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Corps of Engineers to allow fishing access in campgrounds at Waco Lake

FORT WORTH, Texas --The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers collects camping fees and facility fees in the recreation areas it manages. Typically, Corps park operations have separated day use visitors and campers to accommodate their specific needs and type of recreational experience. However, due to public interest for campground areas to be open to fishermen, the following alternative operational plan has been developed for campgrounds at Waco Lake:

Day Use Areas: Park operations will continue as they have in the past. Members of the public could pay the daily facility fee or purchase a \$30 annual pass to cover their entrance to launch boats, use swimming beaches, and other recreational activities covered by the facility fee. The annual pass is valid for one year from date of purchase. Entrance and exit of the areas would be in accordance with the park's posted hours. The Corps and other federal agencies also have a Golden Age Passport for those over 62 years of age and a Golden Access Passport for persons with disabilities which allows the holder a 50% reduction in fees, including the purchase of the annual pass.

Campgrounds: In areas designated as campgrounds, members of the public may purchase and use the \$30 annual pass to access those areas only to fish. Users actually occupying a campsite and/or using the facilities available (electricity, showers, etc) would need to pay the normal camping fee charged at that campground. Visitors would have fishing access from the time the campground opens until 8 p.m. Days of access will vary seasonally. During the fall and winter months (October 1 through March 31), access will be allowed seven days a week. During the spring and summer months (April 1 through September 30), access will be allowed Monday through Thursday only (except for major holidays). Park attendants and park rangers may still control specific access at any time due to park conditions, periods of high visitation and/or special events.

For more information, please contact the Waco Lake office at (254) 756-5359.

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