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Corps of Engineers to increase day use fees in 2003, day use fees at Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lakes affected

FORT WORTH, TX -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nationwide will increase recreation day use fees effective Jan. 1, 2003. Fees for the issuance of special event permits will also increase for the 2003 recreation season. A maximum fee of \$4 per vehicle per day may be charged for the use of all day use recreation facilities within a park (i.e. beach area, picnic sites, fishing areas and boat ramps). The current fee is \$1 per person, up to \$3 per vehicle and \$2 for boat launch.

The new day use fee schedule for area Corps operated recreation facilities is as follows:

Belton Lake day use fees:

Cedar Ridge, Temple & Westcliff Park Boat Ramp Fee	\$3.00 per day
Temple & Westcliff Park Beach, Picnic & Fishing	\$1 up to \$4 per day

* All park areas that are currently free of charge remain unchanged.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake day use fees:

Dana Peak & Stillhouse Park Boat Ramp Fee	\$3.00 per day
Stillhouse Park & Dana Peak Park Beach, Picnic & Fishing	\$1 up to \$4 per day

* All park areas that are currently free of charge remain unchanged.

An annual pass may be purchased for \$30 to permit the holder and accompanying passengers to use all day use facilities at Corps-operated parks for the calendar year. A second annual pass may be purchased at the reduced rate of \$15.00. The current fee is \$25 for an annual pass and \$5 for a second pass.

Golden Age and Golden Access passports will be honored. Holders will receive a 50 percent discount on all recreation use fees.

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There will be no fee for children 12 years old or younger.

The basic fee to issue a special events permit will be \$50. The current fee is \$25.

Over 375 million Americans visit Corps lakes for recreation purposes each year. One quarter of them come to fish. Others come to camp, hike, hunt and view wildlife.

“The Corps operates these facilities for the use of all Americans”, said Maj. Gen. Robert H. Griffin, director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “These fees will help us sustain the quality of our facilities for the enjoyment of our visitors.”

In addition to the fee changes, the Corps is conducting a stringent review to ensure Corps recreation use fees are comparable to those charged by other providers for similar facilities and services in the local area. This is being done to assure unfair competition with private industry is avoided and may result in increased camping fees at some locations.

The Corps charges fees under the authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act for recreation sites, facilities and services provided at government expense.

Recreation use fees collected are used to help offset operating and maintenance costs at Corps facilities, to assure public demand for high quality recreation opportunities is met.

Additional information about the Corps’ recreation program can be found at

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