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Recreation Season to begin at Shenango Lake

SHENANGO RIVER LAKE – The Mahaney, Clark and Shenango Day Use Areas will open for the 2006 recreation season on April 7. These Shenango Lake Day Use Areas are open from sunrise to sunset. The boat launch ramps at the Shenango and Clark Day Use Areas are open 24-hours a day. Beginning May 12, a boat launching fee of \$3 will be charged. An annual day use pass may be purchased for \$30 (\$15 with a valid Golden Age/Access Passport). This pass permits the holder and accompanying passengers in a vehicle to use all boat launch ramps and swimming beaches at any Corps-operated recreation areas without further charge.

The fee for reserving a picnic pavilion at Shenango Lake is \$40 per day. Call the Park Office at 724-962-7746 to reserve a pavilion or for more information. Picnic pavilions at Shenango and other Pittsburgh District lakes are open to the public at no charge other than when they are reserved.

The Shenango Recreation Area Campground will open for the season on May 12. Reservations for selected campsites can be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS), an interagency one-stop service center for recreations reservations, toll-free at 1-877-444-6777, or on the internet at www.reserveusa.com. Campers should be prepared to pay for their entire stay when making a reservation. Visa, American Express, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted. Reservations for locations operated by the USDA Forest Service can also be made through the NRRS.

The Bayview Off-Road Vehicle Area will open on May 27.

For more information about Shenango Lake, call the Park Office at 724-962-7746 or the Ranger Station at 724-646-1124. Daily lake conditions and information can be heard by calling the Shenango Lake 24-hour recorded message at 724-962-4384.

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