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Corps to host spring turkey hunts at Bussey Point, J. Strom Thurmond Lake

SAVANNAH, Ga. – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District](#) will host three turkey hunts this spring in the Bussey Point Management Area at the [J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lake Project](#).

The Bussey Point Management Area is a 2,545-acre peninsula located at the convergence of the Savannah and Little rivers in Lincoln Co., Ga. The area includes more than 20 miles of trails, along with primitive camping and picnic sites. The Corps hosts limited primitive weapon hunts every autumn and spring to maintain deer and turkey populations within the area.

The first two hunts are scheduled for April 6 and 7 and are open to any adult hunter with a valid Georgia hunting license. The following weekend, the Corps will host a youth hunt on April 14 for children ages 15 and younger. Children must be accompanied by an adult who is licensed according to Georgia hunting regulations. Accompanying adults will not be allowed to carry a weapon.

Each hunt will be limited to 10 hunters selected by a random drawing. Selected hunters may bring a guest to accompany them; however, guests will not be allowed to carry a weapon.

To enter the drawing, submit the following information via e-mail to kenneth.h.boyd@usace.army.mil

- Desired hunt date (April 6, 7, or youth hunt April 14)
- Hunter's name (include child's name for youth hunt and name of accompanying adult)
- Mailing address
- Daytime telephone number

Entries can also be sent via mail to: Attn: Ken Boyd, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, J. Strom Thurmond Project Office, 510 Clarks Hill Highway, Clarks Hill, SC 29821-9703.

Entries must be received at the Thurmond Project Office by 4:30 p.m. on March 15. Hunters will be notified of their selection by March 23, 2012.

The hunts will begin one hour before sunrise and conclude at noon. Late arrivals will be denied entry. All other recreation areas at Bussey Point will be closed to the public during the scheduled hunts.

Legal weapons for turkey hunting include archery (bows or crossbows), shotguns with a No. 2 or smaller shot, and any muzzle-loading firearm. Complete hunting regulations are available online via the Georgia Department of Natural Resources website at: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations>

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For additional information, contact Ken Boyd at the J. Strom Thurmond Project Office toll free at 800-533-3478, extension 1159 or (864) 333-1159.

Directions: From the Hwy. 47 Little River Bridge in Lincoln Co. Ga., go north 1.8 miles and turn right on Ashmore-Barden Rd. Go 3 miles to stop sign and turn right on Double Branches Rd. Go 3 miles until pavement ends. Continue straight on dirt road 0.5 miles to check station and parking area.

Directions: From I-20 east to exit 172 (Thomson exit Hwy 17), Turn left off exit toward Lincolnton/ Washington. Go approx 2 miles to Hwy 43. Turn right onto Hwy 43 just after church. Continue on Hwy 43 to Hwy 220. Turn right onto Hwy 220. At first stop, turn left-- this will still be Hwy 220. Cross Hwy 47 at Cliatts Crossing store. At next stop sign, turn right onto Double Branches Road. Continue straight, pavement will end. The road will dead-end into the day parking area for the trails.

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