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Allatoona Lake Campground and Day Use Area Openings

Mobile, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds and day use areas at Allatoona Lake are gearing up for the 2004 season and campers will discover new hours and fees as well as new management at one site.

The campground gates will be open from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The earlier gate closing will enable registered campers to comply with the Corps quiet hour regulations. This change will require visitors to leave the campground by 10 p.m., which is 30 minutes earlier than previous years.

McKinney Campground was the first Allatoona Lake campground to kick off the 2004 summer recreation season when the year-round campground began operating on its summer schedule Monday morning.

Payne and Victoria campgrounds in Cherokee County and McKaskey Campground, Bartow County, will open March 19. The Clark Creek North, Clark Creek South, Old Highway 41 #3 and Upper Stamp Creek campgrounds in Bartow County and Sweetwater Campground in Cherokee County will open April. 2.

The day use area fees and hours of operation have not changed. Allatoona Lake has 11 year round day use areas open from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. -- Cooper's Branch #1 and #2, Upper Stamp

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Creek Boat Ramp, Clark Creek South Boat Ramp, Cherokee Mills Boat Ramp, Victoria Boat Ramp, Payne Boat Ramp, Galt's Ferry, Blockhouse Boat Ramp, Riverside and Cooper's Furnace. All boat ramp operations depend on lake levels; therefore, Tanyard Boat Ramp and Knox Bridge Boat Ramp will open later this spring. .

Old Highway 41#1 Day Use Area, in Bartow County, will open March 12. The Sweetwater, Victoria Beach, Kellogg Creek, and Old Highway 41#2 day use areas will open April 2.

Acworth will operate Proctor Day Use Area. For information and to make shelter reservations for Proctor Day Use Area please contact the city recreation department at 770-917-1234.

Visitors to the Corps day use areas at Allatoona Lake will enjoy the same fees as last season.

- Boat launch area without a beach - \$3 per vehicle
- Boat launch area or picnic area with a beach - \$4 per vehicle
- Pedestrians, bicycles and school busses or other commercial vehicle - \$1 per person

The new camping fee schedule for the 2004 recreation season is below.

- Non-electric campsites - \$14 per night
- Water and electric campsites - \$20 per night
- Premium waterfront campsites with water and electricity - \$22 per night
- Water, electric and sewage campsites - \$24 per night
- Double sites with water and electricity - \$40 per night
- Group area which has nine water and electric sites and a group shelter located at Sweetwater Campground - \$220 per night
- Guest of a registered camper - \$4 per vehicle or walk-in

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As always, all fees are half price with the use of a Golden Age or Golden Access Passports. Now is a great time to make your camping reservations for the 2004 recreation season by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service toll free at 877-444-6777 or by visiting their web site at www.ReserveUSA.com.

Additional information concerning camping, picnicking, shelter reservations and other recreational opportunities can be found at <http://allatoona.sam.usace.army.mil>, or by calling the Allatoona Lake Operations Manager's Office at 678-721-6700.

Safety is our concern. Please wear a lifejacket and supervise children while near the water.

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