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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WAIVES DAY USE FEES FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS ON NOV. 11

WASHINGTON, D.C – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will waive day use fees for veterans, active duty service members and their families at all of its recreation areas across the country on Veterans Day, November 11. Jacksonville District has three day use areas in south Florida: Ortona North near LaBelle; W.P. Franklin near Fort Myers; and St. Lucie near Stuart.

“Our intent is to honor and support the men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces,” said Maj. Gen. Don T. Riley, director of civil works. “We chose this occasion to encourage our veterans and those on active duty to enjoy our parks and realize the benefits of outdoor recreation activities.”

The Corps is the nation’s leading provider of water-based recreation and the second leading provider of recreation on federally-managed public lands, operating 2,625 recreation areas at 423 projects (mostly lakes) and leasing an additional 1,867 sites to state or local park and recreation authorities or private interests.

The Corps hosts about 371 million visits each year at its lakes, beaches and other areas, and estimates that one in ten Americans visits a Corps project at least once a year for recreation purposes.

Additional information about the Corps’ national recreation program is available at

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/visitors.cfm>.

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