



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Mobile District

## Fishing Tournaments at Lake Sidney Lanier

**Special Events** held on Lake Sidney Lanier such as fishing tournaments, boat regattas, or any other organized events require permission from the Corps of Engineers. The Corps manages events through a permit program that is designed to minimize scheduling conflicts by groups, prevent overuse of the lake, ensure equal access to recreation areas and enhance public safety.

**FISHING TOURNAMENTS:** The Special Event permit fee is \$50 per event for ten or more boats on a special event permit application. There may be additional fees charged to use a particular staging area, such as a \$4 user fee or the \$50 special facility fee charged to use the Little Hall Tournament Complex (see page 2). A group may hold a maximum of 15 tournaments at any one park during the year. This is to prevent the area from being monopolized by one group. Fishing tournaments with less than ten boats do not need a permit.



### STAGING AREAS:

Corps of Engineers parks encouraged for fishing tournaments with over 15 vessels:



<u>Park</u>	<u>Car Spaces</u>	<u>Trailer Spaces</u>
Balus Creek*	0	122
Little Hall*	132	113
Tidwell*	19	45
Vann's Tavern*	26	41
Bolding Mill	0	73
Thompson Bridge	17	70
Thompson Creek	78	55
Little Ridge	119	51

Corps of Engineers parks encouraged for fishing tournaments with fewer than 15 vessels:

<u>Park</u>	<u>Car Spaces</u>	<u>Trailer Spaces</u>
East Bank*	33	62
Lanier Park*	14	62
Duckett Mill	0	44
Sardis Creek	86	34
Little River	45	30
Robinson	20	28
Keith's Bridge	119	26
Long Hollow	66	19

\*User fee or annual pass required (not included in special event permit fee).

Special event permit fee is \$50 per event on a special event permit application

**Marinas, state, county and city parks for fishing tournaments** (call the facility manager for permission before applying for permit with the Corps of Engineers)

Laurel Park .....	770-535-8280
Lake Lanier Islands .....	770-932-7200
Lanier Harbor.....	770-945-2884
Clark's Bridge .....	770-535-8280
Mary Alice Park .....	770-781-2010
War Hill Park.....	706-344-3501
Young Deer/Charleston.....	770-781-2215

# Little Hall Fishing Tournament Complex



With an abundant fish population, and because of a close proximity to the Atlanta Metropolitan area, Lake Lanier has become a popular staging area for tournament fishing. For years, fishermen have held tournaments without adequate facilities. In an effort to improve recreation facilities at Lake Lanier for tournament fishermen and women, the Corps of Engineers has constructed the Little Hall Fishing Tournament Complex complete with all the amenities needed for a successful fishing tournament.

This facility features a sheltered pavilion, three fish holding tanks with water pumped aeration, seating for 150 spectators a large courtesy mooring dock, a leader board and a display area for tournament sponsors and vendors.



## Challenge Partnership Program

The Corps was able to construct this new facility by accepting building materials from various donors through a special program called the Challenge Partnership Agreement. More than \$30,000 worth of construction materials was donated. These donors are acknowledged at the site on the tournament leader board and also on stamped bricks, similar to that at Centennial Olympic Park in downtown Atlanta. The sponsor's name is engraved on a brick and laid into the concrete apron in front of the shelter. The Corps at Lake Lanier would like to thank these sponsors for their generous contributions:

- Lanier Harbor Marina
- Holiday Marina
- HD Marine
- North Georgia Fishing and Outdoors
- Lake Lanier Association
- Harbour Point Community
- North Georgia Striped Bass Club
- Hayes Chrysler
- Park Marine
- B.A.S.S. / ESPN Outdoors



## Permit Requirements for use of the tournament facility

- This facility will be open year round and is available only upon payment of special facility fee. Tournament use will be permitted 24 hours a day, however, no Public Address systems will be allowed after 10pm. The pavilion is to be used primarily as a weigh in station; other non-fishing tournament events will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Only tournaments with ten or more boats will be permitted to use the facility.
- The rate for the tournament complex will be \$50 per day of an event. Users must also pay special event fee (\$50) and daily park entry fee (\$4).
- Users will restore the tournament complex to its prior condition. To avoid damage to the facility, eyebolts have been installed for the hanging of banners or displays. No nails, hangers, screws or bolts will be allowed.
- Parking will be limited to a maximum of 75% of available. A parking attendant must be provided by the permit holder to assure proper parking and use of facilities for any group that intends to utilize the maximum parking capacity (100 boats). If it is necessary to have more vehicles than the maximum capacity, adjacent ramps will be utilized as a supplement to Little Hall. Additional ramps nearby include War Hill, Bolding Mill, Duckett Mill or Keith's Bridge Park.
- All event groups must have in their possession an approved special events permit during special events on Lake Lanier.

If you are planning events at Lake Sidney Lanier please contact the special event coordinator at 770-945-9531, or visit our website: <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/LakeSidneyLanier.aspx>

**Applications should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event.**



## SPECIAL EVENTS - GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS

**GENERAL.** The sponsoring organization must obtain written approval from the applicable U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Office prior to the event date. The application/approval will describe the nature of the event, the starting and closing date, the location or areas desired for the event, and other pertinent information.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERMIT.** In order to qualify for a special event permit, the event must contribute to the enjoyment of the public and comply with established land use classifications.

a. The following requirements apply:

(1) The right to charge is based on the sponsor providing parking assistance, adequate policing for crowd supervision and control, and other services required for the health and welfare of the visitor. The sponsoring agency must meet bonding, insurance, and other requirements unique to the local area.

(2) No costs shall accrue to the government.

(3) Private use of the project lands will not preempt public use of project recreational resources.

(4) The permitted site will be fully restored to prior conditions by the permittee. A performance bond may be provided to cover potential damages and maintenance cost. Forty-eight hours will be allowed in which to clear the permitted site after the event closes.

(5) The operations project manager will determine the number of hours per day the event may take place, however, the permit will be limited to four days with a prohibition against holiday use. District commanders may make special exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

(6) Collection of any funds in connection with the event must be approved by the district commander prior to issuance of the permit. Collections of entry fees in excess of actual total costs will be paid to the Corps for legal disposal unless surplus proceeds are used for benefit to the project. A collection cost analysis will be provided by the sponsor within 30 days following the event. The government reserves the right to audit the sponsor's records.

(7) Concession permits may be granted to requesting organizations only in the absence of a licensed concessionaire at the permitted site or the concessionaire's inability to supply the needs of the proposed activity.

b. Admission to view the event must not be limited to membership of the sponsoring group, nor will any discrimination be made against a person because of race, creed, sex, or national origin in conducting activities. Special event permits will include the following condition relating to discrimination:

"Admission to view the event will be open to the general public without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or age. Participation in the event may be limited to members of the sponsoring group provided that the group does not unlawfully discriminate against participation in the event on grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age. Request for special events permits citing "special circumstances" for participation requiring gender or age discrimination must be accompanied by an exceedingly persuasive justification. This may be appropriate for activities such as contact sports and sports such as tennis, golf, or competitive swimming. Fishing tournaments do not qualify for discrimination based on gender."

c. The United States Government is not responsible for damage to property or injury to persons attending the event. The permittee will be responsible for health and safety requirements of participants.

d. The permit request must be in accordance with applicable Federal, state, and local laws.

The permittee acknowledges inspection of the premises, knows its condition and understands that use is granted without any representation or warranties whatsoever and without any obligation on the part of the United States. With full knowledge and understanding of the above and the risks involved, the permittee agrees to hold the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Government, any agency of the Federal Government, officers, agents, servants, employees and contractors of the US Army Corps of Engineers/Federal Government harmless for any damages to property or injuries to persons which arise from or are incidental to the exercise of the privileges herein granted and shall be held harmless from any and all such claims.

**SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FEE:** A minimum \$50.00 fee is charged for each special events permit. Additional fees may be required.

**APPLICATION PROCESSING:** Special Events Applications should be submitted to the applicable Corps project office at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of the event. Requests with unique requirements or conditions may require additional time to process. Advance coordination with the project special events coordinator by telephone may be warranted. Requests may be accepted no more than 12 months in advance and will be considered on a first received basis. Checks for special events permits should be made payable to USACE F&A Officer and mailed to USACE, PO Box 567, Buford, GA 30515-0567.

### Privacy Act Statement

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that each individual asked for required to furnish personal information be advised of the following:

Authority: 5 P. L. 93-579

Purpose: To provide a contact in connection with permit activities.

Routine Uses: Permit is issued under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District. The name and address of those who obtain the permit are not reported, but are kept on file at the project office to provide a point of contact in case of emergency. This information is not maintained alphabetically or by other personal identifier. Disclosure of information is voluntary. Failure to provide the requested information will preclude issuance of a permit.