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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Will Honor America the Beautiful - the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Passes**

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will honor two of the four America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands passes - to give a 50 percent reduction in day use and camping fees to pass holders at its recreation areas beginning in January 2007.

The Corps will accept the Senior Pass for citizens and permanent residents age 62 and over, the Access Pass for citizens or permanent residents with an established permanent medical disability. The Entrance pass covers entrance fees at national parks and forests and the Volunteer Pass covers people who participate in the Federal Volunteer program. The Corps does not charge entrance fees and consequently can not accept the Annual or Volunteer Pass.

The new passes come as a result of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. The new discount pass program replaces the Golden Passport Program for all agencies. The Corps will continue to accept Golden Access and Golden Age Passports according to the provisions of the pass. In addition, paper Golden Age and Golden Access Passports may be exchanged free of charge for new plastic America the Beautiful passes.

The new passes may be obtained in person at USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife Service facilities. To find a location nearest you visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

Additional information about the recreation pass program is available online at <http://www.recreation.gov/recpass.jsp> or by calling 1-888-275-8747 (1-888-ASK-USGS).

The Corps encourages all Americans to enjoy the nation's public lands and waters. The Corps is the largest federal provider of outdoor recreation opportunities, operating more than 2,500 recreation areas at hundreds of lakes.

The Corps hosts about 375 million visits each year at its lakes, beaches and other areas, and estimates that 25 million Americans (one in 10) visit a Corps project at least once a year to recreate. Additional information about the Corps' recreation program is available at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/visitors.cfm>.