# CAMPING AT HARTWELL LAKE

At Hartwell Lake, one of our most popular outdoor recreation activities is camping. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages 8 campgrounds at Hartwell Lake that are home to approximately 500 campsites. Many campgrounds feature restrooms, shower houses, playgrounds, boat ramps, and electric and water hook-ups. All Corps campgrounds, except Crescent and Georgia River, feature resident park attendants who register incoming campers and ensure the campground is operated to provide the safest, most enjoyable experience for all visitors. Because camping is so popular, reservations are recommended. <u>For detailed campground information</u> <u>including facility descriptions and campground maps, visit</u> <u>us on the web at www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell</u>.

Listed below are some of the established procedures in effect at our campgrounds. Please see the campground host or a park ranger for complete rules and regulations.

SITE LIMITS

Registered Persons allowed per Site: **10** ("Persons" include campers and their guests)

• VEHICLES

Registered Vehicles allowed per Site: **3** Park in gravel area of your campsite or in a designated parking area only. Golf carts, ATV's, and motorized scooters are prohibited.

• MAXIMUM CAMPING UNITS PER SITE <u>Electric Sites:</u> One wheeled camping unit\* is allowed per site; tents are limited to impact pad capacity.

<u>Primitive Sites</u> (Coneross/GA River): One wheeled camping unit\* and one tent **OR** two tents per site.

\*A "wheeled unit" is defined as an RV, motor home, pop-up camper, pickup camper, or van that is used as a camping unit.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
3 p.m.
2 p.m.
10 p.m 7 a.m.
10 p.m 6 a.m.

#### **CAMPGROUND SEASONS/FEES**

Fees and seasons subject to change without notice.

Campground	<u>Season</u>	Fee/Night	Double Sites
Coneross	May 1-Sep 30	\$18-\$26	\$52
Crescent	Apr 1-Oct 31	see group camping	
Georgia River	May 1-Sep 30	\$10	
Oconee Point	May 1-Sep 30	\$26	\$52
Paynes Creek	May 1-Sep 30	\$24-\$26	\$52
Springfield	Apr 1-Oct 31	\$26	\$52
Twin Lakes	Year round	\$24-\$26	\$52
Watsadler	Year round	\$26	\$52

#### **GROUP CAMPING**

#### **Crescent Group Campground**

Crescent Group Camp is ideal for groups large and small desiring to camp together as well as for family reunions, church picnics, and other group outings. Open areas throughout the park allow for games and other activities. <u>Reservations required</u>.

Crescent Campground features two group camp areas - Loop A and Loop B. Each loop features lakeside campsites, a large picnic shelter and a grill. There is a centrally located restroom/showerhouse shared by both loops; Loop B has an additional restroom. Loop A features 10 campsites with electrical and water hookups on each site. Loop B features 22 campsites with electrical and water hookups on each site. *Crescent Campground does not have resident park attendants.* 

Fees: Loop A = \$120/night; Loop B = \$264/night

#### FEDERAL DISCOUNT PASSES

America the Beautiful Interagency Senior and Access Passes as well as Golden Age and Golden Access Passes are honored at all Corps managed campgrounds with the exception of group camp areas. Cardholders are entitled to a 50% discount on camping fees. <u>The</u> <u>cardholder must be present at registration, show pass and</u> <u>I.D., and camp during the entire stay</u>.

# **GRAY WATER NOTICE TO ALL CAMPERS**

Gray water is any wastewater from sinks, dish washing, camper washing, etc. Improper disposal of gray water attracts insects and also violates state and county health department guidelines and impacts environmental quality. Please dispose of your gray water properly at provided disposal stations and together we can protect our valuable public lands and waters. Failure to dispose of gray water properly may result in a citation for violation of Title 36 – Code of Federal Regulations.

### **ISLAND CAMPING**

Camping is permitted only in established campgrounds and on islands (unless posted "No Camping"). When island camping, please follow the following guidelines:

- Dispose of waste properly take all garbage out with you.
- Minimize campfire impacts; use only fallen dead wood.
- Do not leave your campfire unattended.
- The cutting of standing trees or limbs is prohibited.
- Be considerate of other visitors.
- Respect wildlife
- <u>Allow for future use of the outdoors, leave the</u> <u>island better than you found it</u>.

#### WATER SAFETY

When you're camping on Hartwell Lake, you will never be far from water. Over 300 people have drowned on Hartwell Lake and many of them knew how to swim. Always bring life jackets on camping trips and wear them when in and around the water. Never swim alone and don't leave children unattended.



**Reservations** can be made for most campsites as well as the group camp areas at Hartwell through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS). Your advance payment confirms a reservation giving you the assurance, even during the busiest season, that a campsite awaits you when you arrive. Individual campsites can be reserved up to 6 months in advance and group sites up to 12 months in advance (no reservations taken for Georgia River). <u>Reservations can be made toll free by phone, online, or at the campground gatehouse (during camping season)</u>:

#### National Recreation Reservation Service Toll-Free: 877-444-6777 TDD: 877-833-6777 INTL: 518-885-3639 Internet: www.Recreation.gov

Changes and Cancellations: A \$10 service fee will apply if you change or cancel your reservation. Cancellation of an individual campsite reservation the day before arrival or on the day of arrival (or cancellation of a group camp reservation within 14 days of your scheduled arrival date) will result in forfeiture of the first nights use fee in addition to the \$10 service fee. Reserved individual campsite(s) and group camp facilities will be held until checkout time (2 p.m.) on the day following your scheduled arrival date. If you do not arrive at the campground to fulfill your reservation by the time listed above, your reservation will be cancelled and you will be assessed a \$20 service fee and forfeit the first nights use fee.

**Refunds:** Refunds must be requested no later than 14 days after scheduled departure date. Refunds may be requested through NRRS Customer Service at 888-448-1474. Refunds for bank card payments will be issued as a credit to the original bank card. Cash or check purchases will be refunded by check and may take up to 10 weeks for approval and processing.

#### GENERAL CAMPGROUND RULES

To insure that everyone has a pleasant camping experience, we ask that you please follow our campground rules:

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Check out time is 2 pm. Check in time is 3 pm.

- All camping units must be placed on the campsite impact pad.
- All vehicles and loaded boat trailers are to be parked on your campsite impact pad or in a designated parking space.
- All pets must be penned, caged, or on a leash no longer than 6 feet. You must clean up after your pets. Pets are prohibited on designated beach areas, playgrounds and in restrooms/shower houses.
- Golf carts, ATV's, and motorized scooters are prohibited.
- Camping is limited to 14 days in a 30 day period.
- For your campfires, please use only dead wood gathered from the ground. Contain your fire in designated fire rings or grills only. Never leave your fire unattended and extinguish all fires before checkout and do not leave trash in fire pit.
- Fireworks and loaded firearms are prohibited.
- Please keep your campsite clean. This includes discharging gray water or sewage into sanitary dump stations. Trash dumpsters are located within each campground.
- Registered campers are required to occupy campsite and must be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Please observe the posted speed limit and be especially alert for children and pedestrians.

For your safety and security – at staffed campgrounds, gates lock at 10 p.m. and reopen at 7 a.m. NO vehicle entry or exit during these hours.

For a complete set of rules and regulations concerning camping policy and procedures, please refer to Title 36, which is available at the gatehouse or contact the lake office. Information in this brochure is subject to change. For more information about camping or other issues:

> Hartwell Dam & Lake Office U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 5625 Anderson Highway (Hwy. 29) Hartwell, Georgia 30643 Phone: 706-856-0300 or *toll-free* 888-893-0678

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