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Annual day use passes for Corps lakes available for purchase

SAVANNAH, Ga. – The 2012 annual passes for day use lake areas managed by the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) are now available for purchase at the Corps' [J. Strom Thurmond](#), [Hartwell](#) and [Richard B. Russell](#) visitor centers.

The annual pass costs \$30. The new passes are valid 12 months from date of purchase and can be used at any Corps-managed day use area in the nation. Find a Corps recreation area at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/>

Passes can be purchased at the Corps' Savannah River dam and lake projects at the following locations:

J. Strom Thurmond Lake Visitor Center, 510 Clarks Hill Highway, Clarks Hill, S.C.

Hartwell Lake Visitor Center, 5625 Anderson Highway, Hartwell, Ga.

Richard B. Russell Lake Visitor Center, 4144 Russell Dam Drive, Elberton, Ga.

Corps day use areas typically include boat launch ramps, designated swimming beaches, and picnic areas. The annual day use pass does not affect campground use and fees.

All recreation areas at Russell Lake are leased to Georgia Department of Natural Resources and South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism for operation; therefore, a Corps' annual day use pass is not required for access to the boat ramps and recreation areas on Lake Russell.

Alternative locations for purchasing passes in the J. Strom Thurmond Lake project area include Augusta Marine in Augusta, Sportsman's Corner in North Augusta, Cliatt's Crossing in Lincolnton, and West Marine in Martinez.

Annual passes sold in 2012 will have a "2013" expiration date sticker. Visitors should hang the pass from the vehicle's rear view mirror so the expiration date on the decal will show. Open vehicles such as motorcycles or jeeps should display the decal directly on the rear view mirror, or some other easily visible location on the vehicle.

For more information, contact the Corps Visitor Center at either of these locations: J. Strom Thurmond Lake Project Office at (800) 533-3478; Hartwell Lake Project Office at (888) 893-0678; or Richard B. Russell Lake Project Office at (800) 944-7207.

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ABOUT US: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to maintenance facilities, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.