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## 2007 Recreation Fees and Schedule

PITTSBURGH – This news release summarizes fees and dates of availability for camping areas and facilities at day use areas at lakes managed by the Pittsburgh District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the 2007 recreation season. User fees are based on the facilities provided, the extent of regular maintenance required and the direct or indirect amount of federal expenditures. Fees charged by other public agencies for the use of similar facilities and fees charged at comparable private campgrounds are factors in determining the appropriate fees to be charged.

*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>.)

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), an interagency one-stop service center for recreation reservations. Reservations can be made by calling the NRRS, operated by ReserveAmerica, at 1-877-444-6777 (toll-free) or on their web site [www.recreation.gov](http://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.

Those who would like to experience camping, but are reluctant to make a significant investment in equipment beforehand, may want to spend one or several days/nights at a Rent-A-Tent campsite. Rent-A-Tent sites are available at Shenango River Lake at a rate of \$30 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. While reservations are accepted at these sites, some restrictions apply. Interested campers can contact Shenango Lake at 724-962-7746 for details.

The fee for reserving a picnic shelter at a Corps-managed recreation area varies between \$35 and \$60 per day, depending on the location, day of the week and availability of electricity. Crooked Creek Lake also offers \$30 to \$35 half-day reservations on weekends and holidays due to the popularity of the shelters at that lake. Shelter reservations are generally available by contacting the Park Office, but at Berlin Lake reservations for the Mill Creek Day Use Area Pavilion are made exclusively through the NRRS. Picnic shelters at Pittsburgh District lakes are open to the public at no charge other than when they are reserved.

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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 2007 camping season:

Project	Campground	Date Opening	Date Closing	Class	Without Electric	With Electric	Rent-A-Tent
<a href="#">Berlin Lake</a>	Mill Creek Campground <sup>1</sup> (in Mill Creek Recreation Area)	May 23	Sept 15	A	\$14-\$18	\$20-\$24	N/A
<a href="#">Crooked Creek Lake</a>	Crooked Creek Campground	May 18	Sept 8	B	\$10	N/A	N/A
	Crooked Creek Group Area	May 1	Sept 30	D	\$45/weekend & \$35 Mon-Thurs	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">East Branch Lake</a>	East Branch Campground	April 13	Oct 14	A	\$15	\$20	N/A
<a href="#">Loyalhanna Lake</a>	Bush Area	May 18	Oct 14	B	\$14	\$20	N/A
	Bush Primitive Group Area	May 18	Oct 14	C	\$16	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Shenango Lake</a>	Shenango Recreation Area <sup>1</sup>	May 11	Sept 15	A	\$15-\$17 Multi-unit site: \$27	\$20	\$30
<a href="#">Tionesta Lake</a>	Outflow Campground <sup>2</sup>	April 13	Sept 22	B	\$7-\$10 Off-season: No charge	N/A	N/A
	Tionesta Recreation Area <sup>1</sup>	May 21	Sept 22	A	N/A	Full Hookup: \$25 Group site: \$25 (electric only)	N/A
	Kellettville Campground <sup>2</sup>	April 13	Sept 22	B	\$10 Off-season: No charge	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Youghiogheny Lake</a>	Outflow Area <sup>2</sup>	April 12 Sep 10	May 17 Oct 8	A	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 <sup>1,2</sup>	May 18	Sept 9	A	\$18 Bike/Hike site: \$8 per person	\$22 Full Hookup: \$38 Group sites: 1A: \$35-\$110 2A: \$30-\$70	N/A
	Tub Run <sup>1</sup>	May 18	Sept 3	A	\$18-\$19	\$22	N/A
	Mill Run Campground <sup>2</sup>	May 1	Sept 10	B	Self Registration: \$13 Off-season: No charge	N/A	N/A

<sup>1</sup> NRRS

<sup>2</sup> Dates shown are fee collection periods. Open beyond fee season with reduced facilities during the off-season. The Youghiogheny and Tionesta Outflow campgrounds are open all year. The off-season at Tionesta's Kellettville Campground is September 23 to mid-December.

An additional fee will be charged to visitors of campers at the Mill Creek campground at Berlin Lake, the Shenango Recreation Area campground at Shenango Lake and Tub Run Campground at Youghiogheny Lake. The fee charged will be \$3 per person except at Youghiogheny's Tub Run where \$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 the dump stations where applicable.

In addition to the above campground openings, the Corps will be collecting Recreation Day User Fees at the following recreation areas in 2007:

Project	Area	Facilities	Dates
<a href="#">Berlin Lake</a>	Mill Creek Recreation Area	Boat Launch	May 23 - Sept 16
<a href="#">Crooked Creek Lake</a>	Beach	Swim Beach	May 19 - Sept 9
<a href="#">East Branch Lake</a>	East Branch Launch	Boat Launch	April 13 - Oct 15
<a href="#">Loyalhanna Lake</a>	Bush Recreation Area	Boat Launch	April 13 - Oct 15
<a href="#">Shenango River Lake</a>	Mahaney Recreation Area	Boat Launch	May 11 - Sept 16
	Shenango Recreation Area		
	Clark Area Recreation Area		
<a href="#">Tionesta Lake</a>	Tionesta Launch Area	Boat Launch	April 14 - Sept 23
<a href="#">Youghiogheny River Lake</a>	Somerfield North	Boat Launch	May 25 - Sept 30
	Mill Run Recreation Area	Boat Launch	May 25 - Sept 10
		Swim Beach	May 25 - Sept 4
	Spillway Recreation Area	Boat Launch	May 25 - Sept 30
		Swim Beach	May 25 - Sept 4

A fee of \$1 per person, up to \$4 per vehicle, will be charged at developed Corps-operated swimming beaches. A fee of \$3 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 years of age and under. Campground users will not pay day use fees in addition to camping fees. 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. 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. The pass is a plastic tag which hangs from the rear view mirror; attached to the tag are stickers representing the month and year in which the pass was purchased. Passes are good for 12 months from the date of purchase. New stickers may be attached to the same tag in subsequent years. The month and year stickers are to be directly affixed to the vehicle for open vehicles and those lacking a rear view mirror. *Golden Age and Access Passports* and *American the Beautiful Senior and Access Passes* will be honored at day use areas, allowing the pass holder to purchase one annual pass for half price or use the day use facilities, together with guests, for half the fee.

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 events related to storms. Therefore, it is always a good idea to contact the lake before visiting to make sure that the recreational facilities of interest are available for use.