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Corps of Engineers waives day-use fees Veterans Day through weekend

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) announced day-use fees will be waived for veterans, active and reserve service members and their families at two of its lakes on the upper Savannah River, the J. Strom Thurmond and Hartwell Dam and Lake on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 through Nov. 15. The Richard B. Russell Dam and Lake recreation areas are not Corps-managed. Other agencies managing recreation areas on Corps lands are encouraged, but not required to offer the Veterans Day waiver of fees in areas they manage. The waiver requires only verbal confirmation of service.

“The Fee Free on Veterans Day initiative began in 2006 to show the Corps’ support and to honor the men and women who have served our nation and the Armed Forces,” said [Col. Ed Kertis](#), commander of the Savannah District. “We encourage our veterans, active duty and reservists and their families to visit one of our recreation areas this Veterans Day and throughout the weekend to enjoy their favorite outdoor activities. We extended the fee waiver through the weekend to provide more opportunities for these selfless patriots to visit one of our Corps lakes.”

The waiver does not apply to camping and camping-related services or fees for specialized facilities, such as picnic shelters.

The Army Corps of Engineers is the largest federal provider of outdoor and water-based recreation in the nation. More than 16 million visit one of the Savannah District’s three lakes annually. Nationwide, Corps lands and waters provide 4,500 miles of trails, 3,400 boat launch ramps and 33 percent of all freshwater fishing in the U.S, and host 350 million visits at its lakes, beaches and other outdoor areas.

For more information on recreation opportunities, visit the Corps’ J. Strom [Thurmond](#), [Hartwell](#) and Richard B. [Russell](#), Dam and Lake websites at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/SASDamsLakes.html>.

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