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Corps announces 2011 recreation facility closing dates at Thurmond Lake

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – With the 2011 recreation season coming to a close, the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District](#) announces its closing schedule for picnic areas and campgrounds at [J. Strom Thurmond Lake](#).

The following picnic areas will close after Labor Day, Sept. 5: Parksville in South Carolina; and Gill Point, Amity, Big Hart, Lake Springs and West Dam in Georgia. The boat ramps at Parksville, Gill Point, Amity, Big Hart and Lake Springs will remain open after the parks close.

Deer Run in Lake Springs and portions of West Dam Recreation Area will also remain open. Clarks Hill Park and Below Dam South Carolina remain open year-round.

In addition to picnic area closings, Broad River and Mt. Carmel campgrounds' season ends on Labor Day, while Hawe Creek, Hesters Ferry, Clay Hill, Modoc, Raysville, Winfield and Ridge Road campgrounds will remain open through Sept. 30. Petersburg, Leroy's Ferry and Bussey Point campgrounds remain open year-round.

The Corps reminds visitors to use exact change, check or credit card when making purchases at the Thurmond Visitor's Center, as the project office no longer has a change fund. For more information, contact the J. Strom Thurmond Project Office toll-free at 1-800-533-3478, or (864) 333-1100.

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