

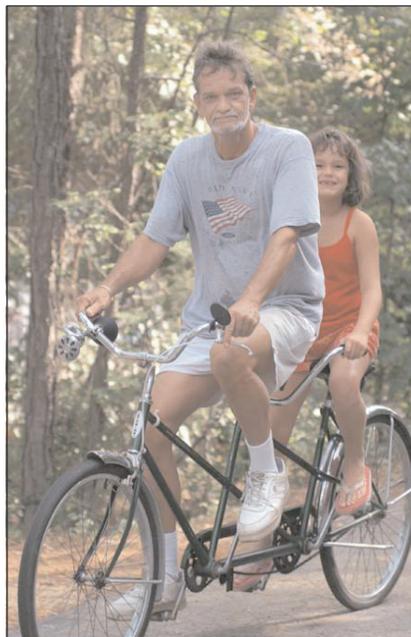
## How recreation areas are operated

At Russell Lake, almost all recreation areas are leased to and operated and maintained by either Georgia or South Carolina. The cost of the land, as well as the costs for construction and development of these recreation areas, was shared 50/50 (cost sharing) by the Corps and the state where the recreation facility is located, all in accordance with the Federal Water Project Recreation Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-72). Only two small recreation areas, developed in conjunction with facilities for other authorized project purposes, are operated and maintained by the Corps on Russell.

By contrast, Thurmond and Hartwell were built prior to passage of the Water Project Recreation Act and do not fall under this guidance. The Corps purchased all

recreation area land at both lakes, and it developed, operates and maintains more than 90 recreation areas at the two lakes. But Thurmond and Hartwell also have recreation areas that are leased to the states, local agencies, and individuals/companies (e.g., marinas). Although these leased areas are on land purchased by the Corps, the facilities were developed and are operated and maintained at the expense of the lessee.

	THURMOND	HARTWELL	RUSSELL
Corps-operated recreation areas	37	54	2
State-operated recreation areas	7	4	21
Locally-operated recreation areas	6	23	1
Marina leases	5	5	1



## The lakes offer something for everyone

Visitors to Hartwell, Thurmond and Russell can enjoy a wide variety of recreational activities, including water sports, hunting, hiking, picnicking, camping, and fishing— all in very different settings. For instance, Hartwell, being close to a major population area, has high public use (more than 10 million visitors annually) and a decidedly

suburban flavor; Russell offers a more rural, pristine setting; Thurmond, with its large lake and land base, offers a combination of the two environments and unique features such as Dorn Sport Fishing and Boating facility, the largest boat-launching facility in the southeast, located in McCormick County near Hawe Creek Campground.

For more information about the lakes, go to <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/>  
**FAQs**

**Q. Can I make camping reservations at all three lakes using the same reservation system?**

**A.** No. Hartwell and Thurmond have campground facilities that are operated by the Corps and can be reserved through the National Recreation Reservation Service by going online to [www.ReserveUSA.com](http://www.ReserveUSA.com) or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Information on campgrounds and reservations for state parks is available at <http://www.gastateparks.org> and <http://www.discoverouthcarolina.com>

**Q. Is the Corps Annual Pass good at all ramps around the lakes?**

**A.** No, the Annual Pass is good only at Corps-managed day-use areas. Leased areas (e.g., state parks, marinas or county parks) may have their own fees. The passes issued by these leased areas are not honored at Corps ramps.

**Q. Is the Golden Eagle Pass honored at Corps facilities?**

**A.** No, the Golden Eagle Pass applies only to entrance fees at federal recreation areas. The Corps charges for the use of recreational facilities (campgrounds/day-use areas). The Corps does issue Golden Access Cards (for handicapped individuals) and the Golden Age Card (for individuals 62 and older). Both of these cards allow the cardholder to use Corps facilities at half the regular use fee.

