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Army Corps of Engineers begins construction, new fees at Benbrook Lake

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will close North Holiday Park at Benbrook Lake, on November 27, for construction of a gate house entrance complex. The park will reopen once construction is completed, which is anticipated for mid-January 2007.

Construction in North Holiday will consist of re-routing the inbound traffic lane at 400 Lakeview Drive, adding a new manned fee booth with utilities, developing parking, and building campsite pads for the gate attendants. For the safety of the work crews and visiting public, North Holiday Park will be closed during the construction.

Visitors to Benbrook Lake who wish to engage in day use activities may still do so at other day use areas around the lake. These areas include: Mustang, Rocky Creek, Longhorn, Dutch Branch, and Pecan Valley Parks.

Once North Holiday Park re-opens to the public, the nation-wide day use fee structure will be implemented. As such, users to North Holiday Park will be charged \$3 per car, or \$1 per person if walking in. Golden Age/Golden Access Passport discounts will apply and Annual Day Use Passes will be available for \$30. This pass entitles the holder and all accompanying passengers in the vehicle to use Corps of Engineers operated boat ramps and day use areas free of charge for one year from the date of purchase.

Also, in order to maintain a consistent fee program lake-wide, on Jan. 1, 2007, Mustang and Rocky Creek Parks will begin charging \$3 per car for those accessing day use facilities within these parks. Camping fees will be unaffected, and campers will not be charged an extra \$3.

For questions and concerns, please contact the Benbrook Lake Manager at 817-292-2400. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

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