The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers charges fees under the authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act for recreation sites, facilities and services provided at government expense. Historically, the Corps collected fees for activities such as camping. In 1993, the Corps expanded the fee program nationwide to include day use recreational activities at developed recreation areas.

Day Use Fees at Hartwell Lake

At designated, more developed Corps recreational areas on Hartwell Lake, visitors are charged $4 per vehicle upon entering the park regardless of activity. At other developed areas, a $3 day use fee is charged for boat launching only. A list of parks where fees are charged is on the back of this brochure and is subject to change. A pay vault or staffed entrance station is available for payment of daily area use fees. There are also less developed areas on Hartwell Lake that do not charge any fees.

Payment of the day use fee allows you to use other Corps day use facilities on the same day. Just save your receipt or daily hang tag if you leave an area and display it when you return or visit another area on the same day.

If you are a registered camper at a Corps campground just present and display your current camping permit and enjoy all day use areas without additional charge.

Annual Passes

If you are a frequent user of Corps boat ramps or day use recreation areas, you may want to purchase a Corps of Engineers Annual Pass for $30*. The annual pass allows unlimited, nationwide use of all Corps day use fee areas for a 12 month period through the displayed date**. The pass is in the form of a hangtag which is displayed on your vehicle’s rearview mirror.

*$15 with Golden Age, Golden Access or selected Interagency Passes.
**No refunds available due to water conditions.

How to Buy Your Annual Pass

In Person: Annual passes may be purchased at the Hartwell Dam and Lake Office or at any staffed campground or day use area gatehouse. Passes are also available at many other Corps lake offices and parks nationwide.

By Phone: Call the Hartwell Dam & Lake Office at 706-856-0300 or toll free at 888-893-0678 and pay by credit card.

By Mail: Complete and mail the order form on the back of this brochure with your payment.

Federal Discount Passes

Persons with a Golden Age, Golden Access, America the Beautiful Interagency Senior or Interagency Access Pass will receive a 50% discount on all day use fees. This discount applies to the pass holder and all guests in the vehicle. Pass holders receive a 50% discount when they purchase an annual pass for personal use (proof of accepted discount pass required). The 50% discount does not apply to any additional annual passes purchased. The pass holder must be present in the vehicle for the annual pass to be valid.

Security

Help reduce theft and vandalism by removing valuables from your vehicle and keeping your vehicle locked at all times. Report theft or vandalism to your local sheriff’s office and to the Hartwell Dam & Lake Office.

Safety

Over 300 people have drowned at Hartwell Lake. Ninety percent of these drownings would have been prevented if the victims had been wearing a life jacket. Sixty percent of the drownings were swimming related – many simply overestimated their swimming ability. Many boating related drownings are due to people unexpectedly falling overboard. Be prepared – just as you wear a helmet when bicycling and a seat belt in a car, wear your life jacket when boating or swimming.

For Emergencies, Call 911
Purchase Your Annual Pass By Mail
(Please Print Clearly)

Name____________________________________
Address__________________________________
City_________________________ State________
Zip______________________________________
Day phone _______________________________

Annual Pass $30 x _____ (quantity) = $_________

Less 50% Discount* (if applicable) = $_________

Total Enclosed:  =$_____________  

*Discount pass holders may purchase an annual pass by mail, phone, or fax if the applicant furnishes a photocopy of their discount pass (limit of one annual pass per year at discount price).

Make check or money order payable to:  
F & A OFFICER

Or Pay By (circle one):   VISA   Master Card

Card Number:  _____________________________
Expiration Date: ___________________________
Signature:  _______________________________
Three Digit V-Code or security code located on the back of card:______________

Detach & mail to address located on back of this brochure.

Hartwell Lake Day Use Fees:  
$4 per vehicle* charged at:
River Forks        Singing Pines
Twelve Mile       Twin Lakes Day Use
Broyles           Elrod Ferry
Friendship Day Use

*Applies to all vehicles regardless of activity

$3 per vehicle**:  
Big Oaks          Poplar Springs
Friendship Ramp   Glenn Ferry
Weldon Island    Richland Creek
Twin Lakes Ramp

**Applies only to those launching a boat

Remember…  
Life Jackets Only Work if You Wear Them!

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