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### **Corps temporarily closes Friendship Boat Ramp at Lake Hartwell**

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** – The [U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hartwell Lake Project Office](#) will temporarily close the Friendship Boat Ramp in Oconee Co., S.C. on Monday to paint the parking area following completion of the paving project. The ramp should reopen on Tuesday, Apr. 20, weather permitting. The boat ramp was repaved in January.

The Friendship Boat Ramp was one of four recreation areas managed by the Corps' Hartwell Office that was repaved in 2010. All are scheduled to be paved and reopened by May 1 in time for the summer recreation season. Almost \$1 million in funding for these projects was made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as the stimulus program.

Boaters displaced by the temporary closure are encouraged to use nearby ramps to launch. The Corps manages 53 recreation areas around Hartwell Lake, and most have boat ramps. For a list of available ramps, contact the Corps' Hartwell Lake Office toll free at 1-88-893-0678, or visit them online at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell/hartrampstat.htm>

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