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Corps Waives Day Use and Camping Fees for Active Duty Service Personnel on R&R from Iraq

PITTSBURGH (Nov. 21) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that it will waive day use and camping fees nationwide for active duty service personnel on temporary leave from duty in Iraq for the duration of United States operations there.

“For a respite, for a place to relax and enjoy family and friends, Corps lakes are the perfect place to visit,” said Col. Raymond Scrocco, Pittsburgh District Engineer. “The intent of waiving fees is to recognize the selfless service that our men and women in uniform are providing to protect our nation.”

As the winter season approaches, projects in the Pittsburgh District have already ceased charging user fees. However, this policy will be put into effect in future recreation seasons for the duration of U.S. operations in Iraq at the following projects: Berlin Lake, Crooked Creek Lake, East Branch Clarion River Lake, Loyalhanna Lake, Shenango River Lake, Tionesta Lake and Youghiogheny River Lake. Anyone interested in additional information regarding recreational opportunities available at these projects is encouraged to contact the project or visit the Pittsburgh District’s recreation web page at www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/rec.htm.

Service personnel on R&R will be required to show identification and leave orders to obtain the waiver. The waiver will also apply to all family members accompanying the serviceman or woman.

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