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Ringer Park to be operated for Day Use only in 2012

Mobile, Ala.-The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at West Point Project announced today that Ringer Park, located off US Highway 27 north of LaGrange, will be managed for day use only, effective on January 1, 2012. Camping will no longer be permitted in the park, other activities such as picnicking, fishing, boat launching and hiking will remain available to the public.

The Corps' maintenance contractor, Anderson Construction Company, will remove the park's tent pads, reposition picnic tables as needed, and implement other improvements to make the area more suitable to picnicking and other day use activities. Portions of the park will be closed to public access while this work is taking place. The park's boat launching ramp and parking area will remain open during this transition and throughout the year.

"We consider this to be an efficiency improvement", said West Point Project Operations Manager Steve Logan. "It will help reduce our operating costs, and it will not result in the closure of the park. Our goal is to provide the public with a cleaner, safer and more efficiently operated park, with continued access to the upper reaches of West Point Lake," said Logan.

At West Point Lake, the Corps operates four "Class A" campgrounds with utility hook-ups and full amenities. These areas open for the recreation season in February and March. Several other campgrounds on the lake, operated by others, remain open year-round. A list of all West Point Lake campgrounds is provided below.

For more specific information on this or any other issue related to the management of West Point Project, please contact the Project Management Office at 706-645-2937, or visit the West Point Lake website at

<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/westpt>.

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CORPS CAMPGROUNDS

R. Shaefer Heard Campground

Opens March 23, 2012
101 Shaefer Heard Park Road
West Point, Georgia 31833
706-645-2404

Amity Campground

Opens March 9, 2012
1001 County Road 393
Lanett, Alabama
334-499-204

Holiday Campground

Opens February 24, 2012
354 Abbotsford Rd
LaGrange, Georgia
706-884-6818

Whitetail Ridge Campground

Opens March 30, 2012
565 Abbotsford Rd.
LaGrange, Georgia
706-884-8972

OTHER CAMPGROUNDS

Southern Pines Campground

Open all year
113 County Road 294
Lanett, Alabama
334-644-3881

Highland Marina

Open all year
1000 Seminole Rd
LaGrange, Georgia
706-882-3437

Pyne Road Park

Open all year
Route 109
LaGrange, Georgia
706-884-1414

Brush Creek Campground

Open all year
1328 Brush Creek Park Rd.
Franklin, Georgia
706-675-3778