



RECREATION

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ★ MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION ★ BUILDING STRONG®

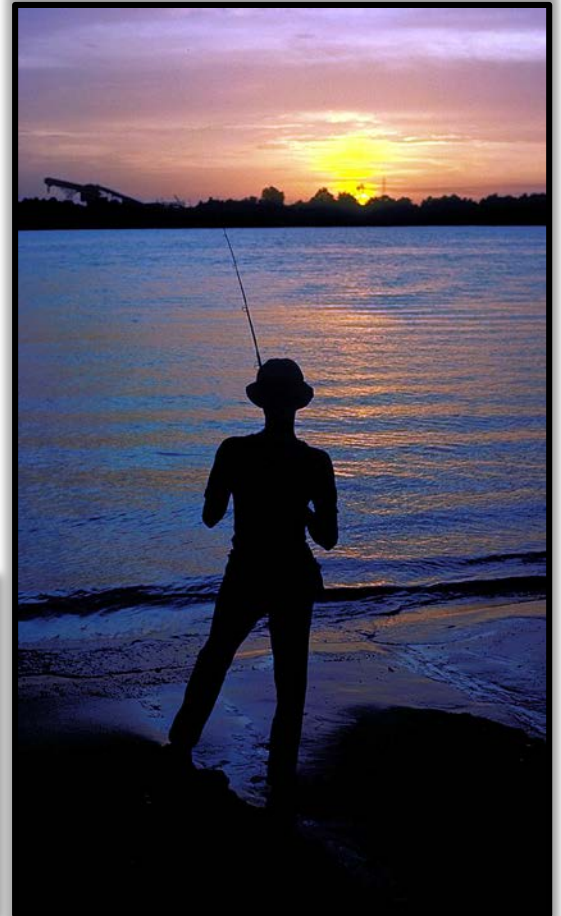
INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the largest provider of water-based outdoor recreation in the nation. Its 422 lake and river projects in 43 states provide a diverse range of recreational opportunities.

Visitors of all ages can enjoy traditional activities like hiking, boating, fishing, camping and hunting, and for those slightly more adventurous there is snorkeling, windsurfing, whitewater rafting, mountain biking and geo-caching. Regardless of your favorite outdoor activity one thing is certain, recreation enriches people's lives. A visit to an Army Corps of Engineers' recreation area can strengthen family ties and friendships, create unforgettable memories and connect people to nature that will last a lifetime.

Did you know:

- The Army Corps of Engineers hosts 370 million visits annually to its recreation areas.
- USACE-managed waters provide 33 percent of all U.S. freshwater fishing.
- 51,000 volunteers work 1.6 million hours annually at USACE projects-- providing \$35 million value of service.
- Seven of the top 10 migratory bird flyways in the U.S. cross-over USACE-managed waters.
- USACE manages 12 million acres of public lands and waters nationwide.
- A visitor to USACE recreation areas can find 55,390 miles of shoreline; 9,506 miles of trails; 90,773 camp sites and 3,671 boat launch ramps nationwide.



BUSINESS FUNCTIONS AND CUSTOMERS

- Flood risk management: adjacent and downstream land owners.
- Water supply: cities and rural water districts.
- Hydropower: Southwestern Power Administration.
- Recreation: boaters, fishermen, water skiers, hikers, cyclists, equestrians, swimmers, campers, hunters, naturalists, picnickers, sightseers, etc.
- Environmental stewardship: present and future generations.
- Navigation: commercial towing and recreational boaters.



CHALLENGES

1. Park modernization
 - Flood resistant designs
 - Lease parks for increased service
 - Increasing demands and flat line resources
 - Modern equipment – 50 amp service, water & sewer hook-ups, etc.
2. Ranger safety
 - Cooperative agreements for increased law enforcement services
 - Pepper spray & personal protection training
3. Aging infrastructure
 - Utility systems
 - Site amenities
 - Roads
 - Buildings



Old, rusted & deteriorating sewage treatment plants.

Parts are obsolete.



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION ASSETS

- 1.9 million acres
- 853 recreation areas
- 3,482 picnic sites
- 12,194 camping sites
- 240 playgrounds
- 103 swimming areas
- 230 number of trails
- 704 trail miles
- 17 fishing docks
- 422 boat ramps
- 9,212 marina slips
- 47 million visitors each year
- \$1.6 billion in visitor spending
- \$405 million in labor income
- \$690 million in value added (wages/salaries, payroll benefits, profits, rents, etc.)



DISTRICT ASSETS

St. Paul District

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation.aspx>

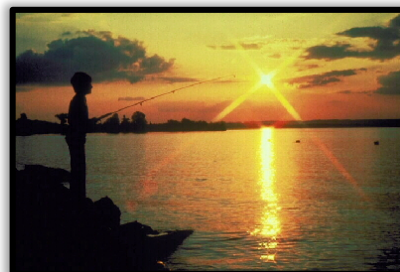
- 404,124 acres
- 102 recreation areas
- 209 picnic sites
- 1,273 camping sites
- 23 playgrounds
- 11 swimming areas
- 19 number of trails
- 60 trail miles
- 9 fishing docks
- 32 boat ramps
- 12 marina slips
- 3.6 million visitors each year



Rock Island District

<http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation.aspx>

- 388,202 acres
- 184 recreation areas
- 593 picnic sites
- 2,441 camping sites
- 70 playgrounds
- 9 swimming areas
- 42 number of trails
- 130 trail miles
- 0 fishing docks
- 59 boat ramps
- 1,287 marina slips
- 17 million visitors each year



St. Louis District

<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/rec-edu/recreation.html>

- 417,665 acres
- 312 recreation areas
- 508 picnic sites
- 4,146 camping sites
- 78 playgrounds
- 26 swimming areas
- 90 number of trails
- 255 trail miles
- 4 fishing docks
- 179 boat ramps
- 3,610 marina slips
- 17.9 million visitors each year



Vicksburg District

<http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation.aspx>

- 610,473 acres
- 241 recreation areas
- 2,169 picnic sites
- 4,288 camping sites
- 69 playgrounds
- 57 swimming areas
- 65 number of trails
- 231 trail miles
- 4 fishing docks
- 148 boat ramps
- 4,303 marina slips
- 8.2 million visitors each year



New Orleans District

<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/>

- 62,191 acres
- 14 recreation areas
- 3 picnic sites
- 46 camping sites
- 14 number of trails
- 28 trail miles
- 4 boat ramps
- 506,000 visitors each year



Recreation Activities:

- Hunting
- Fishing
- Boating
- Canoeing
- ATV riding
- Biking
- Camping
- Flying model planes
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Birding

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