoor and water-based recreation in the nation. The Corps hosts about 372 million visits each year at its lakes, beaches and other areas, and estimates that 70 percent of the U.S. population lives within 50 miles of a Corps lake.

Information about Corps recreation areas in the Walla Walla District can be found at [www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/). Additional information about the Corps' recreation program is available at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/visitors.cfm>.

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