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Corps of Engineers' 2008 Recreation Fees and Schedule

PITTSBURGH – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, has released its 2008 Recreation Season fees and availability dates for its camping areas and facilities. Corps fees are comparable to those charged at comparable public and private facilities.

Golden Age and Access Passports and *America the Beautiful Senior and Access Passes* will be honored. Pass holders and their companions in the same vehicle will receive a 50-percent discount on day-use and camping fees. (For additional information regarding changes in discount passes for recreation fees see <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/passes.cfm>.)

Please note that due to a dam safety initiative at East Branch Clarion River Lake and a subsequent lowering of the reservoir, no fees will be charged for use of the East Branch Lake Boat Launch in 2008. The lake and campground will be open for recreation. For more information on the initiative, please visit http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/lakes/ebdam_safety.htm

Reservations for campsites at four Pittsburgh District lakes – [Berlin Lake](#), [Shenango River Lake](#), [Tionesta Lake](#) and [Youghiogheny River Lake](#) – can be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS), a one-stop interagency service center for recreation reservations. Reservations can be made by calling the NRRS toll free at 1-877-444-6777 or on their web site www.recreation.gov. Campsites at Pittsburgh District lakes not in the NRRS program, and a certain percentage of campsites at NRRS campgrounds, are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Campers who need equipment as well as a site may want to reserve a Rent-A-Tent campsite. Rent-A-Tent sites are available at Shenango River Lake for \$35 per night. The Rent-A-Tent campsite includes use of a 9-foot by 12-foot cabin tent (sleeps 5-6), a 10-foot by 12-foot dining fly, a 36-quart cooler, sleeping pads, electric camp stove, camp light, picnic table, fire ring and fire extinguisher. Some restrictions apply. Interested campers can contact Shenango Lake at 724-962-7746 for details.

The reservation fees for picnic shelters at Corps-managed recreation areas vary from \$35 to \$60 per day, depending on the location, day of the week, and availability of electricity. Due to the high demand for shelters on weekends and holidays, Crooked Creek Lake offers \$35 half-day reservations. Shelter reservations are available by contacting the appropriate Park Office, except at Berlin Lake where reservations for the Mill Creek Day-Use Area Pavilion are made exclusively through the NRRS. Mail-in reservation forms are available on some websites.

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The following is a list of campground opening and closing dates (first and last nights when camping is available) and fees for the 2008 camping season:

Project	Campground	Date Opening	Date Closing	Class	Without Electric	With Electric	Rent-A-Tent
Berlin Lake	Mill Creek Campground ¹ (in Mill Creek Recreation Area)	May 21	Sept 13	A	\$14-\$18	\$20-\$24	N/A
Crooked Creek Lake	Crooked Creek Campground	May 16	Sept 6	B	\$10	N/A	N/A
	Crooked Creek Group Area	May 1	Sept 30	D	\$45/weekend & \$35 Mon-Thurs	N/A	N/A
East Branch Lake	East Branch Campground	April 11	Oct 13	A	\$15	\$20	N/A
Loyalhanna Lake	Bush Area	May 16	Oct 13	B	\$16	\$22	N/A
	Bush Primitive Group Area	May 16	Oct 13	C	\$16	N/A	N/A
Shenango Lake	Shenango Recreation Area ¹	May 9	Sept 20	A	\$17 Multi-unit site: \$32	\$22	\$35
Tionesta Lake	Outflow Campground ²	April 11	Oct 12	B	\$7-\$10 Off-season: No charge	N/A	N/A
	Tionesta Recreation Area ¹	May 19	Oct 12	A	N/A	Full Hookup: \$25 Group site: \$25 (electric only)	N/A
	Kellettville Campground ²	April 11	Oct 12	B	\$10 Off-season: No charge	N/A	N/A
Youghiogheny Lake	Outflow Area ² (closed May 15 – Sept 8)	April 11 Sept 8	May 15 Oct 6		Spring/Fall Self Registration: \$13 Bike/Hike site: \$5 per person Off-season: No charge	Spring/Fall Self Registration: \$16 Full Hookup: \$26 Group sites: 1A: \$35 2A: \$15-\$35 Off-season: No charge	N/A
	Outflow Area ^{1,2}	May 16	Sept 7	A	\$18 Bike/Hike site: \$8 per person	\$22 Full Hookup: \$38 Group sites: 1A: \$35-\$110 2A: \$30-\$70	N/A
	Tub Run ¹	May 16	Sept 1	A	\$18-\$19	\$22	N/A
	Mill Run Campground ²	May 1	Sept 8	B	Self Registration: \$13 Off-season: No charge	N/A	N/A

¹ NRRS

² Dates shown are fee collection periods. Open beyond fee season with reduced facilities during the off-season. The Youghiogheny and Tionesta campgrounds are open all year. The off-season at Tionesta's Kellettville Campground is October 13 to mid-December.

Additional fees are charged to visitors of campers at the Mill Creek Campground at Berlin Lake, the Shenango Lake Recreation Area Campground, the Tionesta Lake Recreation Area Campground and Youghiogheny Lake Tub Run Campground. The fee charged at Berlin Lake is \$1 per person or \$3 per vehicle. At Shenango Lake, the Tionesta Lake Recreation Area Campground and at Youghiogheny Lake Tub Run Campground, \$3 per vehicle will be charged. Fees for extra vehicles are charged at some campgrounds and fees may also be charged for the use of dump stations where applicable.

In addition to the above campground openings, fees are also charged at the following recreation areas in 2008:

Project	Area	Facilities	Dates
Berlin Lake	Mill Creek Recreation Area	Boat Launch	May 21 - Sept 14
Crooked Creek Lake	Beach	Swim Beach	May 17 - Sept 7
Loyalhanna Lake	Bush Recreation Area	Boat Launch	April 13 - Oct 14
Shenango River Lake	Mahaney Recreation Area	Boat Launch	May 9 - Sept 21
	Shenango Recreation Area		
	Clark Area Recreation Area		
Tionesta Lake	Tionesta Launch Area	Boat Launch	April 12 – Oct 13
Youghiogheny River Lake	Somerfield North	Boat Launch	May 23 - Sept 1
	Mill Run Recreation Area	Boat Launch	May 23 - Sept 1
		Swim Beach	May 23 - Sept 1
	Spillway Recreation Area	Boat Launch	May 23 - Sept 1
		Swim Beach	May 23 - Sept 1

A \$1 per person fee, up to \$4 per vehicle, will be charged at developed Corps-operated swimming beaches. A \$3 fee will be charged at boat launch ramps having one or more of the following: restrooms, security lighting, picnicking facilities or other developed recreation facilities. Fees will be collected by using a combination of honor boxes and gate collectors. There will be no fee for children 12 and under. Campground users will not pay day-use fees in addition to camping fees. No fees will be charged for use of the East Branch Lake Boat Launch in 2008. The dates listed above summarize when fees will be collected but individual recreation areas may be available for use before and after those dates at no charge to the public.

A Corps of Engineers Day-Use Pass may be purchased for \$30 at the area where day-use fees are charged. This annual pass permits the holder and accompanying passengers to use all boat launch ramps and swimming beaches at Corps-operated areas without further charges. Passes are affixed to a tag that hangs from the rear-view mirror and are good for 12 months from the date of purchase. New stickers may be attached to the same tag in subsequent years.

Golden Age and Access Passports and American the Beautiful Senior and Access Passes will be honored at day-use areas. Pass holders may purchase one annual pass for half price or use the day-use facilities, with guests, for half price. Annual passes are available at all lakes where day-use fees and camping fees are charged. Some lakes also have mail-in forms available on their websites.

Flood damage reduction is one of the primary purposes of Pittsburgh District's reservoir projects. Many are also operated to meet downstream water quality and water supply goals. Recreation, while an important consideration, is not the only factor that comes into play when regulating water levels in our lakes. Operation of the dams, in accordance with their approved guidelines, may result in temporary or seasonal closure of launching ramps and beaches within the fee collection period due to either high or low water conditions in the lake. Campgrounds may also be affected by high water levels related to severe weather. Therefore, it is always a good idea to contact the lake before visiting to ensure that the recreational facilities are available for use.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is the leading provider of outdoor recreation on all Federally-managed public lands in the United States. With a recreation base that is built around water, the Corps has a dedicated focus on water safety.

Drowning is the nation's second leading cause of accidental death for children. Additionally, an estimated 70 percent of reported boating fatalities in 2007 occurred on boats where the operator had not received safety instruction, and of those victims who drowned, nearly 90 percent were not wearing life jackets. More than half of all drowning fatalities involve alcohol. So remember, if fun is planned in, on, or near the water, don't drink alcohol and wear your life jacket!

Please make your visit to any of our recreation areas a safe and enjoyable one. Taking water safety precautions saves lives!

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