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Corps of Engineers celebrates National Public Lands Day at lakes in Texas

Fort Worth, Texas - The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is commemorating the 12th annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 24, at seven of its lakes in Texas. Volunteers at each lake will join more than 80,000 volunteers across America in activities centered around the enhancement of outdoor recreation facilities and the stewardship of public lands.

National Public Lands Day, sponsored by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, Inc., will be conducted at an estimated 600 sites this year. Americans will join together to make improvements to the nation's largest resource and to honor the work and sacrifice of the Civil Conservation Corps, a cadre of men and women organized over 70 years ago by President Roosevelt. The CCC built over 800 national and state parks, planted almost 4 billion trees, built roads and hiking trails, and laid interstate telephone lines which became the basis for the Internet.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with just three sites and 700 volunteers. Today, the event has evolved to a partnership of federal, state and local land management agencies. Last year, nearly 80,000 volunteers contributed \$10 million worth of work at 550 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The Corps of Engineers has participated in the event since 1996 and has attracted more volunteers nationwide than any other agency. The Corps manages nearly 12 million acres of public land and water.

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For information about National Public Lands Day visit www.npld.com. Visit the Fort Worth District web site at www.swf.usace.army.mil.

Editor's Note: The following page outlines NPLD activities at seven Corps of Engineers lakes in Texas.

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National Public Lands Day Activities
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Bardwell Lake: Volunteers will work to construct an equestrian trail at Bardwell Lake. Work to be done includes clearing the trail, removing tree limbs and debris, removing litter along current trails and proposed trails, shoreline cleanup and installing fire rings.
POC: James Chambers (972) 875-5711

Canyon Lake: Volunteers and staff will complete trail work.
POC: Brett Delk (830) 964-3341

Granger Lake: Volunteers will install wood duck boxes, plant trees and native grass.
POC: Ben Bohac (512) 859-2668

Lewisville Lake: Volunteers will participate in trail maintenance activities. After the volunteer activities, there will be a fun fair showcasing the recreational opportunities and natural resources on federal lands.
POC: Jennifer Linde (972) 434-1666

Sam Rayburn Reservoir: Volunteers will perform maintenance on equestrian trails and install new interpretative markers.
POC: Ricky Raymond (409) 384-5716

Stillhouse Hollow Lake: Volunteers will plant native trees such as Mountain Laurels, Mexican Buckeye, and Texas Persimmon.
POC: Marcus Schimank (254) 939-2461

Whitney Lake: Volunteers will work on landscaping campgrounds and completing trail maintenance at Plowman Creek Park, located off Hwy 56 just south of Kopperl, Texas.
POC: Patty Spiller (254) 622-3332