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Enjoy Corps parks this July 4

Walla Walla, Wash., - The upcoming July 4 holiday weekend is a great time to visit parks and recreation facilities operated by the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Take advantage of picnicking, camping, fishing, boating and swimming, and enjoy these scenic rivers and lakes.

It's also a time to remember safety whenever playing in, on or near the water. Swim with a buddy, wear properly fitted life preservers, don't dive where you don't know what's under the surface, and don't consume intoxicants and operate recreational vessels.

These facilities attract many visitors and to make the experience a safe and happy one for everybody, a few rules apply, because safety is everyone's responsibility. Enjoy the facilities but remember that personal fireworks are not allowed on Corps property. Recreation officials encourage visitors to attend local fireworks displays in the communities near the parks.

Some areas have local restrictions on open fires, so remember to check with park managers and rangers when visiting. Leave firearms and other weapons at home. Keep in mind that alcohol is not permitted on Corps properties in Washington. Corps natural resource staffers, as well as local law enforcement officials, will be patrolling throughout the holiday weekend to assist visitors.

Make it a safe and happy holiday weekend for everybody. For more information, visit the Corps' Web site on recreation at: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/> or <http://www.reserveusa.com> for campground reservation information.

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