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Big Oaks Recreation Area closed to the public this weekend for wakeboarding event

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Hartwell Office](#) announces the closure of the Big Oaks Recreation Area to the public this Saturday and Sunday due to a wakeboarding competition of the International Novice Tour (INT League) and the World Wakeboard Association (Georgia Chapter).

Use of this area will be limited to event-sponsored activities only, beginning Saturday at 6 a.m.

All general parking, boat launching, and trail use will be prohibited in this area until Monday at 6 a.m. All other Corps of Engineers-operated parks will remain open to public use throughout the weekend, including the South Carolina Overlook and trail on the South Carolina side of the dam.

For additional information, contact the Hartwell Operations Manager's Office toll free at 1-888-893-0678 or 706-856-0300.

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