

## **News Release**

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## Corps of Engineers closes park at Lewisville Lake for renovations

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lewisville Lake, announced today that Oakland Park campground will no longer be available for camping. Due to increasing maintenance, flooding issues and decreasing numbers of visitors, the park will be converted into a day use area. It will be combined with adjacent Westlake Park where people will be able to picnic, swim, and launch their boats.

A two-day workshop was conducted last year by the Corps whereby local residents provided input to the design process for the changes. Future plans include a large swim beach with a small spray park, new restrooms, increased picnic sites, pavilions, and improved boat ramps.

The implementation of the plan has begun with the construction of a new gatehouse at the entrance to Westlake Park. The completion date for the park upgrade is a phased plan primarily dependent on the availability of funds.

Campers looking for a new place to pitch their tents are encouraged to make their reservations at Hickory Creek Park which is just across I-35 from Oakland. Part of the Corps' plan includes adding campsites to Hickory Creek Park. Campsite reservations can be made at recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. In the future, Hickory Creek will also be expanded to accommodate the sites removed from Oakland.

For more information, contact the Elm Fork Project Office at 469-645-9100.

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